

WHAT AM I DOING HERE ANYWAY?

ESTHER 2:5-23

1. GOD WORKS IN THE EVERYDAY EVENTS OF LIFE

⁸ So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and many young ladies were gathered to the citadel of Susa into the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken to the king's palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women. ⁹ Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her cosmetics and food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem. ¹⁰ Esther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make them known.

Esther 2:8-10

2. GOD SOMETIMES PUTS US IN UNUSUAL AND UNCOMFORTABLE POSITIONS

¹⁷ The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. Esther 2:17

3. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN WHERE WE ARE PLACED

- WE HAVE TO TRUST

⁷ He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had no father or mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. ⁸... Esther was taken to the king's palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women. Esther 2:7-8

- WE HAVE TO BE TRUSTWORTHY

¹⁰ Esther **did not make known** her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make them known. Esther 2:10

²⁰ Esther **had not yet made known** her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther did what Mordecai told her as she had done when under his care. Esther 2:20

- WE HAVE TO BE OBEDIENT

²¹ In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's officials from those who guarded the door, became angry and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. ²² But the plot became known to Mordecai and he told **Queen Esther, and Esther informed the king** in Mordecai's name. ²³ Now when the plot was investigated and found to be so, they were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence. Esther 2:21-23

TAKEAWAY:

YOU ARE WHERE YOU ARE TO BECOME WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BE