



Think and pray through the following:

- 1) Ask God to help you become self-aware with regard to the season you are in and give you a deeper understanding of how you can navigate it well.
- 2) What is God's priority for you in this season?
- 3) Who can you encourage that is going through a challenging season?

## **His Signature Alone**

*My Worth and Purpose*

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**Thread:** His signature alone gives me worth and purpose.

### **Three Basic Human Needs:**

- To be **KNOWN** – No masks or facades. To be noticed, understood, seen as who we truly are.
- To be **ACCEPTED** – To be recognized and approved for our abilities and performance.
- To be **LOVED** – Cared for, feeling secure, to be known and accepted by someone.

### **His Signature Says:**

- God **CREATED** me. (Genesis 1:27)  
**His Signature Alone of my creation gives me WORTH!**
- God **LOVES** me. (Jeremiah 31:3)  
**His Signature of LOVE gives me BELONGING!**
- God **PLANNED** for me. (Psalm 139:16)  
**His Signature of His plan gives me SIGNIFICANCE!**
- God **GIFTED** me. (Ephesians 4:7)  
**His Signature of my gifts gives me COMPETENCE!**
- Jesus **DIED** for me. (2 Corinthians 5:16-18)  
**His sacrifice for me puts His Signature on me – I am ACCEPTED by God!**

**God's signature alone makes you KNOWN, ACCEPTED and LOVED.**

### **Challenge:**

-During Chair Time, read the scriptures listed above.

-If you struggle with believing the depth of God's love for you, write out the above scriptures and read them daily.

-Listen and exercise your faith as a known, accepted and loved child of God.

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# Seasons of Change

## Fall 2024 | Week 3

Message Date 9/29/2024

### MY STORY



- 1) What is your favorite appropriate joke (PG please)?
- 2) What was or would be the most surprising scientific discovery imaginable?

### QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



#### Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

<sup>2</sup> A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant and a time to harvest.

<sup>3</sup> A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

<sup>4</sup> A time to cry and a time to laugh.

A time to grieve and a time to dance.

<sup>5</sup> A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

<sup>6</sup> A time to search and a time to quit searching.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

<sup>7</sup> A time to tear and a time to mend.

A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

<sup>8</sup> A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What do people really get for all their hard work? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. <sup>11</sup> Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup> So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. <sup>13</sup> And

people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

One of the things we learn from this passage is that life has different seasons and different activities for each season, but one thing is clear: change of seasons are inevitable.

- 4) What seasons have you experienced in the past that have been challenging for you? What did you do to navigate them?
- 5) What seasons of change are you currently experiencing in your life, and how do you see God's hand in them?
- 6) How can you find peace in the truth that "there is a time for everything"? What does this mean for your current situation?
- 7) In what ways can you trust Jesus more deeply during times of uncertainty or transition?
- 8) Are there specific activities or relationships that you need to let go of in this season? How can you seek God's guidance in this process? Or is there anything you need to adopt and start this season?
- 9) Which do you find easier to navigate with Jesus: easy seasons when everything is going well or harder seasons when the pain and challenge is everywhere? How can one reinforce the other?

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- 10) How can you cultivate the attitude above for the blessings in each season of your life, even during challenging times?

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