



LESSON RECAP – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Summary Paragraph

We are often so focused on what's next—our next job, next blessing, next breakthrough—that we overlook what God is doing *right now*.

This lesson reminded us that **our “now” is not a waiting room—it’s a divine assignment.** Where you are right now is not random; it’s **strategic positioning** by God.

Key Scripture: *Esther 4:14 (NLT)* —

“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place... Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Lesson Breakdown

1 Living in the Present: “Your Now Has Purpose”

- We can become so future-focused that we forget the value of today.
 - The *present* is where God shapes, tests, and prepares us.
 - David’s “sheep season” (tending sheep before becoming king) looked small, but it prepared him for greatness.
 - He didn’t despise the sheep; he learned leadership through them.
 - Likewise, our humble or hidden seasons have divine purpose.
- Takeaway:** Don’t rush your now—*grow through it*.
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2 Example: The Story of Bernard

- Katrina shared a personal story about “Bernard,” a man with disabilities from her childhood neighborhood.
- Her sister worked in a job she disliked for years—but that position allowed her to help Bernard later in life and place him in a good home.
- That same job later equipped her to navigate life when her own daughter was diagnosed with autism.

Lesson:

- God may keep you in a place you don’t enjoy because He’s using you to bless someone else.
- The struggles you face now may be the training you need for your next assignment.

Takeaway: Sometimes your “now” isn’t about *you*—it’s about *who God wants to reach through you*.

3 Esther’s Example: Positioned for Purpose

- Esther didn’t rise to royalty for comfort; she rose for *calling*.
- Mordecai reminded her that she had been elevated for a divine reason—to deliver her people.
- If she stayed silent, God would still move—but she’d miss her moment.

Key Point:

- God’s plan will always move forward—but when you walk in obedience, you get to be part of it.
- Your placement is not random; your influence, job, or role is an assignment.

Quote from the lesson:

“Your crown isn’t for comfort—it’s for calling.”

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4 Modern Application: Living Out Your Faith in Every Space

- Wherever you are—your workplace, home, or community—you are called to represent the goodness of God.
- We don't change who we are based on where we are.
- Your consistency in faith can reveal God's love to people who've never experienced it.

Takeaway:

- Be the "goodness of the Lord" others need to see in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13).
- Let your life reflect His light in every environment.

5 Living with Eternal Urgency

- We were reminded that life is temporary and precious.
- If we truly believed our time was limited, we'd forgive quicker, love deeper, and repent faster.

Reflection Questions:

- Who do I need to forgive today?
- What grudges or disappointments am I still carrying?
- Am I living like I'll be here forever—or like I'm preparing to meet God?

Analogy: Katrina compared life choices to making a reservation—"smoking or non-smoking." Every action, attitude, and decision we make today determines where our eternal reservation will be.

Key Truth: Live every day like it's your last opportunity to honor God.



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6 Purpose in Pain: Finding God in Every Season

- Life will bring loss, grief, and disappointment—but even those seasons are purposeful.
- The teacher shared her husband’s grief after losing loved ones, reminding us that God can use even pain as a place of growth.

Takeaway:

- Don’t rush through grief, waiting for it to pass.
- God is *in* your grief—teaching, strengthening, and refining you.
- Every season (even the hard ones) has divine significance.

7 Final Encouragement

- You may not like where you are right now, but **heaven has you right where you need to be.**
- Whether your current “now” is full of joy or pain, it’s part of God’s plan.
- Your job is to stay faithful, obedient, and sensitive to what God is doing in the moment.

Quote to Remember:

“You may not like where you are, but you are exactly where heaven needs you to be.”

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Reflection & Application

1. What area of your life feels uncomfortable right now—and what might God be teaching you there?
2. Who might God be calling you to serve, comfort, or deliver in this season?
3. Are you living with spiritual urgency or earthly distraction?
4. How can you glorify God right where you are?

Katrina's Final encouragement

God isn't waiting for your "next."
He's working *in your now*.

Your "now" is your **training ground, testimony, and territory**.
So instead of rushing to the future, ask:

"Lord, what are You teaching me in this moment?"