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UNDERSTANDING THE SEASONS OF LIFE

Gen. 8:22 (LB)

"As long as the earth remains, there will be SPRINGTIME and HARVEST, COLD and HEAT, WINTER and SUMMER, DAY and NIGHT."

Ecc. 3:1 NIV

"There is a TIME for everything, and a SEASON for EVERY activity under heaven."

5 FACTS ABOUT THE SEASONS OF LIFE

1. THEY ARE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL

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Dan. 2:21 (GN)

"GOD CONTROLS the TIMES and the SEASONS. He MAKES and UNMAKES KINGS."

2. THEY ARE OFTEN CONFUSING

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Ecc. 3:11 (NCV)

"... God does everything just right and on time, but people can NEVER COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND what HE is doing."

3. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EACH SEASON

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Rom 8:28 NIV

And we know that IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD of THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, who have been CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

4. THE SEASONS INCLUDE BOTH GOOD AND BAD TIMES

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LIST FOUND IN Ecc. 3:2-8 NCV

"There is a time to... be **born/die** - **plant/uproot** - **heal/kill** - **build/tear down** - **laugh/cry** - **dance/grieve** - **gather/scatter** - **hug/not hug** - **find/lose** - **keep/throw away** - **repair/tear** - **Speak up/be quiet** - **love/hate** - **peace/war**

5. WHAT YOU SOW IN SEASON, YOU'LL REAP IN SEASON

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Gal. 6:9 (KJV)

"Let us not be weary in well doing; for IN DUE SEASON we shall REAP, if we FAINT NOT."