

“Impact of One Life”

Esther 10

--The Message was not recorded, so here is an extended copy of the notes for the Sermon.

-READ ESTHER 10

--If this were a movie, I could imagine the fade out & fade back in between Chapter 9 & 10.

--When we look at Chapter 10, things have begun to get to a NEW normal routine.

-Life has changed, and everyone was settling in to the new normal.

-I must imagine that often, Mordecai & Esther, paused to think back on the incredible thing that God did using them.

--Let's look back on Esther...one more time.

---There are a few points I want to make in Review & Make sure these ideas are engrained in your mind and etched on your heart.

---No Coincidence with God...God is sovereign!

Perhaps the greatest thought to remember is that there is no coincidence with God...

God loves you too much to leave your life up to “chance” or to allow things to “just happen” in your life.

-God is at work in your life...Believe that!!

-In the life of Esther, It was no coincidence that God...

- arranged for the Queen Vashti to lose her place.
- arranged for Esther to enter & win the competition to replace the Queen.
- arranged for Mordecai, cousin to have access to both Esther and the affairs of the kingdom.
- arranged for Esther to be able to approach the King and Him not have her killed.
- Arranged for the banquets to happen in the way they did.
- God arranged for Xerxes to have a sleepless night.
- God arranged for Xerxes to pick up a certain book, the reign's record in his sleepless night.
- arranged for Xerxes to read the passage about Mordecai in that particular book.
- Arranged for Haman to honor Mordecai
- Arranged for Haman to be killed on the gallows built for Mordecai
- Arranged for the edict of Haman to be over-ruled by Edict of Esther & Mordecai
- God saved His people, the Jews.

---There was no coincidence with the life of Esther & there is no coincidence with your life either.

---You have an incredible Purpose for why He has put you on this earth.

-I hope that through this series you have taken some time to look at what Your Purpose is...those reasons that God has put you here.

--I don't want you to think that you only have one purpose...We can all have multiple reasons that God has put us here on this earth.

- Last week, I asked about possible testimonies some of you might want to give.
 - Fortunately, I get to hear what is going on in your lives.
 - One thing I noticed as I got some remarks this past week is how God has different Purposes for different seasons in our lives.
- Right now, your purpose may be to be a great Mother or Father.
- Your purpose, if married, will always be to be a good Husband or wife.
- Your Purpose may be realized in your career, your neighborhood, your city.
- You have a purpose...You just have to ask God to help you AWAKEN & REALIZE IT.

I DON'T EVER WANT TO HEAR ANYONE SAY THEY DON'T HAVE A PURPOSE.

- Let's finish up Esther talking about the **IMPACT OF ONE LIFE**
- We have spent the last 9 weeks looking at the IMPACT OF ONE LIFE.
 - We have looked at how God used Esther to save Her People from Death.
- You may not have a purpose that will save an entire group of people, but I guarantee you that You have a Purpose that will bless and benefit others.
- We cannot underestimate the role that Mordecai played in this story.
 - If you want to say, He fulfilled one of the Purposes of His Life in this story, too, as He encouraged Esther to approach the King and save her people.

Look at Esther 10:3...last verse in book of Esther.

- “worked for the good of His people...welfare of ALL the Jews.”
- If you are looking for your purpose to merely benefit you, you will never find the fulfillment in the Purposes that God has for You.
- Rather, we should be asking God to reveal to us our Purpose, so that we can bless the lives of Others.
- YOUR PURPOSE IS NOT MERELY FOR YOU AND YOUR LIFE...
 - YOUR PURPOSE AFFECTS OTHERS!!
 - vs. 3 / “worked for the good of all His people...welfare of ALL the Jews”

- Also, as we look at Mordecai for a moment and His role, we see that He encouraged Esther as she fulfilled Her purpose.
- Encourage those as they are fulfilling their purpose.
- When You see God using people in living out their Purpose...Encourage them.
- God uses us, ordinary people, living out our ordinary lives to Awaken His Purposes in our lives to bless other people.

- YOUR LIFE, YOUR ONE SELF, CAN HAVE A GREAT IMPACT.**
- Esther—One Person—was instrument in saving the Jews...Incredible impact of one life.
- Often times, we look at ONE as not being very powerful or having much meaning.
- I think we forget how much can come from ONE...

ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- One Husband or Wife can make a difference in their family.
- That One Family can make a difference in their neighborhood.
- That One Neighborhood can make a difference in a community.
- One Community can make a difference in their state.
- It keeps going. It all began because of the IMPACT OF ONE LIFE.

----Some look around and say the world is hopeless...what is happening to the world around us....IT CAN CHANGE...ONE PERSON—maybe You—Can be the Impact, the Difference to change it.

Some of my favorite movies are those where God uses people to make a positive Impact in the lives of others.

---The Blind Side...Great Movie.

- Family, the Tuohy's take in a young man who is homeless and has no future.
- essentially has the clothes on his back / no real education.
- bring him in to their family / encourage Him / Get him involved in HS football.
- Help Him get education & graduate High School
- Gets college Scholarship for football.
- 2009, this young man, Michael Oher becomes first round pick in the NFL by the Baltimore Ravens...won a Superbowl in Feb. of this year, 2013.

---God had a purpose for this family to help and encourage Michael.

- Their purpose was Awakened, and they stepped forward to fulfill that purpose.
- Realize the impact they had in this young man's life.
- One Family stepped Forward and turned a young man's life around.

----ONE CAN HAVE A GREAT IMPACT.

----Think of a Seed.

- All it takes is one acorn falling to the ground and years passing to grow into a Mighty and tall Oak.

----All it takes is one comment to change a person's life.

----All it takes is one hug to change a person's day.

----There is power in One, and Your Life—You--can have a great impact on others.

Awaken Your Purpose

- at life...look at your family, friends, job, neighbors---what impact can your life have in theirs!!
- at New Hope...look at the family here, the ministries we have—what impact can you have in the Church at New Hope and in this community.
- What gifts & talents has God given you to use and have an impact on the lives of others.

---Think about what God has given You & where He has put You---to have an impact!!

- We often look at the lives of others—their talents, money, possessions, life, etc.—or look at where they are “at in life”, and wish we were like others.
- Stop that and look at what God has given you and where He has put you.
- Stop comparing yourselves to those around you!! God has given you the abilities you have and has put you where you are because you are to use those to have an impact on the lives of others.

- The church, the body of Christ, the Kingdom of God is full of many, different people,
Each with individual Purposes that God has called them, too.
- Your Purpose may be different than someone else and that is good.

---Understand this...We are to bring Glory to God in all we do!!...First & Foremost!!

- God gives us individualized Purposes to accomplish this.
- Your Life has an impact on others...make sure it is a positive impact & that God is Glorified in all you do.

- I am the person I am today because many people's life had an impact on mine.
- You are the person you are because many people's life had an impact on yours.

Hebrews 12:1-3 – Comes after Hebrews 11 // role call of Faith...

- those who fulfilled the Purposes God had for their life.
- Your life is part of the larger plan God has for this world.
- Your life—YOUR ONE LIFE—Has a great impact when God Awakens your purpose.
 - Each of you in this room has had, is having, and will have an impact on the life of someone else.

--Hebrews 12:1-3

- Jesus "authored" / began our faith & knows the end // "perfecter/finisher"
 - Now our life is a part of the story that continues to be written.
 - When Jesus becomes Your Savior, You can add your story to the one being written and you can trust that He will continue to lead your life all the way to the end..

---Think ONE life does not have impact??

- It took one man to die for your sins.
- It took one man to be raised from the grave to defeat Satan & death & give us Victorious Life.
- One Man, One Savior changed history.
- Jesus Christ fulfilled His purpose in coming.
 - He Lived. He died. He Rose. He gives us hope.

End with Esther 4:13-14

- God has brought you to this moment, "For Such a Time as this"
- Accept Christ as Savior & begin to Awaken Your Purpose.