



# ESTHER

## CHAPTER 4

<sup>12</sup>And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup>Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” <sup>15</sup>Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>“Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

God speaks through people in places they never wanted to be , to do things they never wanted to do .

- Expect resistance
- Take a risk

**RENEWAL:** Are you where you want to be right now? What does desperate dependence look like for you? What does your resistance look like (e.g. anger, fear, justification, etc.)? What real risks exist in your life for inviting people into conversations about Jesus? How might God use your whole story (including the messy parts) to open doors for conversations about Him? Where is Jesus asking you to identify with others, advocate for people He loves, and take a risk for Him?



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