

# seasons



## **Ecclesiastes 3:1, NLT**

*For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.*

God is **FOR US**.

## **Exodus 20:5b-6, NLT**

*<sup>5b</sup>...the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. <sup>6</sup>But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.*

How we **MANAGE** today **MATTERS** tomorrow.

## **Genesis 41:28-31**

*<sup>28</sup>“It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup>Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup>but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. <sup>31</sup>The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe.”*

## **Genesis 41:53-55**

*<sup>53</sup>The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end <sup>54</sup>and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. <sup>55</sup>When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph and do what he tells you.”*

## **John 14:12**

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

Where have you been trying to **CONTROL** what God has invited you to **MANAGE**?

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

### **You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

:: What is your favorite season of the year? Why is that?

:: What is one way you have seen God at work in the long season of 2020?

:: Pastor Jeremiah reminded us that “God is for us.” How should this change the way we receive and interact with the different seasons of life, including those marked by significant challenge or difficulty?

:: Read Genesis 41.

:: Joseph was asked to manage seasons and circumstances for & with someone else (Pharaoh). What might this teach us about our posture in walking with others in their seasons of life?

:: What are some times when you felt like life was happening **at you** or **to you** rather than with you? How did you navigate those?

:: Pastor Jeremiah noted the difference between **management** and **control**. How do you see the significance of that distinction in Joseph’s story?

:: Read John 14:12 (we encourage you to read through verse 27 if you have time). What does this tell us about how we can find wisdom and confidence as we navigate our own life-seasons?

:: What area of your life did you identify as a place where you’ve been seeking to **control** more than to **manage**? Share this with someone you trust who can pray with and for you; invite them to check-in on how you’re doing as you seek to walk in open-handed stewardship here.

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