

It comes back to story

Esther



The Right Thing (Esther 4)

Psalm 62:1
Daniel 9:3

Psalm 37:39
1 Peter 1:22

Week 6 Verses
& FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION

We all have things in our life that we must "rise up" to. No matter what season of life you are in, God is calling you to something. Weather you think it's great or not, He is calling you to something that will further His Glory.

DISCUSSION

What in your life is God calling you to *rise up* to?

EXPLANATION

Where do you look for comfort or rest?

Think of the beginning of this chapter. Are you more like Mordecai and when times get hard to you instantly start praying? Or are you more like Esther and need some convincing?

APPLICATION

What areas of your life have you gotten to comfortable in?

Where do you need to step out in faith?

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Week 6
Sermon Outlines

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Psalm 62:1 "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him."

We all come to crossroads in life... do what is right, or do what is comfortable. More often that not the right and Godly thing to do is the most uncomfortable thing. But once we step out into that uncomfortable place, once we step into faith, God takes that and amazing things happen.

Esther 4:1-3 (Wailing, Mourning & Fasting)

After Mordecai hears of the news that King Xerxes has decreed to kill the Jews, he mourns (rightfully so) by tearing his cloaths and fasting. This fasting is a cry to God as seen in Daniel 9. The cry is to send someone to save them... they rely on God because their lives depend on Him. In the same way, we should put down the sandwich, turn off the TV and pray because God is more important.

Esther 4:4-9 (Shopping Therapy)

Esther sends Mordicai material things to cover his mourning instead of trying to figure out what is wrong. We need to be a people who actually help each other not just try to fix each other, which only causes further problems because we are all messed up. We should be there for others, praying and loving each other like Christ is there for us.

Esther 4:10-11 (Easy Street)

It would be easy for Ester to do nothing. For her to sit in comfort, pampered in the palace, and say there is nothing she could have done to stop this. But knowing what you should do and not doing it is sinning.

Esther 4:12-14 (The Right Thing)

Here is where it get's tough, knowing what needs to happen, knowing what you need to do, knowing what God is calling you to. God calls us to many things, very few are easy. Jesus was a man who knew suffering *Isaiah 53:3* and if we are to follow Him, why would it be any different for us?
