

The Strategic Life  
From Esther chapters 1-2  
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#1. The river of time flows on. But the Lord takes hold of a person, and that person is used by Him to change the shape of history.

#2. Esther and Mordecai, both of them, were just such *strategic persons*. With uncertain outcomes, with people who lack any “real world” power, the strategic life shifts the status quo.

#3. ARRIVAL AT THE STRATEGIC POSITION:

- A strategic space, a strategic place, has been reserved for the indicated person 2:17-23. Esther was to be Queen of Persia; Mordecai, a trusted advisor. The power and prescience of God is applied.
- The favor of the God of events, is brought to bear upon circumstance 2:8-16. "...Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her" 2:15. "Favor" is a shared perspective with God; whether anyone else is aware of it or not.
- Personal obscurity fades away, and in its stead the Lord engenders strategic influence 2:17, 22.
- Temporal obstacles to the arrival of the strategic person are overruled 2:10. Esther and Mordecai were Jews. A captured people is always under suspicion.
- The strategic life serves the greater purpose of God and time is used to generate that end 1:1-2:7.
- The strategic person is decisive when the crossroads appear. Courage and determination are the staples of the strategic life 4:15-17.

#4. *Mordecai and Esther were not subject to time and circumstance. They were subject to the Almighty who shapes, configures and commands time and circumstance.*

#5. Generalization: Be God-fearing in every situation. Be faithful. Be ready to answer the call. Be brave every day.

Never, ever underestimate the unseen hand, moving just out of sight and on your behalf.