

FOR SUCH A MOMENT

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Esther4:14

The theme of our Conference has been “This Pivotal Moment.” It comes at no great surprise that we are living in pivotal times. Pivotal times produce pivotal moments. Pivotal moments are the catalyst for becoming pivotal people.

- **Pivotal people are those who recognize the moments when callings, gifting and experiences intersect with time.**
- I was a pivotal person having a pivotal moment a number of years ago with a man named Martin...at that moment my calling, gifting and experience intersected with time and as a result Martin got saved.
- **Pivotal moments are those times when the awareness of man steps into the nowness of God.** We were made for pivotal moments. Called, gifted and directed to live in the pivot of the moment.
- We see it in the life of Esther. For her it was just one, for us it must become daily. **Destiny is revealed in moments. History is written as the sons and daughters of God recognize and step into the nowness of their moment.**

Esther 4:14 “...who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a moment as this.”

As pivotal as Esther’s moment was in history, Esther is but a forerunner, a pioneer who is meant to awaken the expectation that pivotal moments are the inheritance of the sons and daughters of God.

- Pivotal moments are simply those points in time wherein eternity intersects with experience to provide opportunity. Pivotal moments are those points in time where destiny confronts opportunity.
- Pivotal moments don’t always look friendly or come with music playing softly. As we see with Esther, sometimes pivotal moments are surrounded with great conflict. **Conflict is not the end of our story; conflict is God setting the stage for a supernatural story.**
- One of the root definitions of the Hebrew word “man,” is “He who tells the story.” **Our story is the providence of God directing the circumstantial moments of man so God gets a greater glory and man gets a greater story.**
- So when in your moment make room for redemption. Whatever the future holds we must view the future from the redemptive lens of God not the fear lens of man.

Whatever the future holds let's write our story from what we know. Darkness will get darker and the light will grow brighter. So whatever the future holds, let me send us away with some action steps that will keep us positioned for such a moment.

1. We Must Recognize the Times: Ps18:6-9 The shaking, the quaking, the smoke and the fire...it's all God setting the stage to "Bow the heavens and come down." We all know God is into drama.

- **God allows crisis to set the stage for opportunity. Opportunity brings about for Him a greater glory.**
- Will God use the financial markets to shake and quake, smoke and fire the earth? Perhaps...but if He does He will also bow the heavens and come down. So if He does we get more of Him if we recognize the times.
- Crisis sets the stage for a greater glory. "Lord couldn't you just answer my prayer without all the distress and drama?" Yes, He does all the time but we don't know it. It's the car accident we didn't have this morning, what car accident?
- Precisely my point. No distress, no drama. No drama, no stage. No stage, no glory. Joel gets abducted, we pray. As we pray the keys are turned. As the keys are turned the drama builds. As the drama builds God wins and the victory erupts into thunderous praise.
- **To recognize the times is to see that God allows the crisis to awaken the cry. The shaking and the quaking are a sign and a wonder to get us involved in bringing about for Him a greater glory.**
- Ps118:5 "From my distress I called upon the Lord. The Lord answered me and set me in a large place." Distress is God's means of enlargement. Couldn't He just enlarge me without the distress? Yes and we would live large taking the credit rather than giving Him the praise.
- Ps4:1 "You have enlarged me in distress." **To recognize the times is to recognize increase is guarded by distress. If the future gets stressful we get enlarged.**

2. We Must Reposition in Faith and Expectation: Ps1 We are not those who shrink back in the fear of uncertainty. We are like a tree firmly planted; in whatever we do we prosper.

- If God chooses to shake and quake the financial markets we are still firmly planted, our promise is still a promise to prosper. So we trust and we obey.
- **As the media tries to position us in the fear of uncertainty, we must recognize the moment, take courage and reposition in faith.**
- I can't say whether the future will be the great collapse or a mere correction. Collapse or correction, the effectiveness of the Church will be determined by our ability to reject the status quo and reposition in faith.

Mordecai said, “If you remain silent at this time...” what time? This time. Too many of us are living for “that time, past time or future time.” Regrets enslave us to the past and fear silences us for the future. **Faith is now; it is now time for us to become a pivot people.**

- In Basketball a pivot man is the player who sets up the plays. While everyone in the stands are watching things happen, the pivot person is making things happen.
- Pivot people are faith people. Pivot people are risk people. **If we tolerate fear we will contaminate faith. It is time for KMI to take courage, risk it, get out of the boat and start walking on the water.**

I'd like us to close by giving eternity an opportunity to intersect time. I would like to ask all the KMI pastor's and wives, ministry leaders and wives to come forward. Now I would like to ask all the next generation to seize the moment and come forward and pray, prophecy and minister to these leaders.

- They have given to you for such a moment, now come and give back.