

When Time and Intention Run Out

Key Scripture:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Big Idea

Life is full of both moments and motives—some things run out of time, while others run out of intention. Both require our attention if we want to live wisely and walk faithfully.

Some Things Run Out of Time

Not every door stays open forever. Opportunities expire. Seasons shift. People move on. God sometimes closes one chapter so another can begin. If we're not paying attention, we may mourn what ended instead of stepping into what's next.

There's grace in knowing that God works through seasons, and we don't have to cling to what has passed. When something runs out of time, it's not always failure—it may simply be fulfillment

Reflection Question: Is this over because I missed it, or because its purpose is complete?

Some Things Run Out of Intention

We start things with great vision—relationships, ministries, habits, goals—but slowly, intention fades. Passion cools. Purpose gets buried under routine or distraction. What once had life becomes stale—not because time ran out, but because we stopped being intentional.

Reflection Questions:

- What are you still doing outwardly that no longer has inward commitment?
- Are you drifting in areas where you once were driven?

Sometimes, revival doesn't mean something new—it means renewed intention in what already exists.



God Redeems Both

Whether something has run out of time, or lost its intention, God is not caught off guard.

- If time has ended, He can give you a new season.
- If intention has faded, He can reignite the fire. Either way, His grace meets you right where you are.

Reflection

- What in your life has run out of time?
- What needs renewed intention?
- Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know the difference—and courage to respond in obedience.

Prayer

Lord, help me discern what in my life is ending because its time is up, and what needs the revival of my intention. Give me the grace to let go when You're closing a door, and the discipline to reignite what You've called me to carry. I trust that every season and every motive is in Your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.