

Divinely Timed

I. Where Are You!?

A. We Tend to Experience...

- Pain and judgement at the hands of others
- Hardships that no-one should have to go through
- Being taken advantage of by those who look to get ahead at our expense

B. We Easily Think:

- “My identity is wrapped up in the sum of my mistakes”
- “I’m here, either by sheer chance or a big mistake”
- “I’ve gotta protect myself from getting hurt any more”

C. We Come to Ask God...

- Where are you?
- If you’re real, and you’re righteous, then why are you letting this happen to me?
- I’m trying to believe, but where on earth are you!?

II. Divinely Timed

We are *DIVINELY TIMED* by God who...

- Created us to be *WHO* we are: fearfully and wonderfully made
- Positioned us to be *WHERE* we are: here on purpose in a position of influence
- Placed us in His body exactly *HOW* we are: distinctly called and compelled together by Christ and is also...
- Present and working exactly *WHEN* we are: perfectly timed under God’s watch**

III. God’s Timing At Work (Esther Ch 6:1-13)

A. In Between the Banquets

1. Haman Plans to Hang Mordecai (Esther 5:7-14)

“let a gallows be made”

2. The Tables Begin to Turn (Esther 5:1-5)

“that night the King could not sleep”

3. Mordecai Honored (Esther 5:6-11)

“Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.”

4. Haman Humiliated (Esther 5:12-13)

“If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him.”

B. "That Night The King Could Not Sleep"

1. God's Timing is SOVEREIGN
2. God's Timing is SURPRISING
3. God's Timing is SUFFICIENT
4. God's Timing is SYSTEMATIC

IV. At Just The Right Time (Romans 5:6-8)

A. Perfectly Timed in Christ

Because Jesus came, died, and rose again exactly when *He was meant to be...*

- Our identity can be what it is meant to be in Him,
- Our confidence can be what it is meant to be in Him,
- And our purpose can be what it is meant to be in Him.

B. Faithfully Waiting on God (Psalm 27:14)

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27:14)

1. **REMEMBER** (Your identity lies firmly in Christ)

- recount your past and testify to yourself the works of God's faithfulness
 - ask Christ-followers around you to help see
- amid the pain and judgement that is so unfair, place your identity in Christ
 - don't forget: *"Last night, the king couldn't sleep"*
...and God is still at work **IN** you

2. **REMAIN** (In Christ- who is your confidence)

- spend time dwelling in Christ
 - ask for His peace, read His word, Listen to His Spirit
- when struggles and hardships surround you, rest your confidence in Christ
 - don't forget: *"Last night, the king couldn't sleep"*
...and God is still at work **ON** you

3. **RECEIVE** (Direction and purpose in Christ and nothing else)

- make the choice to trust
 - taking steps of faith every chance you get
- when you think you've messed up or missed it, receive your purpose from Christ
 - don't forget: *"Last night, the king couldn't sleep"*
...and God is still at work **THROUGH** you

YOU ARE:

WHO YOU ARE;

WHERE YOU ARE;

HOW YOU ARE;

& WHEN YOU ARE...

BECAUSE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE IN CHRIST,
WHO LOVES YOU AND WANTS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.