



## *bloodline* network newsletter

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### **WHAT REALLY MATTERS: PART II**

*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven ... for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.*

Purpose is defined as pleasure, desire—what really matters in life. Destiny is having what you desire find its opportunity. If time and chance converge with your desire, you experience a moment that is encapsulated with destiny. It is not the same as an 'aha' moment—when understanding causes a literal paradigm shift in the way you think. Rather, it is more the quickening of your heart, knowing that a juncture in time opened to you and what you waited for all these years is at long last possible. What developed through innumerable experiences is finally tested and you say yes to the challenge. This is what happened to Esther.

Mordecai took his uncle's daughter as his own daughter after their death. He worked in Sushan, the citadel. Esther was later taken (along with many other beautiful young virgins) into the citadel to be a candidate for queen. King Ahasuerus eventually chose Esther to replace Queen Vashti.

The fact that Esther was chosen as queen must have made an impact on her life. She willingly made a choice that became her life sentence. She chose to be considered in the competition for queen. Yet if she was not chosen, she would have relegated herself as one of his many concubines—never to "*go to the king again unless he delighted in her and called for her by name.*"

Esther was a Jew but never revealed her identity to the King because Mordecai advised against it. She must have known she had favor to be chosen as queen. It is an exceptional achievement, but it was just another step along the way in walking out her life purpose. She was queen at this point in time for a significant reason.

Aware of her favor in the kingdom, Esther wants to help Mordecai, who *"tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth."* Esther wants to clothe Mordecai so he can come into the palace but is refused so she sends her servant.

Mordecai gives her servant a message and a copy of the decree for the impending Jewish destruction, *"that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people."* Esther responds fearfully, *"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law; put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he might live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."*

Esther tells Mordecai that this is not something easy to do because she hasn't even seen him for a month. She may lose her life if she attempts to speak to the king without being summoned. Mordecai responds saying, *"Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish."* This is a devastating report. He is saying that if she doesn't speak for the Jews, he will perish along with his family—and she is his family.

Everyone has a voice; everyone has a purpose. Voice is the unique expression of your life purpose. Mordecai wants Esther to walk in her purpose by using her means of expression. She must recognize this as her moment to fulfill her purpose. Mordecai helps her accept this by, saying, *"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"* Regardless of what Mordecai thinks she should do, only Esther can make the choice of how she uses her voice.

The amazing happens, which is so true in destiny. She recognized the moment as her opportunity. Although she is queen, her fate is tied up with every other Jew sentenced to death. She tells Mordecai to have the Jews pray and fast for her. No longer restricted by personal fear, Esther promises to break her silence, saying, *"I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"* It was God who made her queen for a purpose, and she would courageously trust Him to work out His will through her to save the Jews.

Esther viewed herself as having nothing to lose. She was no longer fearfully trying to save her life she speaks out. She has a voice, a purpose and she does not remain silent at this critical juncture in her life.

Because Esther was willing to do what was right in spite of the threat of losing her own life, she is immortalized in history for saving the lives of the Jewish people. This extraordinary challenge fits into her life purpose. She found her destiny by bravely standing in an opening created for the annihilation of the Jews. But her life purpose does

not end here. It was a tremendous feat that she accomplished but it does not diminish the importance of the remainder of her life. Although she is remembered for her courageous act, it was just another day that she walked in her life purpose.

Esther knew she could not resolve the situation herself, but knew if she had prayer support backing her, she could trust God to work out the situation for their good. Death was imminent, either by the scepter being withheld by the King or by his signet ring on the decree of Haman. Therefore Esther overcame her fear and wisely confronted the King on this matter. She behaved appropriately and trusted God to intervene.

If you are afraid of losing something (such as your life, health, finances, position, etc), you are not really trusting God. Fear of loss means you believe something other than God has greater power in your life. Consequently, you have more faith in yourself to remedy the situation than trust in God.

Likewise the young companions of Daniel are an example of trusting God. They were commanded to worship other gods. Because they saw themselves as already dead (prisoners of war after their homeland was besieged), they had nothing to lose. Entering the lion's den was just another step in walking out their life purpose. They fearlessly voiced, "*Our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.*" They were able to stand on godly principle and not yield to any fear of dying—regardless if God saved them or not, they remained faithful to Him. They did not fear 'if God would save them because they already knew they were His.

You are fearless because you put your trust in God and whatever the personal consequences resulting from that trust, you know it's going to be okay. You need a purpose statement that defines what you should do so you can stop doubting yourself or God. Instead, every challenge is either yes or no according to what you have been redeemed to do. No longer are you doing things out of guilt or condemnation but you are valiantly and fearlessly meeting every challenge with the mindset that God is with you and what He purposes comes to pass. God takes care of you, but are you willing to really trust Him with the part that you may lose? Do you give Him the liberty to work out His will and purpose in your life?

Did your 'old man' really die? If yes, then you have nothing to lose. You can lay aside all the fears and doubts about whether you are in the will of God ... your fear of dying or losing something ... your fear of not being good enough or rejection—and courageously voice your life purpose in every situation. This is *the express image of His purpose*. Your life purpose statement empowers you to take a stand and fulfill your destiny.

Oftentimes you hear of soldiers doing great feats simply because they viewed themselves as already dead—therefore they were not hindered by their fear and went on to do courageous exploits. This is the mindset of all who truly walk in their destiny. Life

purpose statements define what is important, what you are called to do and also distinguishes what is of no real consequence to you. Only pursuing your life purpose will ultimately fulfill you.

If God is for you then who can be against you? If God is for you, then what do you have to fear? Are you willing to trust your life to God, or are you taking what has been entrusted into His care back into yours? Have you had enough of living in bondage to your fears and hindered by your doubts? Are you willing to make a last stand for God to be God in your life and stop hiding behind your fearful excuses and "what if's?"

Your life purpose statement must speak to your fear so that you are empowered to make right choices. To speak to your fear you must acknowledge where you really trust God and where you don't. Your life purpose statement addresses those areas that otherwise were neglected through fear. Because of what is written on your life purpose statement you go forward with His power behind you. With this statement you have nothing to lose. You were already dead and what you do now is done in Christ. That means whatever happens to you, you are a winner. His perfect love has cast out all fear of being rejected, not being 'enough' or for being wrong, etc. Your greatest exploits for God happen as you walk in His redemption.

In the game of *Mille Bornes* there are four *coup fourré* cards (pronounced *coo-foo-ray*) that counter attack—blocking and in the same motion overriding all the restrictions that try to hold you back from achieving your destination. Your life purpose statement is like a *coup fourré* card empowering you to do great exploits for God. Your life purpose statement empowers you to achieve His purpose by redeeming your time.

*"Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

You once were dead in your sin; your fears attacked you over and over again to steal away your life and purpose. But now you are redeemed—your voice has found its distinct expression. You move forward with increasing passion and desire to meet each challenge by means of using your unique voice. You know how to play the game of life utilizing your playing card—your life purpose statement. Your life purpose statement victoriously redeems the time.

Having a life purpose statement means you know who you are and what your function is—and you have great liberty and pleasure fulfilling His plan for your life. You quit worrying if you are doing something wrong, losing something, missing something or falling short of something. You know that God's hand is never too short that it could not reach you. Therefore you give God the benefit of your doubts and you are released from all those crippling fears that try to keep you paralyzed from fulfilling your purpose.

You walk through a heavenly portal into a new way of life by trusting God's ability to keep you safe in the face of any danger ... you redeem the past by steadfastly rewriting your life in Him ... and you treasure your divine connection in Christ that totally defines your life purpose statement—giving your voice the purest expression.

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