



#3 "The Right Time"

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Also, he has put eternity into man's heart Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

- We Are CAPTIVE To Time.

"One Of The Reasons We Feel This Underlying Tension With Time, Is That We Live Our Lives In A Reactive Posture Towards Time."

- We Have Absolutely No CONTROL Over The Seasons & Times Of Our Lives

"When we realized we are living in this reactive posture toward the seasons of life over which we have no control, there is something deep inside of us that well up and says: This isn't right!!!"

A Misguided Understanding of Eternity:

ETERNITY PAST ←----- BIRTH -- DEATH -----→ ETERNITY FUTURE

A Biblical View of Eternity:

- Eternity Is ESCAPING Time Altogether
- God Exists OUTSIDE Of Time.
- God RULES Over Time

"The Only Way You And I Can Escape Form The "Vanity" Of Time Is To Look To The One Who Exists Outside Of Time"

Time = Hebrew = נָעַם = Greek = Kairos = Καιρός

"A convergence of events for a specific purpose"

- We Measure Whether We Truly Believe That God Is Active In The Times & Seasons Of Our Lives By Our Own ACTIVITY

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the **time** (Καιρός), because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16[NKJV]

"What Are You Doing With The Most Precious Resource
God Has Entrusted You With - Your Time?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

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- How is your relationship with time? All the time in the world? Never enough time? Somewhere in between?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

- Discuss the statement; "*We are captive to time.*" Do you agree? Do you disagree? Why?
- Do you find yourself in a reactive posture to the different seasons of your life? Why?
- What do you think Solomon means by: "*He (God) has put eternity into man's heart.*"
- Describe your understanding of eternity?
- Discuss the statement; "*Eternity is escaping time altogether*"

The Septuagint (Greek Hebrew Bible) translates "time" in this passage in Ecclesiastes as "Kairos" (a convergence of events for a specific purpose)

- How does this change your understand of the season & times of your life?

Read Ephesians 5:15-16

- How does this passage and Solomon's teaching change your understanding of how you should spend or invest your time?

Action Step:

- This week down one or two changes you will make in your life in light of what you have learnt through this series; "Made to Multiply" – Then share them with your group.

Sources:

Michael Kelly "The Right Time" Lifeway Christian Resources
ESV Study Bible

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