

## **10X Timing – The Right Thing at the Right Time**

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: 10X

**Text: 1 Chronicles 12:32 (AMP)**

When people do the right things at the right time, success is almost **inevitable**. In all of history God sent His Son, Jesus at just the right moment to accomplish His plan of redemption. The Bible calls this the **fullness** of time or the **proper** time. **Galatians 4:4-5** There are people like the men of Issachar who understand the times and seasons and what to do about them. Those who are 10X have grown to understand God's timing and what they are to do during that time. Right timing makes a good decision a **better** decision.

~ Winston Churchill – “There comes a special moment in everyone's life, a moment for which that person is born. That special opportunity when they seize it, will fulfill his mission – a mission for which he is uniquely qualified. In that moment he finds greatness... it is his finest hour.

Esther is a great example of the timing of God. **Esther 4:14, Esther 2:5-23** Mordecai understood that there are things that you do not **reveal** until the timing is right. Esther never revealed her heritage until she needed too. Those who understand timing know that everybody does not need to know what you know until it is time.

Those who are 10X realize that there are **windows** of opportunity when you take a risk and move forward. The time to **seize** an opportunity is in the lifetime of the opportunity. Those who are 10X understand that opportunities often come with an expiration date. Proper timing in life is important. Those who are 10X are able to **discern** when something is prime time and take the initiative to seize it.

The life of Esther is a study of timing. One of the things we learn is that most people are not successful in life unless other people want them to be. Esther was fortunate to have a **mentor** like Mordecai. He constantly reminded her and helped her to **recognize** the timing of the Lord. Understanding timing is **learned**, most people do not get it without many lessons.

Esther was born into a period of history when people were in need of **leadership**. While some of the Jewish people had returned to Israel after seven decades in captivity, her family remained in Persia. This is where she would be **needed** the most. When you understand that God directs your steps you come to realize that you are where you are at this point in history for a **reason**. It is not a mistake that you are alive now and live where you do. God has placed you here. God has **arranged** the events of our lives so that we can accomplish His plans and purposes for our lives. **Psalm 37:23-24** When a person follows God, nothing in their life is **coincidental**.

God knows how to **place** us in the right position to accomplish His will. Esther went from being an orphaned common young lady, living in captivity, to becoming the queen of a superpower in a time when women really had no say.

Esther and Mordecai discovered the plans of the enemy to destroy their people. God knows how to reveal the schemes of men and cause them to work for our benefit.

**Esther 2:21-23, Ester 3:8-9** In both cases God allowed Mordecai to know about the schemes of the enemy. In both instances there was time to do something about it. One of the things we realize is that God will always do His part, we must do ours. **Esther 6:1-14** Remember, God is over all time. **Psalm 121:1-8, Psalm 31:15**

When we don't take initiative and seize an important opportunity, we limit and miss what God has for us. Some of the great limiters we face are procrastination and indecision. **John 4:35**

All of us have obstacles that keep us from seizing the moment. The most common are fear of failure, pride, selfish motives, wrong priorities, lack of discernment or not paying attention. To be 10X we must take steps to overcome whatever keeps us from moving forward when opportunity knocks.

Esther teaches us several things about seizing the moment:

- Our outcome will be just like those who did not take the opportunity. Sometimes it is easy to buy into the idea that we are special and will not have to face our fears or take risks. Many assume falsely that if we just keep the status quo, God will do the rest and make sure we accomplish what He desires. This is a myth. If we do not take the risk to seize the opportunity, we will never rise to the occasion. **Esther 4:7-17** If we do not capitalize on the opportunities that God gives us our future will be no better.
- God will accomplish His purposes and we have a choice if we will get to be a part of them. Mordecai reminded Esther that if she would not do it God would raise up someone else. When God is involved, it is not necessarily our giftedness that prompts God's blessing, it is our willingness to be obedient and to move when He tells us to.
- Those who understand timing know that the risk of not doing can be just as great as doing. Esther could die if she approached the king. She was guaranteed to die if she did not. Many would call this a no-win situation. Those who understand timing see it as a golden opportunity with nothing to lose. **Esther 4:16** God has a way of overcoming our reluctance by giving us only one choice.
- Those who are 10X realize that many times the opportunity before us may in fact be the very reason God created you. Mordecai was 10X because he saw and understood things about timing and was willing to challenge and encourage people.

Esther became 10X because she seized the opportunity. Remember that our obedience to God may actually open doors of opportunity for those who have blessed us. Mordecai helped Esther become queen, Esther helped Mordecai rise to his position. **Esther 8:15, 10:2-3**

There is no being 10X without risk. In our minds it looks and feels like risk. With God it is the way. Esther wasn't quick to jump at opportunity in the beginning but soon she got the hang of it. The more risks she took the more comfortable she became with it.

Many times, our failure to seize or make the most of an opportunity has nothing to do with a lack of determination or willingness, but with an effort that is out of sequence. We do it either too early or too late. **Ecclesiastes 3:1** God is always right on time. If we follow Him, we will be too. Remember the men of Issachar understood the times and seasons.

Esther delayed revealing her background until she was positioned so that it was an asset not a liability. All of us have seasons that indicate a proper time to take action.

Here are some similarities between natural seasons and seasons in our lives:

- All seasons are not the same length.
- Each season has a beginning and an ending.
- The seasons always come in order. Their intensity may differ. Their arrival and departure may differ but the order in which they come is always the same.
- You may plant in one season, but you can reap in any of the following seasons. You reap in a different season than you sow.
- Every season must be managed effectively to have an abundant harvest. What you did before may need adjustments now depending on the conditions.

Winter is a season for planning, not a time to hibernate. Esther spent time in exile before God elevated her to queen. She had plenty of time to connect with their desires and needs. When she became queen, she already had a heart for them

Spring is the season for planting. This is the time to sow the seeds and pay the price for future success. Before she became queen, she had an entire year of preparation and gained favor with the king's key people. **Esther 2:12** We are told to train up our children when they are young, in the spring of their life so that when they are old, they will not depart from it. Those who are not 10X in life get spring fever and believe spring is for daydreaming and naps.

Summer is the season for perspiration. Thomas Edison – “Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration,” Summer is the key time to work. It is time for cultivation and fertilization. Esther's summer began when she knew what she needed to do. Before she approached the king, she put in the spiritual work. **Esther 4:15-16**

Fall is the season for reaping what you have sown and not regretting your missed opportunities because you took them. For Esther and the Jews, the celebration started when the king reversed his decision AND their enemies were vanquished. Today the Jewish people still celebrate God's saving grace in the festival of Purim.

Esther learned that a key to making right decisions at the right time was correctly discerning the seasons. When we understand the times, we better understand what needs done. God will narrow our choices we must seize the opportunity.