

SPEAK

Speak, for your servant is listening

Doors

Esther 4



Esther 4:9 - 5:3 NIV

Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”

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Esther 4:9 - 5:3 NIV

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

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Esther 4:9 - 5:3 NIV

**Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:
“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in
Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for
three days, night or day. I and my attendants
will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go
to the king, even though it is against the law.
And if I perish, I perish.” So Mordecai went
away and carried out all of Esther’s
instructions.**

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Esther 4:9 - 5:3 NIV

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance.

When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."

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ACKNOWLEDGE CLOSED DOORS

... thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.

Let Closed Doors Lead to What's Next

**God Closes Doors to
Protect Us, Redirect Us, Keep Us**

Thank God for Closed Doors

God Desires to Change Us

**When He Closes Doors,
God is Ordering Our Steps**

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... who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Don't Waste an Opportunity

**If We Will Submit Ourselves to God,
We Can Know His Will**

**Don't Put God in the World's Box
God is Sovereign**

**Surround Yourself With People Who Will Help
You Trust Him**

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COMMIT TO PRAYER

Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me.

**We Must Call on the Lord
Prayer and Fasting Opened the Door
Her Reliance on the Lord Made it Happen
Let Him Fight Your Battles
Prayer Connects Us to God's Power
God Can Change Our Perspective
God Can Open Hearts**

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CHECK FOR OPEN DOORS

When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter...

Step Out in Faith, Face Opposition

**Faith Is Taking The First Step Before God
Reveals The Second Step**

Don't Make Excuses For Inaction

Don't Assume a Closed Door

Recognize Doors That The Lord Has Opened

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TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

...now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.

A Divine Reversal

The Closed Door was Not the End
The Open Door was also Just the Beginning

God is the Doorkeeper

Trust His Supreme Power and Authority

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

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