

"Family is More than Blood"
Awkward Family Christmas Series
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"Who knows, but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this." Esther 4:14

"Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish." Esther 4:13-14

Mordecai says to Esther, "Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Instead of looking at your influence as a means to move yourself ahead, what if you were to use it to **SERVE PEOPLE**?

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:34-40

Jesus gave it all FOR YOU!

Who is your neighbor?

Mainly it's the "<u>LEAST OF THESE</u>!"

"Who knows but that you have come to church today for such a time as this?"