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TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens.

Time—Duration, period, season, in number. A non-spatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession.

Succession—The act of following in order.

Time is something we all could use more of. It seems as though it's never enough time to complete the different tasks or goals we have set for ourselves.

Time is also something people without a vision are not concerned about because they aren't going to do anything.

Solomon referred to himself as the Preacher, meaning "one who gathers or assembles". Solomon was gathering and assembling the people to hear and listen to the wise sayings or proverbs God had placed in him. Solomon had everything a man could dream of, but although he had everything, he had tried everything, he speaks about the emptiness of all that this world has to offer.

Solomon stated to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. It's a time to live and a time to die, there is a time for joy as well as a time for sorrow. There is a time we will decrease and time of increase. There's a time we will encounter one of these seasons whether we want to or not.

We all have an ordained time to meet up with our destiny. We can't rush it nor can we miss it, as some would say. Whatever God has ordained for our lives shall come to pass. No matter what someone else may think or say, whatever God has promised us, it shall come to pass.

Hebrew 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession (confession) of our faith (hope) without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised).

There will be times in our life that seems as though we're surrounded with hopelessness, but rather than looking at the situation and circumstances; grab hold of God's word and don't let it go. The God we serve is not like man that He should lie. ***If*** God has spoken it, it shall come to pass. If a word has been spoken and it didn't come to pass that's an indication that God didn't speak it, but our own hearts and emotions. The word of God teaches us not to believe every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. Every spirit speaking to our minds isn't the Spirit of God and because we are spirit beings our spirit will speak to us and we will think we heard from God. When the Spirit speaks it lines up with the word of God. We're listening to three spirits; God's, Satan's and our own. We're praying, fasting and confessing God's word in our circumstances and situations, but we have not yet seen the Word manifest itself. Hold on, God is coming, don't give up, don't doubt, but continue to speak the Word and believe!

The reason why some prayers haven't been answered is because we are either praying prayers that is not in God's will or it's not the time for the prayer to be answered. No matter how we fast and pray, if it's not in God's will or in God's timing, the prayer will not be answered.

We have to learn how to wait on God. No matter how many years ago you prayed for something, if it was in God's will, the prayer shall be answered!

Many times God speaks to us or He will speak through someone to let us know a portion of His plan for our life. If it takes too long for the word that was spoken to manifest, we will begin to "help" God. Then once our assistance fell, we're in a slump, wondering if God will fulfill His word. Let's stop trying to help God, and learn how to wait on God, and in your waiting, stand fast in your faith.

God promised Abraham a child, but because the promised was delayed or denied according to Abraham and Sarah, they began to give God some help. In there helping, two things occurred. First, Abraham should have told his wife they were going to wait on the promise of God and refused to have a relationship with someone other than his wife. Abraham committed adultery, he and his wife were representing the works of the flesh. Although it was in their customs during that time frame, it was not one of God's ordinance.

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Customs come from man, not God. Secondly, it brought division, discord, strife, contention and hurt between Sarah and her handmaid, Hagar. Whenever we do things our way rather than God's way, it causes problems. Abraham was to rule his house, and Sarah was to submit to his authority as it lined up with the Word of God.

When God first gave the promise to Abraham he was seventy-five years old. The promise didn't come to pass until Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac was born. Abraham waited twenty-five years to see and enjoy the promise made to him. Believe God no matter how long it takes for the promise to fulfill itself. In our waiting God is placing more of Himself in us, that whatever situation or circumstance we're in, we will exemplify the Father and the Son.

As Saints, we're continually going through different seasons. Times of happiness, joy and peace. Then there are times we go from valley to valley. There are times when our prayer life isn't where it should be, we're not reading and studying the Word of God as we use to. We're not practicing sin, but we're not where we should be in the Lord. Don't faint, keep trying to get back what you have lost and eventually, you will receive it. That is why the Bible tells us to fight the good fight of faith. When we find ourselves slothful in an area, we have to fight to get it back, we can't lose hope, we can't stop fighting. We have to speak to the situation and circumstance and tell it to get back, and bring forth what God has for us. If we don't walk in agreement with what the devil is trying to give us, we will not receive it, but will receive the things God wants us to have. There will be times our faith is on the mountain top, and we're binding and casting out everything that looks like it's from the devil.

Then there are times we know it's from the devil, and we will not say a word. We will not use our authority. The devil will have given us several severe hits before we wake up and start using our authority, and if we're fearful we will not use the authority once we realize it's the devil!

Throughout our lives we will be in a time zone. A time we're in a peaceful state and a time when no matter how we pray, fast, rebuke, bind, and cast-out, we will be in a time of war. Being attack in our bodies, family, marriages, employment, finances, children and even in the house of worship. Whatever time zone we're in, we must learn to stand firm in our faith and in God. It's during the attack our faith will weaken, if we haven't been sending up prayer and praises prior to the attack. Religious people wait until their in the war before they pray, prayer and praise need to be sent up way before the time of war.

When the children of Israel were in Egypt, it was a time for them to be afflicted by the task masters, but the more they were afflicted the more they grew. Now, take it on the spiritual side. The more we're afflicted the more we seek God, the more we seek God, the more of Him we will receive, the more we receive of him the more we will grow!

When God made the promise that He was going to give the children of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey they had to fight the giants that were in the land. God didn't tell them He was going to fight the giants, He told them He was going to give them the land. Whenever God tell us He's going to give us something, we have to fight the giants of doubt and unbelief. When we have been promised healing, we have to fight the giants of symptoms of sickness until healing manifest itself. God gives it. It's our responsibility to fight to receive it as well as fight to keep it, because the devil will try to take what God has given us, and he will, if we let him!

Prior to Joseph's reign as governor over the land of Egypt, he was first thrown in a pit where there was no water. How many times have we been in a pit of sorrow, a pit of worry, and we can't feel the flowing of the Holy Spirit like rivers of water?

When Joseph was thrown into the pit, it wasn't like God didn't know what was going on with Joseph. It was Joseph's time to be in the pit just as when we're in a pit, it's our time, but sooner or later, liberty comes, if the Spirit of God dwells in us. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

After being thrown in the pit, he was sold to Ishmaelite. There are times we go in to the spirit of slavery of resentment or unforgiveness, jealousy or envy because of someone's actions or words. Sometimes they will say or do something that will set us up for slavery, this is a just a time to find our what's really in us! If we have the Lord in us, like we say we have, then we will be able to divert from the snares and traps Satan sets up for us.

Esther was made queen after Queen Vashti refused to obey the King. You see, Vashti's time of disobedient gave lead way for Esther to become Queen. There are many times we have lost blessings because we didn't obey our King.

Morcedia was promoted to a position where he had to decide if he was going to bow to the Prime Minister of King Ahasuerus (Haman). Jews did bowed to government authorities at times, as a sign of respect, but in Persia, kings and chief officials were considered divine, and God's word has commanded that we bow to no other god.

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When receiving promotions, we need to take in consideration, will our promotion cause us to disobey the word of God.

Well, once Haman saw that Morcedia wasn't going to bow to him, not only did he want to destroy Morcedia, but all the Jews. The word got back to Morcedia, and Morcedia went to Queen Esther to persuade her to go before the king prior to being summoned which could cause her death. Esther knew a King she could go to without being summoned. A King that not only would hear her petition, but would grant her petition. Prior to going to her earthly king, she went before her King, the King of heaven and earth. It was time for Esther to go before the King for her people.

It's our time to go before the King for our spouse, children, neighbors, co-workers for all the people of the earth. It's time that we walk before our King in such a way that our prayers would not be hindered because of our life style or because of our disobedience.

Ruth married into the Judahite family of Elimelech. She was a widower and without children. She abandoned her family and faith to accompany her mother-in-law, Naomi to Bethlehem. Once they returned to Bethlehem, it wasn't easy for her. She had to go behind others and gather whatever grain was left, but she kept on going and by her continuously going by the instructions of her mother-in-law she got Boaz attention.

Too many times, we don't want anyone to tell us anything because we're adults and because we didn't want anyone to tell us anything, it has caused many heart-aches and tears. In some cases it has caused

us to be stagnated spiritually. It's good to have a listening ear and a teachable spirit. When you have a teachable spirit, it can divert many mistakes and sorrows.

Ruth discerned she had a woman of God that could direct her path. Because she submitted herself to her mother-in-law, Ruth gained a husband that loved God and submitted himself to God. Ruth gained a husband, a better life style and a child through her obedience to her mother-in-law.

Whatever you have before God and it's according to God's will and purpose for your life, maintain your faith, sooner or later the day of promise will arrive. God is not like man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He has to repent what He has spoken that shall He do!

Know that your time is coming. God promised no good thing would He withhold from them that walk uprightly before Him.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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