



A Season in Life

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

–Ecclesiastes 3:1

To say I am not fond of winter is an understatement. And as I get older, I am more convinced that I don't like winter. No flowers. No leaves. No swimsuits. Less sun. Too much cold and ice. I know some people love it. I am not one of those "some people."

I am a summer guy. Warm, long days. Swimming pools and sweet tea. Sitting in the backyard waiting for the steak to finish. Even shade trees look great in the summer. That is probably why I spent so many years in youth ministry. But I guess it can't always be summer. Or winter for that matter.

Life is comprised of seasons. That is the message of Ecclesiastes 3. Seasons are not biased. Seasons don't pick-and-choose. All people go through all seasons of life. There may be differences but there is no exception.

And we are continuing to move out of one; 2020. This year has been many things to many people. It has been a roller coaster that didn't let you off when you asked. And in our cynicism, some have seen God as the abusive "carny" that won't stop the ride. But that isn't the case. God sees from an eternal perspective all of time at once. This is not the first pandemic. It is only a season. And God is still on His throne and His love hasn't wavered. He has not left nor gone on vacation.

This is a season in life. Our life. And not all bad. It was a time when things were put into place. A time when we realized what was important and what could be missed. A time where we realized the value of a touch. A laugh. Coffee and conversation. It was also a time where we learned how to spread the gospel in a different and bigger way. Realizing that the Church is us and not the building. A time when we checked on our neighbors. Appreciated teachers and hospital workers. A time when community once again became a priority.

So don't hide from 2021. Whether the season is over or continuing. What you need to do is press through the dirt. Reach for the sun. Take in the nourishment of the life God has blessed you with. And before you know it, He has brought you to bloom. Spring has arrived.

And summer is just behind...

Here's to another year of walking with God and with you! Go enjoy!

From My Heart,

Billy