

## **LIVING A LIFE THAT COUNTS**

Esther 4:12-17

12 When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, 13 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. 14 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 royal position for such a time as this?" 15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 "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 maids 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." 17 So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

1. Recognize the NEED for CHANGE. (v.1-11)
2. Remember that GOD'S PLAN will always PREVAIL. (v.12-14a)

'The Lord works out everything for his own ends...' (Proverbs 16:4)

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Remember:

- His GOODNESS and GREATNESS
- The RESULTS are in His HANDS

3. Realize the IMPORTANCE of your POSITION. (v.14b-17)

Prepare for action:

- A HEART of HUMILITY
- A PRIORITY of PRAYER
- A SPIRIT of SACRIFICE