

## WHAT R U DOING HERE?

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Could it be that, wherever you are, you are right in the middle of God's will for your life — and maybe, just maybe, whatever is happening in your life is not just for you, but involves what God wants to do through you for the sake of others? In the book of Esther, Mordecai, a prominent Jew, says it this way to a young Jewish woman, probably a teenager, in the harem of a Middle Eastern king: "And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

In Esther 4, we discover six important lessons about living your life for God and others:

1. **Do everything you can. Leave everything else for God.**  
**Esther 4:6-8**
2. **So, what are you doing here? Everything in your life ultimately has something to do with God's purposes**  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Esther 4:9-11**

Christians love to ask, "What's God's purpose for my life?" Wrong question. The correct question is: "What is God's purpose for others through me?"

**"IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU"** - Rick Warren

God has not placed you in your present position or situation just because he has a personal issue with you. He put you there to serve Him and others.

### **Matthew 20:25-28**

This is what's wrong with happiness! Happiness is about relationships and circumstances and things that you want to make you happy. Joy is fulfilling the purpose of God for your life, not to serve yourself, but to serve others. As for me, I'm miserable when my family, friends, and job don't meet my expectations. But, I become a whole person and God gets the glory when I give myself fully to others.

3. **So, what are you doing here? Nothing in life is**  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Esther 4:14** -16

4. **You are never** \_\_\_\_\_ **Esther 4:15**

5. **You can't** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Esther 4:16 ... And if I perish, I perish.**

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

6. **Both Esther and Mordecai are** \_\_\_\_\_ **no matter what it** \_\_\_\_\_ **Esther 4:16-17**  
Life is never what anyone wants it to be. It is what it is. And I have come to believe firmly that **the most essential virtue of the Christian life is** \_\_\_\_\_ —  
pressing forward and not letting yourself feel like a victim, because you can see God working in and through and in spite of circumstances and people. If you perish, you perish. But at least you will do it honorable and faithfully.

*"Here I stand. I cannot recant."*  
— Martin Luther

*"Give me liberty or give me death."*  
— Patrick Henry

*"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."*  
— A. Lincoln

*"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*  
— Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:17-18)

*"Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."*  
— Jesus (Revelation 2:10)

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— Esthe

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