

# IT'S ABOUT TIME

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## I. INTRODUCTION/RECAP

- *A Sunday Drive slows you down enough to think about what drives you.*
- *Does your Sunday Drive drive your Monday?*

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## II. THREE THINGS ABOUT TIME

### 1. *God Makes Everything Beautiful in its Time.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

#### A. Life comes in seasons.

- Seasons change.
- Appreciate the season you are in.
- Do what is seasonal.

#### B. God can be trusted to make things beautiful.

**Isaiah 61:3** and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13** I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

**Ecclesiastes 3:22** So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

**C. God can be trusted to do things at the right time.**

**Galatians 4:4 (NLT)** But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

**Romans 5:6** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

- God does the right thing at the right time.

**Deuteronomy 32:3-4** For I will proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God! He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are just. He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.

**D. Surrendering your time to God leads to confidence and peace.**

**Romans 8:22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

## ***2. God has set Eternity in the Human Heart.***

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**A. Eternity is forever.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

**1 Peter 1:24** For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

**B. A longing for eternity is deep in every human heart.**

*If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. - C.S. Lewis*

**C. If you are driven by anything less than God, your drive is meaningless.**

*"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they can find peace in you." - Saint Augustine*

### ***3. God Sees Time from Beginning to End.***

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#### **A. We see what is under the sun.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:16** And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there.

#### **B. God sees everything.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:17** I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.”

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**Job 11:7-9** Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty? They are higher than the heavens above—what can you do? They are deeper than the depths below—what can you know? Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

#### **C. We have a point of view. God has the total view.**

**Romans 11:33-36** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.