



Week 4



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS  
AN EMERGENCY DEVOTIONAL  
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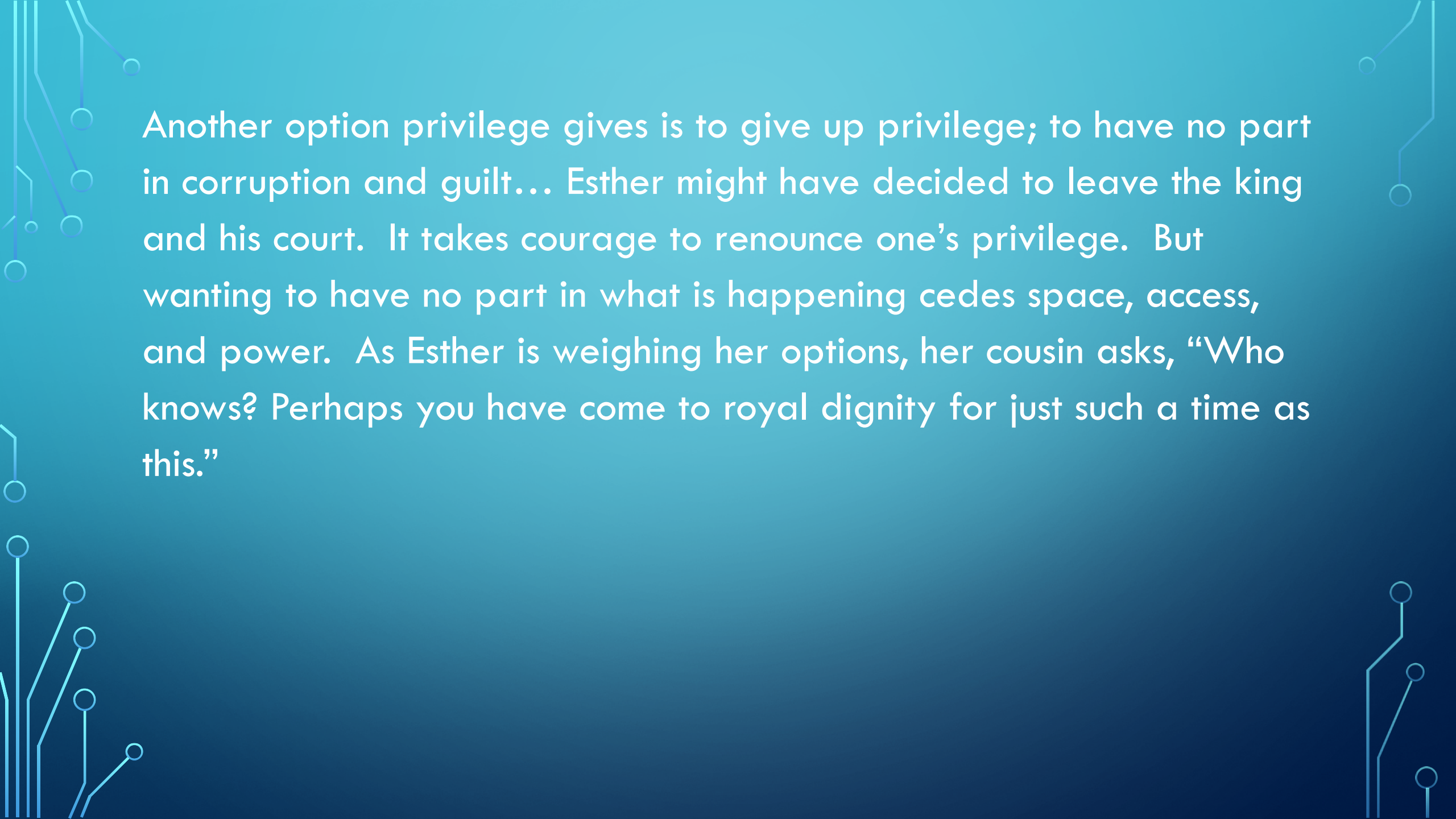


Power corrupts. But power also grants access. Privilege insulates and detaches. But it also enables effective action. Use whatever power and privilege you have.


Privilege gives you options [for responding to challenges].

One option may be to do nothing, to protect yourself. This is understandable. It is also cowardly. Ultimately, it is an illusion. As Esther is torn between protecting her life, or that of her people, her cousin reminds her, “Do not think that in the King’s palace, you will escape anymore than all the other Jews.”



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Another option privilege gives is to give up privilege; to have no part in corruption and guilt... Esther might have decided to leave the king and his court. It takes courage to renounce one's privilege. But wanting to have no part in what is happening cedes space, access, and power. As Esther is weighing her options, her cousin asks, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."



Totalitarianism seeks to incorporate all areas of life. That means it will place demands upon you wherever you are – at a court or in a patrol car, in school or at a supermarket, in a state park or in a research institution. No conscientious objection or dropping out of human society can spare you from responsibility and guilt.

The question is not: How do you stay morally pure? The question is: What is the best possible use of the power entrusted to you?





Totalitarianism seeks to incorporate all areas of life. That also means all areas of life become sites of resistance.

You will resist most effectively where you have the most experience and knowledge, the best networks and connections, the furthest access and reach. Maybe, like Esther, God has given them to you “for such a time as this.”

