

RCMI L-Path Teaching
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TITLE: The Power of Influence (Take Advantage of the New Normal)

TEXT: *Esther 4:1-3, 9-16*

BIG IDEA: As we navigate through the New Normal, we have the power to influence the world to a better future.

INTRO:

- **Influence** is the power to impact a person, thing, or course of events, either indirectly or directly.
- In today's social media world, this word is transformed to "Influencers". People who have many followers and able to impact their lives.
- **We all have the ability or the power to influence.** That is a given, not a question. **How we use it is a decision.**
- It only varies from people to people, from time to time, situation to situation.

Exercising the Power to Influence:

1. We all have the opportunity to influence.
 - a. *Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*
 - b. Opportunities arises from change. If there is no change, there is no opportunity. And if there is opportunity, our influence is limited.
 - c. What are the changes that happened to you this COVID-19 Pandemic?
 - d. What are the opportunities that was created due to those changes?
 - e. Did we make the most out of those opportunities?
 - f. Or are we looking forward to getting back normal?
 - g. For many people, Normal means Comfort. It is the way we used to be.
 - h. And this is where the problem arises, people are missing the opportunity because they only look for what is comfortable.
 - i. Activity:
 - i. What are the opportunities you are seeing in the new normal?
 - ii. List it down per area, Family, Work/Business, Community/Church.
 - iii. Create an action plan on how to make the most of those opportunities.
2. We need to be willing to exercise our influence.
 - a. What did Esther say, *"I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."*
 - b. She was willing to pay the price to make an influence. Are we as well?
 - c. Why is Esther willing to pay the price? Because her faith in God was bigger than her situation.
 - d. In this COVID-19 Pandemic, how is our faith? Is it bigger than our situations? Or is it shrinking given the challenges we are experiencing?
 - e. Our new normal should not hinder us but should push us to be bigger than our situation.
 - f. It is not an accident we are here in this situation, in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

- g. We are positioned for such a time like this to have a positive influence on other people.
- h. And our willingness to do God's will in this new normal will influence the future of our family, our church, our communities, our work, others.
- i. Activity:
 - i. List down what we are willing to do on this new normal.
 - ii. What are the things we will do immediately to exercise our power to influence?
 - iii. These can be:
 - 1. Speak out – share the Gospel, testify God's goodness, encourage people, others.
 - 2. Serve others – volunteer in your community, neighbors, help train people to be better, use whatever gift you have.
 - 3. Give – look for people who are in need and give them something. Plan to commit a portion of your income to bless others.

Conclusion:

As Christians, we need to have a positive influence in this world. We need to take hold of the future by making the most out of the opportunities that we have.
Let us be influencers! This is our new normal!

Note: LPath Leaders to help monitor the outcome of the 2 Activities. Help your members to progress on the actions. Encourage people to make the it a living list. It changes as new opportunities comes by.