

“To Live is to Change”

Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. Four encouragements concerning the ‘seasons’ of life”.

A. expect \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - “There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season. <sup>2</sup> There is a time to be born and a time to die. There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants. <sup>3</sup> There is a time to kill and a time to heal. There is a time to destroy and a time to build. <sup>4</sup> There is a time to cry and a time to laugh. There is a time to be sad and a time to dance. <sup>5</sup> There is a time to throw away stones and a time to gather them. There is a time to hug and a time not to hug. <sup>6</sup> There is a time to look for something and a time to stop looking for it. There is a time to keep things and a time to throw things away. <sup>7</sup> There is a time to tear apart and a time to sew together. There is a time to be silent and a time to speak. <sup>8</sup> There is a time to love and a time to hate. There is a time for war and a time for peace.”

B. accept \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 – “<sup>9</sup> Do people really gain anything from their work? <sup>10</sup> I saw the hard work God has given people to do. <sup>11</sup> God has given them a desire to know the future. He does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.”

C. \_\_\_\_\_ life

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 – “<sup>12</sup> So I realize that the best thing for them is to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live. <sup>13</sup> God wants all people to eat and drink and be happy in their work, which are gifts from God.”

D. \_\_\_\_\_ God

Ecclesiastes 3:14-15 – **“<sup>14</sup> I know that everything God does will continue forever. People cannot add anything to what God has done, and they cannot take anything away from it. God does it this way to make people respect him. <sup>15</sup> What happens now has happened in the past, and what will happen in the future has happened before. God makes the same things happen again and again.”**

2. God's ways are \_\_\_\_\_ the scenes; but He is moving ALL THE SCENES which He is behind. We have to learn this, and let Him work.