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Phyllis's ANEW Creation

A Message from the Lord to Us on How to Live Our Daily Lives

1 OPENING

Welcome, friends, to Phyllis's ANEW Creation—a message from the Lord to us about how to live our daily lives.

Today, I want to talk with you about the seasons of our lives. We all go through different seasons—seasons of joy, growth, and when everything seems to be falling into place. But there are also seasons of waiting, disappointment, uncertainty, difficult relationships, and times when we have prayed and prayed, but nothing seems to change.

"Lord, what are You trying to teach me in this season?"

Because sometimes we become so focused on changing what is happening around us that we miss what God wants to change within us.

2 EVERY SEASON HAS A PURPOSE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says:

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

Life is made up of seasons. Winter does not last forever. Spring eventually comes. But even winter has a purpose. A tree may look lifeless during winter, but underneath the ground, the roots are still alive. Something is happening that we cannot see.

Just because you cannot see God working does not mean He is not working.

3 WHAT IS THIS SEASON TEACHING ME?

James 1:2-4 tells us that the testing of our faith produces perseverance and that perseverance brings maturity.

- The trial is producing something.
- The waiting is producing something.
- The difficulty is producing something.

Maybe God is developing patience, teaching you to forgive, exposing pride, or teaching you to trust Him more deeply.

Romans 8:28 reminds us that God can work through all things for the good of those who love Him.

Everything that happens to us is not good. But God can take even difficult things and use them for His purpose. So don't waste the season.

4 SARAH TRIED TO MAKE GOD'S PROMISE HAPPEN

God had given Abraham a promise, but time passed. Sarah became impatient and tried to make the promise happen herself by giving her servant Hagar to Abraham, and Hagar gave birth to Ishmael. But Ishmael was not the promised son.

Later, in Genesis 17:19, God said:

"Your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac."

"Do not create an Ishmael because you are tired of waiting for Isaac."

Do not force something simply because God's timing feels too slow. If God made the promise, He is responsible for fulfilling it. Our responsibility is to trust Him and obey Him.

5 STOP TRYING TO CHANGE EVERYONE AROUND YOU

Jesus says in Matthew 7:3:

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Psalms 139:23-24 says:

"Search me, God, and know my heart... See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

We cannot change another person's heart. We can pray, encourage, and speak truth in love. But sometimes we miss what God wants to change in us.

6 WHAT IS THE PRESSURE REVEALING?

Difficult seasons reveal what is inside us. We say, "That person made me angry." But perhaps that relationship exposed anger already living in our heart. We say, "This situation made me impatient." Maybe it revealed an area where God wants to develop patience.

When God exposes something in our heart, it is not always condemnation. Sometimes it is an invitation to healing and transformation.

Instead of only saying, 'Lord, remove this.' Ask, 'Lord, what are You showing me through this?'

7 THE WILDERNESS CAN BE A CLASSROOM

Many people in Scripture went through wilderness seasons—Moses, David, Joseph, and Jesus. Sometimes the wilderness is not punishment. Sometimes it is a classroom. Deuteronomy 8:2 says God led Israel through the wilderness to humble and test them and to know what was in their hearts. The wilderness revealed them. And our wilderness seasons can reveal us.

What happens when God says, "Not yet?" That is where we learn whether we truly trust God.

8 WAITING IS NOT WASTED TIME

Psalms 27:14 says:

"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

Waiting on God means refusing to run ahead of Him. It means obeying what He has told us while trusting Him with what He has not yet revealed.

Isaiah 40:31 says:

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength."

Maybe while you are waiting, God is preparing circumstances, someone else, and most importantly, maybe He is preparing you.

9 GOD CARES ABOUT WHO YOU ARE BECOMING

Romans 5:3-4 teaches us that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. We want the promise. God develops the person who will carry it.

What if the patience you are learning today will be necessary for what God gives you tomorrow? Maybe this season is not wasted time at all.

10 DON'T COMPARE YOUR SEASON

Comparison makes waiting harder.

Galatians 6:9 says:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Someone else may be harvesting while you are still planting. Do not dig up your seed because somebody else's field is producing fruit. God knows your season. God knows your timing.

11 JOSEPH DIDN'T UNDERSTAND EVERY CHAPTER

God gave Joseph a dream. But between the dream and its fulfillment came the pit, slavery, false accusation, prison, and years of waiting. But years later, he could say in Genesis 50:20:

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good."

You don't understand the chapter you are living. But do not judge your entire story by one chapter. God is still writing.

12 THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK GOD

- 1 Lord, what are You teaching me about Yourself? Are You faithful? My provider? My peace? Are You enough?
- 2 Lord, what are You showing me about myself? Is there pride? Fear? Unforgiveness? Impatience? Bitterness? A need for control? What needs to change in me?
- 3 Lord, what are You preparing me for? Because today's lesson may be preparation for tomorrow's assignment.

13 CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

Friends, do not spend your entire season wishing you were somewhere else. Remember Sarah. She did not need to manufacture the promise. She needed to trust the One who had spoken it. So do not run ahead of God simply because you are tired of waiting. Do not force a door He has not opened. Do not create your own solution.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

Trust Him. Even here. Even now. Even when you don't understand.

14 PRAYER

Father, thank You for every season of our lives. Thank You for the seasons we understand, and help us to trust You in the seasons we do not. Search our hearts, Lord. Reveal pride, impatience, unforgiveness, fear, or our desire to control. Help us not to focus only on the faults of others. Give us wisdom, faith, and peace while we wait. Teach us in this season. Correct us. Heal us. Strengthen us. Prepare us. And use everything we walk through to make us more like Jesus. We place our circumstances, our relationships, our unanswered prayers, and our future into Your hands. We trust Your plan. We trust Your timing. And most of all, we trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

CLOSING

Instead of asking only, "Lord, when are You going to change my season?" begin asking, "Lord, what are You teaching me in this season?"

Don't waste the season. Don't run ahead of God. Wait on the Lord. Learn what He is teaching you. Sometimes the greatest miracle is not that God changes what is happening around us. Sometimes the greatest miracle is what He changes within us.

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Remember the words of Revelation 21:5: *"Behold, I make all things new."*

Whatever season you are in, God is still working.