

## HE KNOWS

**From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. Acts 17:26 (NIV)**

“All in His Time” is the theme of this devotional. Now that’s a topic with which I don’t do very well. Who likes to wait for an answer or an explanation? Who doesn’t want to know God’s plan *right now*?

When I first read this verse, it immediately made me think of Esther. Esther became a heroine of mine during the pandemic. Just one week before our school shut down, my fourth grade class presented the primary musical on the story of Esther. I became quite familiar with the story during those months of rehearsals. It is no wonder to me (in retrospect of course) that God led Mrs. Tapia to choose that musical that year. HE KNOWS. Ever since then, I have clung tightly to Mordecai telling Esther that she had come to her royal position “for such a time as this.” I can’t tell you how many times I asked God why I was the principal of a school during a global pandemic! Every time I asked, Esther came to mind. Had I not spent so much time hearing the story of Esther in those months, I would not have had the comfort that it brought to me. Just like with Queen Esther, much could have gone wrong, but with God, anything was possible.

At present, I am the co-chair of the Call Committee to select the next Senior Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church and School. We began this journey a little over a year ago. It is not an easy task to “let go and let God” lead us to the man he has already chosen for us. Thankfully, we are a group of faithful people, who remind each other of two things: we were chosen to be a part of this committee “for such a time as this,” and that God’s choice for us will be revealed in HIS time. HE KNOWS. God always knows, but I, a poor miserable sinner, struggle to remember that sometimes...okay, often! That’s when I turn to a friend’s favorite verse, Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

I will end with this thought. I often see the following quote on social media: “How cool is it that the same God that created mountains and oceans and galaxies looked at you and thought the world needed one of you, too?!” Read that again. God knew that His beautiful creation needed one of each of us, at this moment, in this place, *all* in His time.

***Prayer:*** Lord Jesus, You are an awesome God. Remind us that in good times and bad, You have a plan already in place for us. Help us to trust in You, for You know the plans You have for us. In Your most holy Name, Amen.

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