A Time Such As This
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**Esther 4:14**
For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. *Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

Tell of someone who:
- Broken hearted; lost best friend
- Needed love, understanding, compassion
- Why were you there that particular day?

Conclusion of the matter: If not you, then who?

Tell of someone else who:
- Broken hearted; lost best friend
- Needed love, understanding, compassion
- Why were you there that particular day

Conclusion of the matter: Scripture answers that...

**2 Cor 5:17-21** *(Ambassadors for Christ to perform these very things)*
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**.
18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
20 Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were **pleading through us**: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.
21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Opportunity comes

Ask someone else who knew someone:
- Broken hearted; far from God
- Needed love, understanding, compassion, truth
- Why was Kelly there that day

Conclusion of the matter:
Ask another person:

Broken hearted; terror in the night, no where to turn
Needed love, understanding, compassion, Jesus
Why were we there that day

Conclusion of the matter:

**Matt 21:28-31** *(What if we are reluctant....)*

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'
29 "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.
30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.
31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."

One was weary and didn’t want to allot so much time to the needy person.
It would have been easier to avoid the person altogether..
Anothers’s problem seemed to hard to solve.
We didn’t know them that well....could have left it to someone else.

**Matt 25:31-46**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.
32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.
33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;
36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?'
38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?
39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"
40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'
41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:
42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;
43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'
44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'
45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'
46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Take the time for Ambassador work. Look for the opportunities.