

Esther 4 | February 18, 2024

Sermon Notes

Heroes, Villains and Nobodies Esther: For Such a Time as This Pastor Scott Suskovic

I. Are You Destined for Greatness or Mediocrity?

II. Background on Esther

A. Only book in the Bible that doesn't mention

B. Two takeaways from Esther

1. God often uses nobodies to be somebodies

2. A coincidence is God trying to remain anonymous

III. Esther 4

A. Historical setting

B. Esther's rise to become Queen of Persia

C. The pogrom of Haman

D. The request of Mordecai: ***"For if you keep silence. . .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."***

E. The two responses of Esther

1. Impossible!

2. I will go. . .and if I die, I die.

IV. The Point

A. Mordecai and Esther were flawed, ordinary people

B. Being faced with a hard choice

1. Self preservation (the safe choice)

2. Self determination (the right choice)

V. Removing Worst Case Scenarios

A. If this God is for us, who can be against us?

B. What would it take for you to do an Esther?

C. Worst case scenario: If I die. . .then shall I live!