



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: ESTHER 4:1-17

TITLE: IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, GOD WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT

### INTRODUCTION

- A. “Why should I put my life in jeopardy for someone else?” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. “Therefore, I will mind my own business and take care of mine.” \_\_\_\_\_
- C. However, sometimes I am called to: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Speak on behalf of and for the benefit of those who cannot speak for themselves
  - 2. Act on behalf of and for the benefit of those who cannot act for themselves
  - 3. Advocate on behalf of and for the benefit of those who cannot advocate for themselves

### I MAY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROBLEM

- A. Haman \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Out of his anger because Mordecai would not bow or pay homage to him
  - 2. Devised a plan to kill all of the Jews
- B. Today \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Because of others’ misplaced emotions (anger, envy, jealousy, fear, competition, etc.)
  - 2. Plans are devised to hurt and destroy certain groups of people

### WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO WITH THE RESOLUTION?

- A. The easy answer is, “Nothing.” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. However, is that the right answer? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Mordecai sent a message to Esther to do something \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. He gave her a copy of the order to kill the Jewish people
  - 2. He told her to go to the king (uninvited)
  - 3. To beg for mercy and plead for her people
- D. Esther’s objection \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. There is one law for people who come before the king without being invited – they are put to death
  - 2. And, I have not been called to come before the king for 30 days
  - 3. Esther was only considering her well-being
- E. Mordecai’s correction \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.
  - 2. 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 family will perish.
  - 3. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?
- F. The need for redirection \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. My position and location will not isolate me from the damages of the problem
  - 2. God is going to resolve the problem. The question is:
    - a. Will I remain silent, do nothing and be damaged by the problem?
    - b. Will I speak, act, advocate and be used by God to save others and myself
  - 3. And, perhaps that is the reason why I am “here”