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## What's the Point of Time? Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a

**Freedom to feel and experience the full spectrum of human emotions.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11a - *"Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time."*

- God is Anti-Robot
  - God gave us free-will in the Garden on purpose
  - He desires raw, real, authentic encounters with his children
- The Psalms diversity show us that all emotions can be worshipful
- "Wherever you are, be all there." - Jim Elliott

### Permission to Experience Conflicting Emotions Simultaneously

- The cross was both joyful and agonizing
  - *"For the joy set before him"* - Hebrews 12:2
  - *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."* - Matthew 26:38
- Through the power of the Spirit, we are not limited to one emotion/season at a time
  - *"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."* - Romans 12:15

### Hope That a New Season Will Arrive

- The term "seasons" implies that they change and shift
  - Satan tricks us into thinking that the way things are now, are the way things will always be
- Whether on this side of eternity or the other, we have hope for a light to break through
  - Revelation 21:4 - *"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11** (NLT)

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

2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

9 What do workers gain from their toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. 11 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.

### **Next Steps:**

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