

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

God position us for such a time.

Bible portion:

Esther 4:14

Focus:

Esther: Positioned for
such a time.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 13-14



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**“No, I tell you; but
unless you repent, you
will all likewise
perish.”**

Luke 13:03 (ESV)

Quote

**“God has placed you
where you are for a
purpose.”**

- Christine Caine

*“And who knows but
that you have come to
your royal position for
such a time as this?”*

— Esther 4:14

The season of Lent invites us to reflect on God's purpose in our lives and His work of redemption. One powerful story that reminds us of divine positioning is the story of Esther.

Esther was an ordinary Jewish girl who became queen in a foreign land under the rule of Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes). Though she lived in a palace, her people faced destruction through the wicked plot of Haman. In that critical moment, her cousin and guardian Mordecai challenged her with these words: *“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

These words remind us that God often places people exactly where they need to

be for His greater purpose. Esther may not have understood why her life unfolded the way it did, but God had positioned her to bring deliverance to His people.

Lent is also a journey toward purpose and redemption. As we walk toward the cross, we remember the ultimate act of salvation through Jesus Christ. The road to the cross was not accidental. Every step—from ministry to sacrifice—was part of God's plan to redeem humanity.

Like Esther, Jesus stepped into a decisive moment in history. While Esther risked her life by approaching the king, Jesus willingly embraced the cross to save the world. His journey led to the transforming event of the Crucifixion of Jesus—an act that opened the path of forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

During Lent, we are invited to consider where God has

placed us. Our circumstances, relationships, and opportunities may be part of a larger purpose that we cannot yet fully see. Sometimes God positions us to speak truth, offer compassion, stand for justice, or bring hope to others.

The journey toward the cross reminds us that redemption often unfolds through courage, obedience, and trust in God's plan.



Esther fasted and stepped forward in faith. Jesus endured suffering for the sake of redemption. Both stories remind us that God works through willing hearts.

As we reflect during Lent, we may ask ourselves: *Where has God placed me for such a time as this?* Perhaps it is within our families, workplaces, churches, or communities. Even small acts of faithfulness can become part of God's larger redemptive story.

The path toward the cross ultimately leads to hope. Through Christ, redemption is possible, and our lives can become instruments of God's purpose.



Prayer

Gracious Lord, Thank You for placing us where we are for Your purpose. As we journey through Lent toward the cross of Jesus Christ, give us courage like Esther to act in faith. Use our lives to bring hope, courage, and redemption to others. Amen.

-Rev. P. William James



Prayer Point



Pray for those suffering from terminal illness.