

Such a Time as This

Jesus consistently called greatness out of others. He saw them not for where they'd been but for who they could be if they followed Him

~Susie Larson

I love in Susie's quote above, how she states, "Jesus consistently calls greatness out of others." Are we allowing Jesus to pull greatness out of us? Makes me wonder what we could be missing out on in this life...

"If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the best of the land;"

Isaiah 1:19 AMP

I can't help but think of many people in the Bible. We read over and over of all the people just like you and me who God has called to work for Him...

"May all believers continue to live the wonderful lives God has called them to live, according to what he assigns for each person, for this is what I teach to believers everywhere."

1 Corinthians 7:17 TPT

I think about Moses, Abraham, Joseph, Mary, Paul, Jonah, I could go on and on with the list of people that God called for His purposes and who (eventually) responded...

"God never changes his mind about the people he calls and the things he gives them."

Romans 11:29 NCV

I Can't help but think also about Esther in such a time as this. It Makes me wonder if God has chosen us to do something special. Perhaps we have purposely been placed exactly where we are right now to do great things for Him...

"If you keep quiet at this time, someone else will help and save the Jewish people, but you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this."

Esther 4:14 NCV

Everything happens for a reason I'm sure. We all have a place in God's grand scheme of things. We may not always be aware, but I'm certain that nothing in our lives is simply by chance....

"So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose."

Romans 8:28 TPT

Just like Esther we are all given chances for God to use us to do His Will. The question really is, are we listening to God, and, are we responding....

"As Jesus left Capernaum he came upon a tax-collecting station, where a traitorous Jew was busy at his work, collecting taxes for the Romans. His name was Matthew. "Come, follow me," Jesus said to him. Immediately Matthew jumped up and began to follow Jesus."

Matthew 9:9 TPT

Are we stepping up and stepping out where God has strategically placed us, right here, right now. Even during a pandemic, we can and should be listening to what God is calling us to do...

“Do what God’s teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.”

James 1:22 NCV

Perhaps, for some, that call is to just sit and wait, but perhaps, for others, the call is to respond and to act. To do great things that He has planned for us to do...

“I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘Get up and go to Damascus. There you will be told about all the things I have planned for you to do.’”

Acts 22:10 NCV

If we don’t respond when Jesus calls, what then? Will He use someone else and pull greatness out of them, how could our lives be different and so much better if we choose to listen and obey...

“You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name.”

John 15:16 NCV

My prayer for us today is that we really listen for what God is calling us to do, no matter how big or small it may be. Realizing that He is wanting to call greatness out of us and that He has placed us right here where we are right now just like Esther for just such a time as this...

“Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].”

1 Corinthians 15:58 AMP

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