

Seasons Come, Seasons Go

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Scripture

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace. ...

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil-this is the gift of God. -- Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11-13 (NIV)

The moment we get tired in the waiting, God's spirit is right alongside, helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. -- Romans 8:26-28 (The Message)

Key Points

- Seasons are a normal part of life, and so are the emotions that come with them.
- Each season has a purpose, even if we don't understand it.
- Seek God and you'll find the beauty that is part of each season of life.
- I may not have the power to change my season, but I can always choose my response.

"That's why knowing your purpose and priorities for a given season is so valuable – because those commitments become the litmus test for all the decisions you face." – Shauna Niequist



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