



God has a place for you

*Words of encouragement
from Queen Esther to Kamala*

Esther's story itself is a great encouragement to us. It is reassuring to remember that God is always with us and to know that we can be used by God no matter where we find ourselves. But Esther isn't done. As we make the final turn on the track, she tells us this:

- "For a period of time, you may not understand God's planning and purpose for your life. That was certainly true for me. If you are in a season of life where you don't yet understand God's plan, take heart. Just because you don't comprehend God's plan for your life doesn't mean He doesn't care or doesn't have one. Have faith and remain obedient to Him."
- "When you realize God's purpose for your life, you feel empowered. When Mordecai explained to me that God might have made me queen just to save His people, my heart soared within me! And it steeled my resolve. When the time comes that you recognize a call of God on your life, it will fire you to action— even in the face of opposition or danger."
- "Taking a risk is easier when you know God is in control. When I said to Mordecai, 'If I perish, I perish,' I wasn't being fatalistic. I was placing myself in God's hands, knowing that even death is something that can be faced with confidence when you trust God. Not only does God have a place for us here on earth, He also has one prepared for us in heaven."

Heavenly Father,

Allow my friends to look beyond adversity or feelings of insecurity to see Your greater purpose. Empower them to take joy in the place where You have put them, take comfort in the knowledge that You are in charge, and take action to fulfill the purpose for which You have called them. Amen

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