"For such a time as this..."

Esther 4:14



We cannot walk in the blessings of God and in sinful disobedience at the same time.



Do I miss blessings from God because of my disobedience in any areas of my life? What changes are needed to live as God intended?



"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13



The Hebrew word translated as "search" means to beat or trample a path, to go to a place frequently. We are to wholeheartedly trample a path to God.



Pause here to "trample a path to God." Worship the Holy One who willingly allows us to find Him, commune with Him, and serve Him.



"...there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes."

Esther 4:3



The Jews were not in Persia because they wanted to be but because they were exiles from Israel who had not yet returned to their homeland.

Only when their lives were threatened with a violent end did they come to the end of themselves and repent.



What would it take to break my heart over my sin, both overt and hidden?

Why wait?

Repent and surrender now.



"So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation..." The memories were not to fade from their descendants...

Esther 9:28



In what ways has God moved on my behalf?

How has He rescued me?
What memories of God's faithfulness
do I want my children and
grandchildren to remember?



Give thanks:

Take time now to remember and celebrate all He's done for you with thanksgiving. Be sure to pass along your stories of grace and mercy.



"Do not imagine that you...can escape...For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise...from another place..."

Esther 4:13,14



Speaking up can be costly but so can silence.

Ask yourself:
For what am I willing to die?
For what am I willing to stay up even when it's dangerous?



Pray for our pastors, elders, and deacons to lead the way in speaking up on behalf of the vulnerable, the lost, and the wandering.

Pray we as the body of Christ will follow their bold example.



"When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly." Esther 4:1



Do I care about those in danger of perishing (the lost, the prodigal) enough to mourn, weep, fast, and pray with all my heart?



Take action:

Consider those you know who are without Christ. Are you content to allow them an eternity in hell? If not, pray with the heart of Mordecai that they will surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.





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