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First Reading ~ *Ester 4:12-14*

When Mordecai heard Esther's reply, he wrote back the following response: "Don't fool yourself into thinking that, just because you are in the imperial palace, you will be the only Jewish person to escape. If you insist on remaining silent at this time, vindication and liberation will come to our people through another source, but both you and your family will surely die. Who's to say? You may have come into the royal court for just a time as this."

Second Reading ~ *Matthew 5:14-16*

You are the light of the world. You don't build a city on a hill, then try to hide under it, do you? You don't light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven.