

Pk's Perspectives ... God's Plan A

Have you ever thought of yourself as Plan A? Have you ever contemplated that you are Plan A and Plan B is yet to be formulated? It is awesome and humbling and even startling to be Plan A and know there is no Plan B.

One time there was this girl and her name was Hadassah. She was entered into a beauty contest that was being sponsored by the King of her country. Hadassah won the beauty contest and subsequently became Queen to the King. She was not, however, a native to the country over which her husband/King ruled. In fact, her native people were oppressed in the very country where she reigned. This didn't seem to be a problem until the time came that her people were facing a state sponsored genocide. A member of Hadassah's natural family reached out to the Queen and exhorted her to speak to the King of behalf of her people.

Now see, it was right at this moment that Hadassah was experiencing all the emotions of being Plan A. She was hesitant to speak to the King on behalf of her people; Hadassah was fearful for her own life. So the family member sent another message to Hadassah and in this message he went straight to the heart of the matter. (I happen to have a copy of the message Hadassah's uncle sent to her.) In the message, her uncle writes, "Who knows, perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Basically, the uncle is telling his niece that she is Plan A for saving her people from genocide and Plan B is known to no one.

The Queen accepted the awesome, humbling and startling call of being Plan A and she became the instrument of God's salvation for her people at that moment in time. The Queen's royal name was Esther and you can read all about it in your Bible.

I think there are times in your life when you are God's Plan A for reaching someone with the Gospel of salvation. You will have opportunities to share Jesus with people that I will never have; I will have opportunities to share Jesus with people that you will never have. You will come into contact with people in your circles of living that I may never meet; I will come into contact with people in my circles of living that you will never meet. During the course of a life spent walking with Jesus, we will all have those unique "Queen Esther" moments where we need to accept that in that particular moment, we are Plan A and Plan B is unknown. When staring down a challenging ministry/witnessing opportunity that God drops squarely into your path while simultaneously trying to think of a way to avoid the obvious, reflect on the wisdom of Uncle Mordecai: "Who know, perhaps you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

I stated earlier that it can be equal parts awesome, humbling and startling when you find that you are God's Plan A. That's why it is so important for you to know that God will supply whatever is needed in that moment. He made the way for Queen Esther. He made the way for Moses. He made the way for David and Daniel and Noah and Sarah and Joshua and Mary and Peter and Lazarus and Paul. God made the way for His greatest Plan A ever: Jesus. So remember this when you encounter a "Queen Esther" moment: you are not alone; you do not stand in your own strength; the outcome of the moment is in the hands of Another who is far greater! He just wants you to stand, and speak, faithfully. Cya Sunday, Pk.

