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Connection Guide

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: 2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; 3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; 7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; 8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. NKJV

In the Hebrew, the word season is zeman (zem-awn'); which means an appointed occasion: The Greek language has two words for time: "Kairos" which means "opportune time", Maybe "God's Time" - you seize an opportunity that comes your way. "Kronos" or "Chronos" - the word "chronology" the orderly progression of events, when everything follows proper sequence.

QUESTIONS TO BEGIN:

1. As you are most certainly aware of the fact that we are in the summer season, are you conscious of the season (appointed moment) of life you are now in?
2. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit access into the deep waters of your life so He can shape you, instruct you, discipline you, and guide you in this season?
3. What changes do you need to make in your life to accommodate this special work of God?

**Daniel 2:16-23 "God changes the times and seasons"** Again, Do you recognize what season you are in? You won't stay in that season forever! 177 times in the NKJV it uses the phrase "It came to pass". Whatever season you are in, it won't stay that way forever!

**List and discuss some biblical people and the type of season(s) they experienced:**

For Example - Abraham and his season of waiting for the promise of a son - Isaac

**Consider this:**

**1. Change and Transition are inevitable!** Seasons come and go in our lives! Heraclitus of Ephesus "Change is the only constant in life". Only one true constant - Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages). AMP

What is the biggest change you are dealing with / facing in your life right now?

**2. Trust and Obey God's word during your season / He is faithful!**

Deut 28:1-2 Obedience is the key to seeing your season with God's perspective.

**3. Have Patience in the waiting season**

James 1:2 Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. 3 Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. 4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing. AMP

Do you trouble staying patient with God while waiting? Why? How about with people?

**4. God will grant you favor in your seasons** - name some biblical instances of people who had favor and what it led to in their lives: **Psalm 5:11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. 12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.** NKJV

Specifically describe favor shown to you by God and others/ how has this effected you?

**5. Every season has a purpose!**

Exodus 9:16 But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. NKJV

Can you see or prayerfully imagine the end of the current season in your life? Here is a good rule to remember: God's intended end of your time and season will be to glorify Him / bring Him glory!