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"TIME TO EMBRACE YOUR SEASON OF LIFE"

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ISAIAH 26:3 (NASB) *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

GENESIS 8:22 (NASB) *While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night SHALL NOT CEASE.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NASB) *There is an appointed TIME for everything. And there is a time for EVERY EVENT under heaven.*

I. YOU ARE IN A SEASON OF LIFE.

CHRISTMAS TRUTH: We all cycle seasons of life, and our cycle differs usually from our family and friends.

TRUTH: Every Christmas that rolls around, you and your family are growing closer or growing apart in frustration from the seasons of your lives.

NOTE: 1) When God created the earth, He set up seasons of weather (Genesis 8:22).
2) God also set seasons of human activity (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES:

1. You can't control them.

a) Grief is a season of life.

INSIGHT: We may know differing seasons of life come, but we can't predict their arrival or exit.

b) Waiting is a season.

STABILIZING TRUTH: God is determining your season and its duration (Daniel 2:21).

2. Seasons of life are often confusing.

INSIGHT: Seasonal understanding is usually after the fact.

INSIGHT: Some seasons of our lives we'll never understand (John 13:7).

3. God has a purpose in every season (Romans 8:28 Amp).

TRUTH: If you're a believer, nothing comes into your life that hasn't been filtered by your heavenly Father.

4. Sow now, reap later (Galatians 6:9).

TRUTH: Reaping a blessing doesn't come to those who drop out, walk off and go back into the world.

II. YOUR TAKE-AWAY FROM TODAY

1. What's God teaching you in this season of your life?

TRUTH: Life is a test, preparation for eternity.

2. In the school of life if you flunk the test, you take it over!

INVITATION QUESTION: What's the most important lesson in your present season of life?

1. Trust not in yourself, but in God (2 Corinthians 1:9).

2. You have to make choices in each season (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

3. You don't have lots of time
(Philippians 4:11).