ARE YOU THERE GOD?

Week #3 - You're Made for This

SERMON BIG IDEA: Your entire life has lined up for God's purposes today.

"For if you keep silent at this time, 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?"

Esther 4:14 (ESV)

You _____have what you _____.

God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (GNT)

Use whatever gift you've received for the good of one another so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties. If you're called upon to talk, speak as though God put the words in your mouth; if you're called upon to serve others, serve as though you had the strength of God behind you. In these ways, God may be glorified in all you do through Jesus the Anointed, to whom belongs glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (VOICE)

...God has meticulously put this body together; He placed each part in the exact place to perform the exact function He wanted.

1 Corinthians 12:18 (VOICE)

You can't _____ this up.

Listen, friends, I know you didn't fully realize what you were doing when you rejected and betrayed Jesus. I know that you, and your rulers as well, were acting in ignorance. God was at work in all this, fulfilling what He had predicted through all the prophets—that the Anointed One would suffer. So now you

need to rethink everything and turn to God so your sins will be forgiven and a new day can dawn, days of refreshing times flowing from the Lord.

Acts 3:17-19 (VOICE)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

But you could _____ out.

"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

Esther 4:11 (ESV)

Esther: Tell Mordecai, "In preparation for my audience with the king, do this: gather together all the Jews in Susa, and fast and pray for me. Intercede for me. For three days and nights, abstain from all food and drink. My maids and I will join you in this time. And after the three days, I will go in to the king and plead my people's case, even though it means breaking the law. And if I die, then I die!"

Esther 4:15-16 (VOICE)

Discussion Questions

- 1. What way is God already using you in the life of others?
- 2. What is a situation in your life that was difficult but you saw something good come from it?
- 3. What is something weighing you down right now that you could talk about to another person and ask for prayer?

Recommended Resources

- · Leap Over a Wall, by Eugene H. Peterson
- · Woman Evolve, by Sarah Jakes Roberts
- For Such a Time as This, by Tony Evans; blog @ tonyevans.org
- You Were Created on Purpose for a Purpose, by Christine Caine; Equip and Empower Podcast #158

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