

First Words:

I. The _____ for coming back from a compromising situation

A. I am stepping up to do what God has called me to do because I know my life and my present circumstances are in the providential hand of God.

B. What is providence? - “Providence means that the hand of God is in the glove of human events. When God is not at the steering wheel, He is the backseat driver. He is the coach who calls the signals from the bench. Providence is the unseen rudder on the ship of state. God is the pilot at the wheel during the night watch. As someone has said, “He makes great doors swing on little hinges.” – J. Vernon McGee.

II. The _____ for coming back from a compromising situation

A. It will require that I get _____

1. Esther had lost her _____ - **Esther 2:15** - *When the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her as his own daughter, to go in to the king, she asked for nothing except what Hegai the king’s eunuch, who had charge of the women, advised. Now Esther was winning favor in the eyes of all who saw her.*

2. Esther had lost her _____ - **Esther 2:7** - *He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.*

The name Esther is from Babylonian love goddess – “Ishtar” or Persian “star”.

3. Esther had lost her _____

a. Esther was in a morally compromised individual - **Esther 2:12, 14** - *Now when the turn came for each young woman to go in to King Ahasuerus, after being twelve months under the regulations for the women, since this was the regular period of their beautifying, six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and ointments for women—¹⁴ In the evening she would go in, and in the morning she would return to the second harem in custody of Shaashgaz, the king’s eunuch, who was in charge of the concubines. She would not go in to the king again, unless the king delighted in her and she was summoned by name. – Exodus 20:14*

b. Esther was forced into a pagan marriage - **Esther 2:16-17** - *And when Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign,¹⁷ the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she won grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. - Deuteronomy 7:1-4, Contrast Esther 2:9 and Daniel. 1:5*

4. Esther had lost her _____ - Esther was a part of a persecuted people and hid her nationality - **Esther 2:20** - *Esther had not made known her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him.*

I need to experience and give out forgiveness and then move on.

B. It will require that I embrace the _____

1. I am highly privileged to serve God - I am not indispensable just honored - **Esther 4:13-14a** - *Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish.”*

2. I am where I am for the kingdom of God - **Esther 4:14b** – “*And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*”

I am uniquely positioned to serve God

C. It will require that I _____

1. Esther had a be willing to let go of her _____ - **Esther 5:2-3** - *And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.³ And the king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.”*

2. Esther had to be willing to let go of her _____ - **Esther 4:10-11** - *Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say,¹¹ “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.”* – See **Esther 4:16**

III. The _____ for coming back from a compromising situation

A. Esther’s coming back from a compromising situation preserved the _____ - **Esther 8:17** - *And in every province and in every city, wherever the king’s command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them.*

B. Esther’s coming back from a compromising situation preserved the _____ - **Esther 9:1** - *Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king’s command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.*

