

Ecclesiastes | In Time

Day 1: There Is A Time For Everything

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Life does not arrive in a single, manageable season. It comes in waves -- birth and death, laughter and weeping, building and tearing down. Solomon's ancient list reads like a biography of every human being who has ever lived. You have been in more than one of these seasons already, and you will visit others still. The temptation is to rush through the painful seasons and cling desperately to the pleasant ones. But God does not abandon you in the transition between them. He is present in the harvest and the uprooting alike.

Today, name the season you are in. Resist the urge to escape it prematurely. Ask God to meet you right where you are, because He already knows the way through.

Day 2: God Makes Everything Beautiful In Its Time

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:9-11

Solomon makes a stunning declaration -- that God has made everything beautiful in its appropriate time. This is not a promise that every moment will feel beautiful while you are living through it. It is a promise that God is at work shaping even the ragged and painful edges of your life into something fitting within His larger design. He has also placed eternity in your heart, which means you will always sense that there is more to the story than what you can currently see. When a season feels senseless, that longing for meaning is not weakness -- it is evidence that you were made for something beyond the moment. Trust the One who sees the whole story.

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Day 3: You Were Not Made To Walk Alone

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Solomon looked at a man living entirely alone and called it meaningless. That is a strong word, but it reflects a deep spiritual truth. God has designed human beings for community. The person beside you in a difficult season is not merely a comfort -- they are often the instrument God uses to lift you, warm you, and defend you when you have nothing left. In Romans 12:15-16, believers are called to enter into one another's joys and sorrows fully. This kind of community does not happen accidentally. It requires investment, vulnerability, and time. ***Spend some time today reflecting on whether you are building the kind of relationships that will hold when the hard seasons come.***

Day 4: The Eternal Itch

Reading: Psalm 31:14-16; John 13:7

Augustine famously confessed that the human soul remains restless until it finds its rest in God. Solomon arrived at the same conclusion thousands of years earlier. No good season fully satisfies the deepest longing of the human heart, and no bad season has the final word over it. God has wired you for eternity, which means temporary things -- no matter how wonderful -- were never designed to bear the full weight of your need for meaning and peace. When Jesus told His disciples they would not understand what He was doing until later, He was inviting them into trust rather than explanation. Your times are in His hands. That is enough. ***Spend some time today thinking about what it looks like for you to bypass the "explanations" of situations you walk through and simply trust that the Father has you in His hands.***

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Day 5: The Cross and Every Season

Reading: Romans 8:31-39

The cross is the ultimate answer to Solomon's burden. It is the moment in history when the eternal God entered fully into the worst of human times -- suffering, abandonment, and death -- and transformed it into the source of eternal life. Paul declares in Romans 8 that nothing in all of creation is able to separate believers from the love of God. Not the seasons of mourning. Not the seasons of silence. Not the seasons of war or uprooting or grief. God was not absent from the cross, and He is not absent from whatever you are carrying today. The same One who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in your story. Every season bends toward His glory. ***Spend some time today in gratitude towards the Father for His faithful presence in every circumstance of your life.***