



BRAVE CONTINUES - *esther*

Connect Study 23

ESTHER: Colliding with your “for such a time as this”

*‘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 your royal position **for such a time as this?**’ (Esther 4:14, NIV)*

Esther experienced her “for such a time as this” moment during her everyday life when she least expected it (Esther 4:4-17). In the same way God does not necessarily give us a totally new direction or a big and glamorous announcement. His plans happen in our day-to-day as we seek and serve Him wholeheartedly.

Where do we find our ‘for such a time as this’ moment?

- **Amongst the people we do life with**

Read Esther 2:5-7. Who did Esther do life with and how was he part of her moment? Share a moment when someone you do life with made you aware that you were born for such a time as this.

Read Matthew 4:18-22. Discuss the disciples’ moments of being called.

- **In the words we choose to speak.**

Read Luke 1:38 and Isaiah 6:8. How did Mary and Isaiah respond to their moments? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you at the moment and how are you responding?

- **In the choices we make.**

Read Proverbs 8:33 and Deuteronomy 30:19,20. What do you need to say ‘yes’ to and what do you need to say ‘no’ to? Share an experience in the past of needing to say ‘yes’ or ‘no’ in order to fulfil your call.

- **In our obedience to God.**

Read 2 John 6. When it comes to your own sense of call did you think it would be more glamorous than it is at the moment? What keeps you carrying on in obedience to God despite that?

Prayer: Pray for the strength to keep on following Jesus in the midst of your everyday and that you will recognize your own ‘for such a time as this’ moment.



Nation Builders

At the start of the year we have the opportunity as Connect Group to set the Faith Goal for what we are believing to give towards Nation Builders. Nation Builders is the Missions Giving of Hillsong Church. Together as Connect Groups we are believing for UNUSUAL things to happen. Take the time during your next meeting to inspire your group to set a Faith Goal for 2015, and let's believe together for our Nation Builders to spark UNUSUAL miracles!

PASTORAL CARE

We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time.

Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

