

Following God's Will Series – Message #3
Marching Off the Map
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TEXT: Esther 4

Four Principles About Discovering God's Will For Your Life:

**PRINCIPLE #1: God's will is most often discovered in the _____
of the _____ events of life.**

Esther 2:17

17 The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

**LETTER A: As we read the Book of Esther, we don't find any
_____ that Esther was trying to _____ God's will.**

Psalms 75:6-7

6 For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south.

7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

**LETTER B: Esther was a very _____ person to become the
Queen of Persia and later the savior of her nation. Yet this unlikely person
comes to an unlikely place at _____ the _____
_____ in history.**

LETTER C: So many of us _____ for dreams, visions, and supernatural things when God is much more interested in _____ us _____ by _____.

PRINCIPLE #2: God often reveals His will by first _____ us in an _____ position.

LETTER D: When Esther was _____ as the queen over the Persian Empire, she had _____ what God had in store for her.

LETTER E: We _____ we understand what is in God's mind, and everything is going well for a while, but we _____ understand the _____ of why God does what He does.

Esther 4:11

11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."

PRINCIPLE #3: God _____ the _____ of life so that when the right _____ comes, we will be in exactly the right _____ to do His will.

Esther 4:13-14

13 ... *Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.*

14 *For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

LETTER F: _____ —the big things and the small things— _____
_____ for those who love God.

PRINCIPLE #4: God brings us again and again to face one basic question: Am I _____ to do God's will without _____ to the _____?

Esther 4:16

16 *“Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”*

**LETTER G: When Esther said those words, she _____
_____ what was going to happen.**