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Discovering Life in the Land of Death



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 ESV

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² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

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a time to break down, and a time to build up;



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 ESV

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a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

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a time to keep, and a time to cast away;



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⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
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a time for war, and a time for peace.



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⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ 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. ¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³ also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 ESV

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.



“Watching one’s small humans age and grow up packs a serious punch. It’s like being stuck in a dream unable to speak, like being a ghost that can see but not touch, like standing on a huge grate while a storm rains oiled diamonds, like collecting feathers in a storm. Parents in love with their kids are all amnesiacs, trying to remember, trying to cherish moments, ghosts trying to hold the world.

N.D Wilson

...But this shouldn't inspire melancholy; it should only tinge the sweet with the bitter. Don't resent the moments simply because they cannot be frozen. Taste them. Savour them. Give thanks for that daily bread. Manna doesn't keep overnight. More will come in the morning."

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1. Trust God With The Seasons



Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 ESV

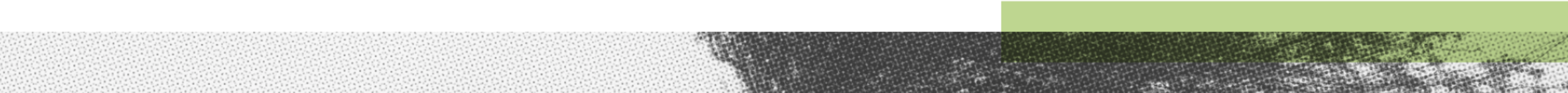
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2. Enjoy Life And Do Good



Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 ESV

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“Each generation has its work assigned it by the sovereign Lord; and each person in the generation has his also. And now is our time. We could not be useful in the generation that went before us; for then we were not: nor can we [be useful] personally in that which shall come after us; for then we shall be off the stage. Now is our time; let us not neglect usefulness in our generation.”

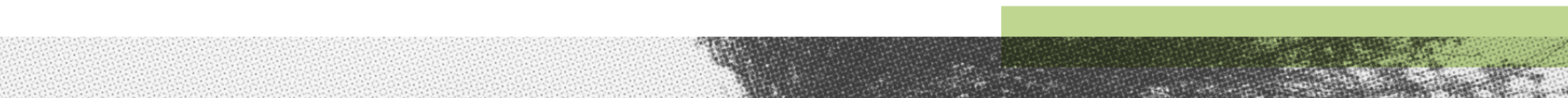
Thomas Boston

3. Live With Eternity On Your Eyes



Ecclesiastes 3:14-15 ESV

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.



“Lord, stamp eternity on my eyeballs.”

Jonathan Edwards