

Why Is This Happening Now?

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Series: Fulfilled!

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God is God and I Am Not!

It Is All Part of God's Plan for My Life

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1 ESV

"a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;" Ecclesiastes 3:2 ESV

"a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;" Ecclesiastes 3:3 ESV

"a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;" Ecclesiastes 3:4 ESV

"a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;" Ecclesiastes 3:5 ESV

"a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;" Ecclesiastes 3:6 ESV

"a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;" Ecclesiastes 3:7 ESV

"a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3:8 ESV

God Has A Better Plan for Me (Than I Have For Myself)

1. My Life is Actually a Gift from God

"I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with." Ecclesiastes 3:10 ESV

My Outlook Helps to Determine My Outcome

(W. Wiersbe)

2. God Has Is All Worked Out

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11 ESV

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ... And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””
Genesis 1:26, 28 ESV

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.”
1 Corinthians 13:12 ESV

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28 ESV

3. I Experience Joy when I Embrace God’s Plan

“I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.”
Ecclesiastes 3:12–13 ESV

4. God is Providing Me an Opportunity to Trust Him.

“I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him.”
Ecclesiastes 3:14 ESV

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”
2 Timothy 1:6–7 ESV

I Am Not Going to Change God’s Plan

“That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.”
Ecclesiastes 3:15 ESV

“Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.”
Ecclesiastes 3:16–17 ESV

“I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts.”
Ecclesiastes 3:18 ESV

“For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.”
Ecclesiastes 3:19–20 ESV

“Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth”
Ecclesiastes 3:21 ESV

“So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?”
Ecclesiastes 3: 22 ESV

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“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.”
Philippians 4:11 ESV