

# A Glorious Moment...

“LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE,  
BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY.”

- GEORGE CARLIN



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God's Princesses!



## Day 2: Esther

### Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that God will lead and direct the Leadership Team to build God's Kingdom.
- Pray for each of these women to shine in their natural abilities to lead.
- Pray for protection on them and their schools.
- Pray for wisdom for the Leadership team.
- Pray for confidence and boldness.

My friend Laurie sent me a wonderful devotion series that she utilized with the women in Parkland's church. I shared this at the leadership retreat and it made a powerful impact on the women who attended. The series is by Beth Moore and I am inspired to share it with you whether you are a woman or a man in this season in time. I hope that you can relate to these stories – I also hope that they will help you during times of feeling over-shadowed, underrated, over-wrought, under-attacked, over-anxious and over-responsible. I will share it in point form and hopefully you will take the time to study it yourself because it sure has inspired our lives!

1. It's tough being a woman in another woman's shadow. (Esther 1:1-22)

For those times we feel overshadowed. (Psalms 91:1)

2. It's tough being a woman in a world where beauty is a treatment. (Esther 2:1-7)

For those times we feel underrated. (Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 / Psalms 40:2-3)

3. It's tough being a woman in a mean world. (Esther 3:1-5)

For those times we feel overwrought (Ephesians 2:10 / 1 Timothy 1:15-19)

4. It's tough being a woman thrown into a grant sized-weight. (Esther 4:1-14)

For those times we feel under-qualified. (1 Peter 5:7 / Deut. 23:5)

5. It's tough being a woman who is in a tight fist of fear. (Esther 4:11-17)

For those times we feel under-attacked. (Deut. 23:9 / Neh. 4:14)

6. It's tough being a woman who can balance patience with passion. (Esther 5:1-8)

For those times we feel over-anxious (Isaiah 30:18)

7. It's tough being a woman who feels responsible for the "HOW." (Esther 6:6-11)

For those times we feel over-responsible. (2 Peter 2:9 / Psalms 103:14)

Remember that you are Royalty! You're a princess or prince in God's kingdom. You are highly valued by God! You are priceless!(1 Peter 2:9-10)

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# A Khayelitsha Moment...

"I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: First, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

- Hudson Taylor



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## For such a time as this!

### Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray that God's will be done with this family problem and that all hurt feelings will be healed.
- Pray for Mama Nosandla's Church and Preschool.
- Praise God that a church in Surrey has offered to donate some food money for the preschool this year.
- Pray for Mama Nosandla's health and well being. She is a very busy woman with many responsibilities. Pray that she can prioritize her time.

I had a meeting with Mama Nosandla the following Monday after the retreat. She couldn't make it to the retreat because she had just arrived home from East London. After I shared what had happened at the retreat, Mama Nosandla told me what was happening in her life. She shared that her sister-in-law was taking her to court because she was not willing to give her sister Linda's identity number who had died last December. She told me that her sister-in-law had insured Linda on her policy and now wants to claim the insurance money for herself. Mama Nosandla feels that this is wrong, to take advantage of a dead person for financial gain. Common practice for families in South Africa is when an extended family member is insured under you and that person dies you would then claim the insurance on that person before the funeral. Xhosa funerals are very expensive and that is why you would claim insurance money before hand so that all the family members can share in the cost of the funeral.

The Xhosas often mourn for over a week. The whole community is often involved in the funeral ceremonies and they usually go back to the Eastern Cape to do the funeral. I then felt compelled to share with her what I learned about Esther this past weekend because she was going through a lot of things that we went over from the book of Esther. The cool thing is that she was meaning to read it herself. I then realized it was God's purpose for me to meet with her and encourage her (God's divine appointments!). It's amazing how a study in Canada on the book of Esther can make such a great impact on women here in South Africa. Thanks Laurie for taking God's lead in sharing what you learned in Parklands women's bible study. Pray that God's will shine through this court case!

