

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

(05/17/2026; Esther 4:1-17; Christ Proclamation Church; Steve Thiel)

Sermon Theme: God sovereignly places His people in just the right place at just the right time to serve as instruments of deliverance; ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Therefore, we must embrace the gospel, trust His purposes, and courageously obey, for His glory and praise.

I. Reality of Destruction – Read Esther 4:1-7

- A. Review: What has taken place in Esther chapters 1-3?
- B. Read Esther 4:1-7. As the decree goes forth, how do Mordecai and the people react?
- C. How does Esther's reaction to Haman's decree differ from Mordecai and the Jews' reaction?

II. Weight of Responsibility – Read Esther 4:8-17

- A. What observations do you make from verses 8-17?
- B. What is the cost of Esther acting as a mediator before the King?
- C. Read Esther 4:12-14. What does Mordecai tell Esther to do?
- D. How do you interpret Esther's commitment in verses 15-17? In what ways does Esther show tremendous courage in the face of danger?

III. Moment of Decision – Application

- A. How does Esther's role as mediator point forward to the Lord Jesus?
- B. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20. How does our allegiance to Our Mediator, Jesus, impact the way that we live our entire lives?
- C. How do you think God may have put you in your present circumstances 'for such a time as this'? What do you think it looks like to be faithful in this particular season?
- D. What does it look like for you to not be silent, but bold with the gospel in your everyday life?