The Power of ONE
Made for This Moment, Week Three

We've been learning from the story of Esther some pretty great lessons about what heroism looks like, but even more, about what the sovereignty and providence of God looks like in a pagan culture.

God is always at work in, around, and through us. He is going about the work of saving and redeeming people from their unbelief and its consequences. God is still doing this today, and he wants to use you like he used Esther and Mordecai.

To be reminded of the heart of the story...

**Esther 4:13-17 NLT**

Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

In this message, I want to focus in on a theme I see repeated throughout Scripture...

**God puts his hand upon available individuals, inviting and empowering them to be a significant part of his redemptive work in the world.**

Let's talk about the power of ONE...
• **ONE Believer** - Abraham, Joseph, David, Josiah, Esther, Jeremiah, Mary, Peter, Paul... and in history - Martin Luther King, Jr., Bonhoeffer, Billy Graham, etc.

• **ONE Moment** - Elijah and his Mt. Carmel moment, Peter with Cornelius, Paul on Mars Hill, Billy Graham in a tent in Los Angeles, Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama, etc.

• **ONE Act of Obedience** - God uses one believer, in moment, who commits one single act of obedience to turn the tides of history!

But even with this pattern of using the ONE, we still see that...

• Anyone can be the ONE - YOU can be one great force for the gospel and for change in the world around you.

• Our acts of obedience don't have to be monumental to the world - they can be small, personal, and even daily. Every act of obedience matters.

• We are a “community of one’s” called the church.

Esther, before taking action, asks Mordecai to get people fasting. She asks her maidens to fast as well. She became ONE among the MANY and relying on the strength of others.

It’s not, “will you be the ONE?”
It’s, “will you be ONE among the MANY?”

*Will you be ONE who prays with the MANY for the redemption of the lost?*
*Will you be ONE alongside the MANY who share their faith in Jesus with others?*