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# THANKFUL

*in all seasons*

## "GROW IN YOUR SEASON"

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**GENESIS 8:22 (ESV)**, *"While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease..."*

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (ESV)**, *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*

**INSIGHT:** The seasons of our lives, our marriages, our jobs, and our relationships are God's tools to encourage you and me to grow up in our faith.

**TRUTH:** You and I have to go through various seasons in order to mature and grow.

### FIVE GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES:

#### I. WE CAN'T COMMAND OUR SEASONS; WE LIVE THROUGH THEM.

**\*INSIGHT:** Seasonal changes of life begin with an irritation, or an interruption, or an inconvenience.

**INSIGHT:** Grief is a season of life.

**INSIGHT:** Waiting is a season of life.

**TRUTH:** God determines the season of the moment and its duration (Daniel 2:21ESV).

**INSIGHT:** Our world today looks bleak and worrisome, but the Bible says God is in ultimate control, and it's moving toward a destiny that He has in mind.

#### II. THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES ARE USUALLY CONFUSING.

**INSIGHT:** We usually understand the season we're in when the season ends.

**INSIGHT:** Understanding the purpose of our season is usually hindsight, not foresight (Psalm 61:2; Isaiah 50:10).

**INSIGHT:** God doesn't owe us explanations.

### **III. EVERY SEASON SERVES A PURPOSE OF GOD (Romans 8:28).**

**QUESTION:** Where are you on the trust scale regarding the times of your life? John 10:27ff

**INSIGHT:** God can take every single event of my life and yours, no matter how dark or shameful or bad we feel about it, and He can bring good out of it.

### **IV. THE SEASONS OF LIFE HAVE GOOD AND BAD TIMES (Ecclesiastes 3:2-8).**

### **V. WHAT WE SOW IN ONE SEASON, WE REAP IN ANOTHER.**

**INSIGHT:** Tithing is planting seed in one season and reaping in another. When tithing is a way of life, then you enter a life of financial reaping and providential protection and provision that builds over time.

### **VI. TWO QUESTIONS TO GUIDE OUR LIVES**

**QUESTION #1:** What can I learn in this season? Deuteronomy 11:2; 2 Corinthians 1:9

**TRUTH:** You'll never know God is all you need till He is all you've got.

**QUESTION #2:** How can I help others in this season of my life? Ephesians 2:10

**INSIGHT:** Things never settle down. It's called life! That means if you don't serve now, you'll probably die never having served others for Christ's sake (Proverbs 3:27).

**TRUTH:** The secret of happiness is: Service (Mark 10:45).