

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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" . . . Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
Esther 4:14 (NKJV)

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. and in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

Psalm 139:16 (NKJV)

Esther had a purpose. Only she could possibly gain access to the king and foil Haman's plot to kill every Jew in the kingdom. Yet, when Mordecai approached her regarding this, Esther began giving the reasons why she couldn't, prompting Mordecai to voice the thought recorded in the first Scripture above. The second verse reveals the truth of Mordecai's question to Esther. God ordained when Esther would be and the challenges and decisions of her life were known to the LORD, "when as yet there were none of them". The Lord was glorified as Esther embraced her purpose, revealing the Lord's faithfulness, providence, and protection over His people. Haman's plot was revealed and the Jewish nation was saved. This event is memorialized and celebrated in the Feast of Purim.

The same holds true for us. Our presence in this time is not an accident. We are here for such a time as this! There is no question regarding this. The Father ordained the when of our days just as He did Esther's. Even as He did those of our Lord Jesus (Gal. 4:4). And the challenges we face, either as an individual or a people, during this current time have not surprised the Lord. Whether you believe the coronavirus is from the devil, God's judgment and the beginning of the end, or a consequence of a fallen world, the Lord knew this season would arrive.

Since this is true, the question we should be asking is not a derivative of the one Mordecai asked Esther. It cannot be, "Should I act in this crisis?" Our question must be, "How can I act in this crisis?" And we should follow Esther's example of asking this question before the Lord. Whether we enlist others to fast and/or pray with us or we go to the Lord alone to seek the heavenly wisdom He desires to bestow on His children, we need to be asking Him how best we can redeem this time for His glory and the benefit of others.

This is not about being out and putting yourself at risk. Staying home to mitigate the possibility of spreading this disease is a wise thing and currently mandated for most of you. It's about finding ways to encourage others either in their walk of faith or in the Gospel during this time when it may be dangerous to come together. Remember that the technology that brings you Facebook also allows you to talk with friends and neighbors to find out how they are doing and what needs they might have. You might even go old school. I know of one church whose youth group is writing letters to the older members and shut-ins. I think this is a great way to bring encouragement and show concern using a medium that is most comfortable for the one who is the focus of the ministry.

So, I exhort you to go to the Lord, seeking how He wants you to act for His Glory during this season, and the ones that come after, until His return. He is the one with the answers we need for the ministry we do in His Name. If we truly seek Him, I am confident the Lord will confirm that, truly, we were born for such a time as this!

Cindy and I are watching our ministry opportunities change during this time. Some things are on hold while other opportunities to minister and share are taking their place. We have been focusing on local ministry to benefit those with physical needs during this time. We have also spent time reaching out to those we know who live out of our area for prayer concerns. If you have prayer needs, please contact us that we might intercede for you.

We ask that you join us in prayer for the following:

- Pray for your family, your neighborhood, your community, your state, your nation, and the world. May the Lord use this storm to draw many lost to be saved and many Christians to a renewed walk of faith in His steps.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level. You may or may not like them but they are God's men in place for this time to protect and serve you (Rom. 13). May they put personal agendas aside and seek the Giver of true wisdom and act accordingly.
- Pray for all who are considered "essential" at this time. This includes healthcare workers, first responders, and the check-out person at Kroger among many other professions of which we may not be aware. May the Lord convict them to be cautious: performing their duties in the safest way both for the people they serve and themselves.
- Pray for yourself. May He show you what you should learn and apply during this time as you cast your cares on Him that, when this is past, you will be established firmer, stronger, and more steadfast for His glory.

We thank you for your prayers and support. As we go through this together, may we continue steadfast in the Lord, realizing the hope inherent in His grasp.

If you have need, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

One way you can demonstrate your love for the Lord is by caring for others. While following the stay at home order, get creative in ways to reach out. Even small gestures can mean a great deal.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Heb 13:16 NIV