

# WHAT NEXT IN A TIME LIKE THIS?

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### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

### Esther 4:11-16

Introduction: There is no doubt that we all know the time we are in now.1Timothy4:1-3 made us to know that we are in the end time. The time that there is no peace in any part of the world. No security, no safety. Faith of many have gone cold. The time leaders are oppressing the masses or their followers/citizen.

The time when crime is on a higher level. The time when wickedness is very high. The time when peoples con science are dead. Searched with hot iron. Killing, Rapping, kidnapping. Couples killing themselves. Ritualistic of the highest order e.t.c. The time when there is no justice anywhere. This was the time the Jews found themselves in a strange land in the book of Esther. The time when a leader of a king was plaining to waste the life of the Jews. Declaration: I decree and I declare any power, spirit or human that may be your life, your destiny shall be wasted shall be washed.

When Mordecai learnt about what human has planned against the Jews .The sent message to Esther. Esther now replied Mordecai in versell that every one know that anybody who go to the king when he/she was not called whoever the person may be shall be killed by the king unless the king hold out his scepter towards the person.

Declaration: Wherever you are to be put to death, you will be saved. When you are to fail, you will have good success. Where you surface to be covered with shame and reproach, you will be covered with the glory of God. Esther made Mordecai to understand that for more than one month now king has not called me to come to him. When Mordecai got Esther's message, he sent another message back to her that she should not think. That she will be saved even in the Palace because that time was the time of disaster for all Jews in the land of Shushan.



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He made Esther to know that as she was in position to safe and deliver the Jews from destruction that was looming, if she refuse to take the step God will raise another deliverer who will deliver the Jews as that time. But she will be destroyed with her father house. This made Esther to take a bold step of faith, she said Mordecai should go and gather all the Jews in the land for fasting and prayer. She now made a statement in verse 16

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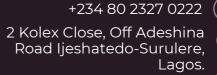
- 1. Take a bold step of faith like Esther if you want to save yourself and your family, you church, your nation.
  - 2. In a time like this we need to ask for grace to endure. Let us look at the word endure;

E- Embrace Gods Purpose. 1Peter 1:7

- N- Nuture your spiritual roots. The Bible tells us that we develop spiritual roots by sinking them deep in the word of God.
- D- Direct your attention on Jesus Christ.Somebody said if you look at the world, you will be distressed, if you look within, you will be depressed.But if you look at God, you will be at rest.
  - Looking at the problems in the world in a time like this can lead to untimely death. The bigger you see your problems, the lesser of God you see. The more you look at God the smaller your problem becomes.
    - U- Use your experience to help yourself and to help others in a time like this.1 corinthians 13:7
- R- Rely on Gods Power in a time like this is only the power and the spirit of God that can sustain you no any other power. No one can do anything by his own power.

  Colossians:11.
  - E- Expect Gods Blessings.Faith is when you expect that God will do something for you and in you.Matthew9:29.There is nothing you trust God for that he will not do for you.
- 3.Discover the source of joy in a time like this.Phillipians 4:4.Apostle Paul who wrote the epistle to the church in phillips was not freed or enjoying when he wrote the book.Infact he was inside prison under a torture and he was still encouraging









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people to rejoice.

Question: In a time like this is it possible to be happy and rejoice? Apostle Paul is trying to let us know that when we discover the source of joy himself we can have joy even in our problems

In a time like this, our faith must be in Jesus Christ. When our faith is in him, we will find ourselves at the center of his will that can give us real joy. Psalm 94:4 Finally, In a time like this let us be looking and waiting for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **PRAYERS**

- 1. O Lord I thank you for this day because I am alive to hear your word.
  - 2. O Lord have mercy on me
- 3. I told the church member on first Friday of September when the prayer teaching, and Prayers was about to start, that anniversary is a time of feast as is not just to eat and drink. It is the time of impartation, empowerment and refreshing. Time to be revived. Call the name of Jesus, oh Lord in a time like this revive me with the power and the authority if your word and all the teachings and the impartations during the week.
- 4. Every Haman of my life, marriage, work, business, and destiny, be wasted by fire.
  - 5. We are in October month of Nigeria Independence. O God today by the power of your word today. My life, marriage, children callings receive your freedom in Jesus name.
- 6. Holy Spirit from now on in a time like this give me grace to endure and help to discover you in Jesus Christ as the only source of my joy.
  - 7a. The Lord God of the GCBO, by your power set your church free from the hands of the prosecutors.
- 7b. The Lord God of all Nations deliver our nation Nigeria from the hands of the oppressors, the task master and have your way in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.