

**Kingdom Men | Women**  
**Kingdom Women • Message 2**  
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**Prayer Points for Prayer Time:**

- **Pray for courage to step into God's calling.**
- **Ask God to show you where He wants you to make a difference.**
- **Thank God that your past does not disqualify you.**

**Worship Psalm:**

*And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:19 (NLT)**

**Scripture Reading:**

*When Esther's eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why. So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people. Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king." When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the*

*Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."*

#### **Esther 4:4-16 (NIV)**

### **Group Content**

For this sermon series, we have created group study videos, which you might have heard, that go along with each sermon.

And so, let me just give you a request. If you have not gotten connected to a group, I encourage you to do so.

You know, here's some of the top obstacles I hear from people about groups and why they are reluctant to get into a group.

Some people say, *Hey, I don't have the margin. I don't feel like I want to join a group until Jesus comes back.*

And I get that.

I'm not asking for months... only a few weeks.

I just see what God does in these groups.

The other obstacle that I hear people say is just the length of time.

They go, *Hey, I would be able to lead this, but I don't really have the time. I don't even know if I feel comfortable.*

You don't have to lead anything.

You can just play these videos.

There are questions that go alongside the messages.

And the other one that people ask, and they don't want to say this, so they don't know how to say it, so they dance around the issue, but they're really saying, *Hey, also, I don't want to join a group, and I don't want to get in a group with weird people, all right?*

And let me say that we're all a little weird, amen?

But I do want to say this: get a group of your own people.

So just find 2 or 3 people. It could be neighbors, couples, or it could be one other person.

Meet with people... dig in with people.

I'm really excited about these resources. I think they will be really, really helpful.

## **A. Introduction**

Last week, I mentioned a Kingdom person is someone who has been forgiven and knows the Father's heart.

Last week, we talked about a Kingdom man. Now you are going to see a woman who is a Kingdom woman.

And let me just say why this is so important to me, because I have two girls.

One of my girls is a free spirit, a wild yet sweet girl. The other is a wise, rule-following but sharp-tongued little one. The other day, I disciplined her, and I told her I was going to take something away, and she said, *That's okay. I don't love you anyway.* 😊

But as unique and different as my girls are, I want them both to understand and become a Kingdom woman above anything else. It's the most important thing to me.

Oftentimes at churches, men's conferences can be like, *Men, you're lazy and disengaged. Get your butt off the couch.* And then you go to a women's conference, and it's like, *You're enough... You're a flower, delicate and unique.* So men are told they have purpose, and women are told, *You're beautiful on the inside.*

And listen, I love that women's ministry helps people see their worth, but also says to women, *You have a purpose. We need you. You aren't just a trophy or someone who simply supports from the sidelines.*

And so, because men are often preachers, we don't often get to hear what a Kingdom woman is, because, surprise, I have never been a woman... and don't plan on it.

But what I want to do is talk to you about what I'm going to pray and engrain in my girls.

And these principles come straight from the book of Esther...

Esther is one of two books in the Old Testament named for a woman. And believe it or not, this is a controversial book. The reason is that God's name is not mentioned even one time in the whole book! But His fingerprints are all over it...

We won't be able to go through the whole book, so we are going to parachute in...

Key highlights

### **Divided kingdom**

19 Kings in the North... all bad...

19 Kings in the South... about half good... Biblical proof that God loves the South... Bless your heart.

### **Persia takes over**

Show where Esther's ancestors are from the south...

Xerxes 1 was the king who had a vast empire stretching from India to Ethiopia (later conquered by Alexander the Great)

Esther stayed around and hid her identity because of anti-Semitism. Revealing that she was Jewish could have hurt her position with the king.

Esther becomes queen after the previous queen is removed for refusing to do what Xerxes wanted.

## **B. Kingdom Women**

### **1. A Kingdom woman is CREATED for God.**

(Esther 3:5-6; 4:14b. C/R: Genesis 2:22)

So Xerxes is the king, and he elevates a man named Haman. He made him a noble above all, and guess what? He had an ego... He wanted things to go his way.

You know the top way to see who someone is? To see their faith...

*When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai.*

*Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.*

**Esther 3:5-6 (NIV)**

What do they do when they don't get what they want? How do you respond when you don't get what you want?

Now, Mordecai is Esther's cousin, and Esther is queen at this time.

And he says to her this... maybe the most famous verse in the book of Esther.

*"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

**Esther 4:14b (NIV)**

He wants her to understand that God is the one who called her and created her.

God has a purpose for a Kingdom woman, and a Kingdom woman has an allegiance to God above anyone else.

Now, I need to make sure women and men have a correct theology of a Kingdom woman.

We often talk about woman coming from man... Adam didn't make Eve. Let me be very clear about this: God made Eve. Adam did not. All Adam did was sleep.

And this is why most men are great at sleeping. That's why many dads never wake up when their child is crying. They just sleep right through it.

So while Adam was asleep, he became half the man he used to be.

But look at this...

*Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

**Genesis 2:22 (NIV)**

The word "made" for woman means to fashion together with intricate detail. When He made man, He just threw some dirt together... and did you notice this?

He brought her to the man. She was made single.

God had to bring her to Adam. Before you are ever married to a man, you are to be married to God.

And earlier, it says Adam needs a helper. And this is where so many women are misled, because it's been interpreted that "helper" means a cook, a cleaner, a washer, a child-bearer, a yes-person... while the man gets to do what he wants.

Ezer kenegdo—Ezer shows strength. He uses the word Ezer. Kenegdo—this word can mean shield and deliverer. And how many of you have ever been rescued by someone? Even this week, I'm going to give this guy a piece of my mind, and Steph was like, *How about this? What if we pray?*

It means to be a counterpart. It means a collaborator, not a secretary.

A man has no rights to make decisions where you aren't brought into it, and he is worse off if he doesn't do that.

### **Patriarchal**

Esther takes over. The previous queen is removed. It feels odd. That's patriarchal culture. Just because that's the culture doesn't mean the Bible endorses that.

Women's testimony didn't hold up in a court of law. So, guess who Jesus first showed up to? Women.

Fear... some men have this view... I literally talked to a guy who was like, *You need to tell my wife to submit to me. It's in the Bible.*

Let me be clear: when you guys fight, you aren't ever allowed to quote me. Keep my name out ya mouth!

*Well, Bryan said you need to do this...*

But in Ephesians 5, it says wives submit. But you know what it says about men? To die. To die.

So do something. If you're married, say, *You need to submit.* Then say, *You need to die.*

### **Patriarchal**

### **Feminism**

Feminism is like the opposite response, and it's not biblical. Feminism literally says men are evil and women have to band together. It's not biblical to beat your husband or men up.

And also, can I just tell you something? If you want someone to change, don't call them out... call them up.

### **Patriarchal**

### **Complementarian**

### **Feminism**

God has uniquely wired us... that if you have all men in a room, something's missing. If you have all women, something's missing. You need both.

I do believe God has called men to lead. BUT, men, if you aren't submitted to God, your wife shouldn't submit to you.

Listen, women, you need to know you are called by God because He's not going to embrace it until you have.

God has made you because our jobs, our churches, our communities, our families, and our world are incomplete without you.

And once you know it... Go home and throw some Hebrew at your husband: *I am the rescuer!*

## **2. A Kingdom woman is CALLED with a mission from God.**

(Esther 4:10-11, 15-16. C/R: Esther 8:7-8)

Again, Haman wants to wipe out all the Jews. Esther is just comfy in her palace, and Mordecai goes, *Hey, Esther, do you realize you have a purpose from God?*

God wants you to speak to the king.

And guess what Esther says at first? *Thanks, but no thanks...*

*Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days."*

### **Esther 4:10-11 (NLT)**

The king had a law that anyone who approached him uninvited would be put to death... unless the king was in a good mood and held up his golden scepter.

Suddenly, Esther's system of keeping everyone happy wouldn't work!

Some of you, God has asked you, women, to do something, and you said no... I'm telling you, do it. God has given you skills, wiring, purposes, visions, and dreams. Do something.

*Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”*

**Esther 4:15-16 (NLT)**

The word “perish” or “destroy” (*abad*) occurs in this book more than it does in the entire Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible—which makes you feel, as you read it, like danger lurks at every turn...

### **THIS MISSION MIGHT COST SOMETHING.**

Let me be honest: Esther’s story doesn’t start off great.

God made her beautiful, but she lost her way when she made beauty her business.

And remember, she spent a year getting beauty treatments and perfuming herself to go before the king... but not to pray for him or do a Bible study, but to sleep with him.

Her purpose slipped from pleasing God to making Xerxes happy.

She hid her identity as a child of God, and in many ways, she had a spirit of compromise.

But here’s one of the great truths: God has purposes for all of us, no matter our story.

Think about what happened. She was a passive woman who had been living in compromise, and now she is a powerful leader displaying courage, wisdom and savvy.

Get a \$10 bill. (Son said, *Dad’s rich. He has like 15 of those.*)

(Get someone to come up.) Crumble this up... step on it... spit on it... do me a favor, tear it in half...

This thing is still just as valuable.

You can be stepped on, spit on, broken, and crumbled by the pains and stuff of life, and guess what? You are still just as valuable because you are made by God and created for Him.

And listen to me, church... only He gets to tell you who you are.

Created and called by God.

### **Rachel Video...**

What’s your mission? Maybe it’s in business. Maybe it’s leading a Bible study. Maybe it’s raising godly kids. But we need you to speak words of life and point people to Jesus.

In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency.

In 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler control of the Nazi Party.

*King Xerxes replied to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his estate to Esther, and they have impaled him on the pole he set up. Now write another decree in the king's name in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring—for no document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked."*

**Esther 8:7-8 (NIV)**