

Women, You Were Made for More

I believe the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully among women today. Women all over the world are feeling a passion welling up within their spirits that says, "I was made for more." God is liberating us to move from a place of inferiority, competition and fear to a place of power, influence and courage. No longer are we feeling the pressure to put on "fatigues" to impersonate the masculine, but we are being healed and delivered from tradition and religion that have held us captive for centuries.

The Lord is releasing His favor and grace upon us to fulfill His purposes on the earth. The question is: Will we submit to the process of being trained and commissioned to fulfill these purposes?

We are being called to use our gifts and talents to impact our society—to preach, teach, pray, prophesy and deliver nations. God is empowering us to follow His ordained direction. We are arising and influencing the world in ways we have never done. Women are rising with a new level of determination, courage and unwavering faith. With this newfound resolve, we must be prepared and positioned properly. We must examine how God wants to raise us up to influence the kingdom and the world. I believe that prayer and action will be two major keys to women influencing their spheres of authority.

Women are some of the most valuable, untapped resources. We are God's secret weapons. Light is shining, and favor from God is being bestowed on women to be all that they can be. God is establishing godly women with authority and positioning them with influence that will bring freedom to societies throughout the earth. Godly, grace-filled women are being positioned to overthrow the plans of the enemies.

Are You a Modern-Day Esther?

Where are you today on your own journey? Are you discounting the significance of your life because you are a woman? Have you lost hope in seeing the promises of God fulfilled in your life? Maybe you are thinking there have been so many terrible things that have happened in your life that God could never use you. Maybe you've said to yourself, "I've made too many mistakes."

But consider the story of Esther in the Old Testament. It is a clear example of a reversal of destiny and shows how at one crucial moment in history the covenant promises God had made were fulfilled, not by His miraculous intervention but through completely ordinary events. The Esther story could be your story. God will take ordinary events in your life to fulfill some extraordinary promises to you. The book of Esther is full of hidden hope. It is the one book in the Bible that does not mention the name of God, yet the message of God's grace and redemption permeates each word. On the surface it appears as though God is absent, but Esther's story proves that He is always at work behind the scenes in our lives to cause us to walk in our destiny on the earth.

God will reveal His destiny to His leading ladies who keep Him as their priority. He will help you develop character traits that you must have in order to fulfill your destiny; lead you to know how, when and where your unique gifts operate best; show you how to uncover and guard against snares that will keep you from boldly walking in your assignment and give you the motivation and encouragement you need to move into a place of significance.

Like Esther, you will learn how to yield to the call on your life and submit to the Holy Spirit's purification process. Esther went through a season of preparation physically and spiritually. Her practice of prayer and fasting made her the humble vessel God used to rescue individuals, turn circumstances and deliver nations.

Esther was a woman of clear judgment, courage and self-sacrifice. She was lifted from exile and poverty to the position of queen. She did not allow her background to determine what God could do with her future.

The greatest thing that can happen to you, the greatest source of empowerment you can have, is discovering your position in the prophetic, unfolding plan of God. This will be your unique factor, what you are anointed to do. My prayer is that you get acquainted with your anointing and become more and more aware of God's calling on your life. {eoa}

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