

FOR EVERYTHING A SEASON

Ecclesiastes 3.1-15 // May 12, 2019

THE SUM OF ALL PARTS

Life is not one dimensional. It is not lived in a vacuum. In a world in which for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, we also see that karma (thankfully) doesn't hold (always) true.

Time holds us captive, and there is no getting out of it. Time is filled with both good and bad; things that we can control and things that are out of our control. From birth to death, we are bound by time, and the many varying seasons it brings.

ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD

Romans 8.28

God makes everything beautiful in its time. But, that means it takes time, as well as perspective that is fueled by trust in His sovereignty over time and the seasons of life.

**I have learned to kiss the waves
that throw me against the Rock of Ages.**

-C.H. Spurgeon

HOW DO WE TRUST?

The Preacher acknowledges that everything God does is eternal. For us, everything we do is like chasing the wind, but not so for Him. He is the One who holds all things in His hands, and the One that upholds the universe by the Word of His power. He speaks, and things come to be. He speaks, and those same things cease to exist.

We must learn to fear God. That is, to have a trembling trust of the One who holds the power of our lives in His hands, yet is the One who promises to never leave us nor forsake us.

Genesis 50.20 // Galatians 4.4-7 // Revelation 22.13 // Acts 1.7,8
Psalm 31.15, 16 // 2 Peter 3.8, 9



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 5:19

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Ecclesiastes 3.1-15**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

The Preacher acknowledges that life has many ups, downs, pains, sorrows, as well as joys. But what Good News does he give us that we can remind ourselves of when we are going through the difficult seasons of life?

Repent and Ask for Provision

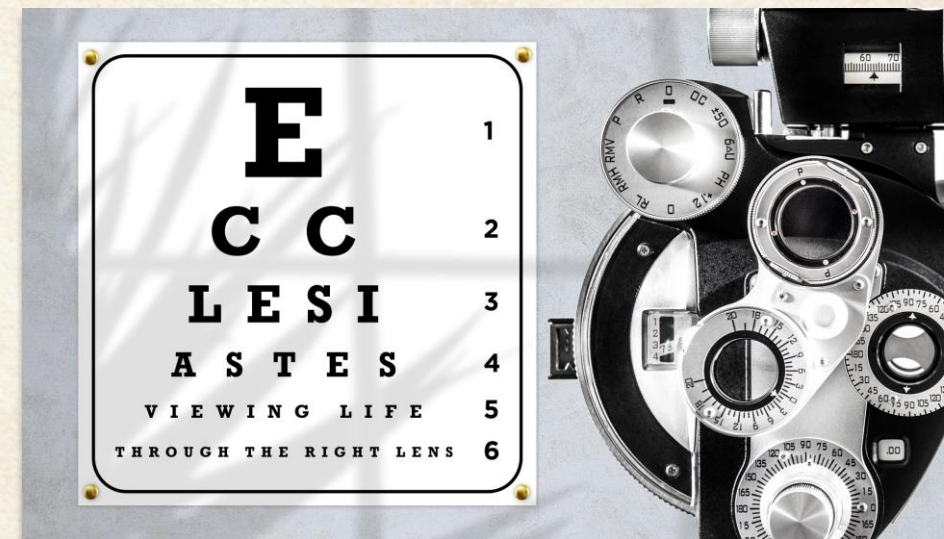
What is your usual response when you are in a tough season? In what ways do you neglect the right perspective of God's sovereignty and good, eternal plan? What might you ask God for so that you can perceive and see as the Preacher does?

Your Life Mission

God has you in a particular season. As a matter of fact, you are in specific seasons (plural). Maybe you have young kids, or you are single; you work alone or in a tight knit group; you have good health or have been fatigued. It's not that we should not hope for change out of bad situations, but we ought also to learn godly contentment in them, and use them for good.

What seasons of your life has God given you (past or present) that might invite conversations or social settings with non-believers that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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