

**In the midst of
turbulence, God is
there even when you
can't locate Him**

The Turbulence



The Mourning

God Moving Through You

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¹ When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry. ² He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³ And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Esther 4 : 1 - 3

**Oppression = Prejudice +
Discrimination + Institutional Power**

Either sackcloth or ashes was a sign of deep mourning; but both together were indications of the most distressing grief and mourning possible.

**The word mourning
is the Hebrew word
"ebal" which means
to lament**

God Moving Through You

Calling You

Touching You

¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai: ¹¹ “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days.” ¹² So they told Mordecai Esther’s words.

Esther 4 : 10 - 12

¹³ And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: “Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4 : 13 - 14

“You have come”

Hebrew word *naga* means
to touch or lay hand upon

¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Esther 4 : 16



SUCH A TIME
AS THIS