

# seasons



## **Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 [NIV]**

*<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

*<sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

### **Psalm 20:4**

*May he grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill your purpose!*

## **Philippians 4:12-13 [NIV]**

*<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

Your **PERSPECTIVE** can be greater than  
your **CIRCUMSTANCES** dictate.

*"The trees are about to show us how beautiful letting go can be."*

*- Unknown*

## **Romans 12:15-16 [NIV]**

*<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

If we won't accept our season, we may miss the **GIFT** in it.

## **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:**

:: As you reflect on the season of life that you are currently in, how would you name it?

:: How do you feel about your current season?

:: Pastor Beth talked about the importance of knowing whether something is a problem to solve or a tension to manage being vital to our health in a season.

:: Why is it important for us to understand the difference?

:: How do we know when we are mixing these two applications?

:: Read/Reread Philippians 4:12-13.

:: Where do you struggle with being content? Why is that?

:: What would it look like for God's strength to be more present with you in that struggle?

:: Fall leaves symbolize the beauty of letting go. Where do you need surrender so that you have room for God to work in your season?

:: A crucial part of our journey to contentment is to accept the season we are in and to have eyes to see Holy Spirit working in it.

:: Ask Holy Spirit how he wants you to be more present in the NOW of your season and invite a perspective that allows you to see how God is working.

:: Ask someone to pray for you & help hold you accountable to take a next step.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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*In every season, God is inviting us to connect more deeply with him, others, and our purpose. We encourage you to utilize the Orange Prayer Tags at our BridgePointe levee as you identify your season & commit to allow Holy Spirit to work in your life for the honor and glory of God! Know that we are praying for you as you grow with Him.*



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