

TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Life unfolds in seasons—times of joy, sorrow, beginnings, and endings. In Ecclesiastes 3, we see life’s rhythm in 28 carefully paired moments, a poetic reflection of life’s totality. Yet while we are bound by the limits of time, the author of the book wants us to recognize that God exists beyond it, weaving our broken and beautiful moments into a greater story we cannot fully see.

☐ **Monday: Read Acts 1:6-8.**

Before Pentecost, the disciples wanted to know *when*, but Jesus pointed them instead to a *what*. *What* should you be doing now: witnessing. Where are you tempted to ask, “When, God?” and how might God be shifting you to ask, “What now?”

☐ **Tuesday: Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.**

Which “season” from this passage most resonates with your current life stage?
How does naming your season help you better receive it as part of God's rhythm?

☐ **Wednesday: Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-11.**

The Teacher says God has “set eternity in the human heart,” yet we cannot fully grasp what God is doing. What longings or questions do you carry about time, purpose, or meaning?

☐ **Thursday: Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-13.**

These verses suggest that finding joy in daily life is not selfish, but sacred. What small joy can you receive today as a gift from God? How can you slow down enough to savor it?

☐ **Friday: Read Ecclesiastes 3:14-15.**

How does it comfort or challenge you to know that God's work is permanent while ours is temporary? What would it look like to invest your time in things that endure?

☐ **Saturday: Read Psalm 31:14-15.**

The psalmist hands “my times” over to God. In what areas of life do you struggle to relinquish control? What would it look like to surrender your “timing” to God?

Like children trusting their parents, we are invited to trust the One who holds the whole picture.

True satisfaction isn’t found in controlling the time we have – it’s found in resting in God’s eternal purposes, knowing that what God does endures forever.