

COURAGE

THE BOOK OF ESTHER



The Courage of Inconvenience March 13, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture: Esther 4:13-17

Sermon Overview

Conviction is the antidote to a thousand compromises. We tend to take life as it comes to us, making decisions in the moment, without guiding values. Which leads to a thousand regrets. But if we take time to make pre-decisions to explore that which we are CALLED to do, God will grant us peace, no matter the outcome. Because we are then living in PURPOSE.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What does being courageous look like in your everyday life?
2. What verse(s) give you courage to stand in the Word?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Joshua mentions we cannot be fully submitted to God and not sacrifice on behalf of others. Can you think of a time you sacrificed on behalf of someone else? What happened?
2. Many of us are trying to have influence without investment. What kinds of investments are you making day in and day out to have spiritual investment in the world around you?

3. God uses inconvenience in our lives. Have you ever been inconvenienced, but it ended up being a blessing?
4. Esther calls for a fast in this passage. Have you ever fasted before? What was it like? If not, consider joining NCC's corporate fast - see details below.

Digging Deeper:

- Is there something you can do that will help you to step into inconvenience? (Maybe like Esther, you're in this seat for a reason)

Practical Application:

- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Commit to a weekly fast Sundown Wednesday - Sundown Thursday, throughout Lent. You can find fasting resources at ncc.re/fast.
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.