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**Where are you internally silent?**



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**Silence needs to be broken in our lives in order for us to get to the destiny God has for us; to get to the life God wants us to live.**



## Esther 3:7

**In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, the pur (that is, the lot) was cast in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar.**



## Esther 3:14-15

**A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so they would be ready for that day.**



## Esther 3:14-15

**The couriers went out, spurred on by the king's command, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was bewildered.**



# Esther 4:11

**“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:**



# Esther 4:11

**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.”**



## Esther 4:13-14

**“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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**I have set before you life and death, the  
blessings and the curses; therefore choose life,  
that you and your descendants may live.**

**Deuteronomy 30:19**



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## Esther 4:15-16

**“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.”**



**Do you know what the most frequent command in the Bible turns out to be? What instruction, what order is given again and again by God, by angels, by Jesus, by prophets, and apostles?**



**“Be good?”**

**“Be Holy,”**

**“Don’t Sin?”**



**No, the most frequent command in the Bible is:  
“Don’t be afraid. Fear not.”**

**- N.T. Wright**



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**“Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.”**

**- Ambrose Redmoon**



# John 16:33

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”**



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# Esther 8:15-16

**... And the city of Susa held a joyous celebration. For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor.**



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**You are not abandoned, even when it feels God is silent at this point in your life.**



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