



## YOUR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM

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*4When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 5Then I said:*

*“O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commands, 6let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. 7We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.*

*8Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’*

*10“They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. 11O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.”*

*I was cupbearer to the king.*

**Nehemiah 1:4-11 (NIV)**

*Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

**Esther 4:14 (NKJV)**

## THE STORY OF ESTHER

### Main characters

Xerxes: \_\_\_\_\_

Haman: \_\_\_\_\_

Mordecai: \_\_\_\_\_

Esther: \_\_\_\_\_

*“There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people and who do not obey the king’s laws; it is not in the king’s best interests to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business.” Esther 3:8-9 (NIV)*

*“All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.” Esther 4:11 (NIV).*

*When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this. Esther 4:12-14 (NIV)*

**TRUTH:** As a believer, you may personally be in a position of \_\_\_\_\_, but God does not give you permission to live \_\_\_\_\_, do \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“I was cupbearer to the king.” Nehemiah 1:11 (NIV)*

*Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night. Philippians 2:15-16 (MES)*