

God's At Work Even When We Don't See It: An Exposition of Ruth and Esther #10

Defining Moments
Esther 4:1-17

I. A Plan Comes Together

- A.** A wake-up call VS 1-3
- B.** Panic in the palace VS 4-6
- C.** Insider information VS 7-8
- D.** I've got problems of my own VS 9-12
- E.** This is your time to step up – this is why you are where you are VS 13-14
- F.** Expecting the worst – praying for the best VS 15-17

II. Issues

- A.** Fasting, weeping, wailing – Joel 2:12-16
 - Maybe God will change things
- B.** Identity crisis for Esther
 - Am I part of the royal family
 - Or God's family?

III. Thoughts

- A.** The defining moments in our lives
 - Conversion/Baptism
 - Marriage
 - Children/Dedication
 - Career
 - Church
 - Friends
 - Money
 - Etc.

- B.** Motivation to live like a believer in the moments of opportunity
 - One way or the other
 - God's presence in our lives and our surrender to it
 - Repentance – to be who I say I am
 - The assurance that God is at work
 - The encouragement of other believers
- C.** For such a time a this!