Season

## There Is A Reason For Your Season By Pastor Sabu Samuel

Whether you're entering a season in your life that excites you, coming to terms with leaving a season behind, or transitioning into a new one, it doesn't mean your relationship with God has to change. In fact, He remains constant, no matter what season you are in.

As you enter or exit a season, I want to share three truths to remind you that God is always near, along with three ways to stay connected with Him.

Seasons come and go, but it's important to remember that whatever you're experiencing right now is happening for a reason. The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 that there is a season for everything. God knows your story, and He knows your seasons. It's reassuring to know that every season has a divine purpose. So, you don't have to feel insecure as you transition into new journeys and habits. Wherever we are, God is with us (Christ is with us – Immanuel). He is eager to hear from us in times of joy, sadness, confusion, excitement, and every emotion we experience. We can confidently say, "This too shall pass."

There's a reason why big life changes feel less daunting when you have a friend or family member by your side. As human beings, we are social creatures who need a healthy support system around us—people to guide, counsel, and pray for us. We crave connection, both with God and with others (horizontally and vertically), especially when we're in the middle of transitioning to a new season of life. Sometimes, just having someone point you back to God during tough times can strengthen your faith.

There may be moments in life when we can prepare for new seasons, but often we face them completely unprepared. Take time to talk to God about your new season and ask Him to help you grow closer to Him during this period. Nothing happens without His knowledge.

In conclusion, God knows where we are, what we are going through, and He has a design for our lives. We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). It's comforting to know that even when we cannot see God's plan or understand His purpose, He knows, and it is for our good!

To everything there is a season, and for everything there is a reason. If you view it your way, it can make you bitter. But if you take the time to see it God's way, it can make you better.

## Embracing God's Purpose in Every Season of Life By Ruth George

Seasons represent different periods of time in our lives, all of which are necessary. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Solomon explains how there is a "season for every activity under the heavens," and he goes on to describe how there is a time for everything. Yet, we must not forget about the off-seasons—those times when life may not seem as fruitful as we would hope. However, we need to understand that there is a divine order and stability that God upholds. Genesis 8:22 says, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Just as we experience seasons of fruitfulness, we also go through seasons that are not as prosperous.

Personally, when I go through tough seasons, it can be hard to sense where God is and what He is doing in my life, especially compared to times when His presence seemed clearer. Trusting God during these changing seasons can feel difficult. Yet, we must remember Romans 8:28: "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."

Honestly, I sometimes wonder if there is a way to skip those seasons of struggle. But that time is essential for our growth. At other times, we might cling to a particular season. However, we should strive to be purposeful in the tasks of each season, no matter what it brings.

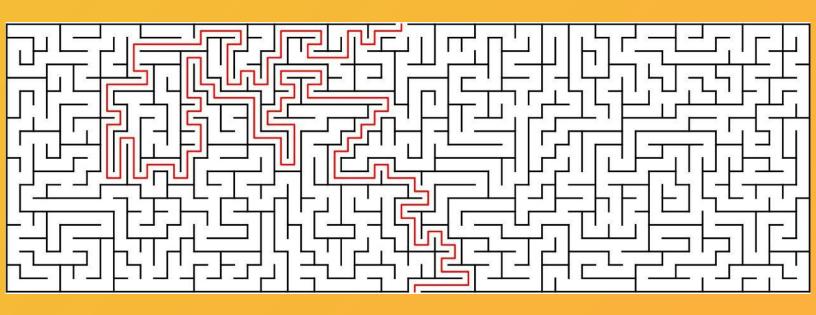
Are you in the spring of your life? A time of new beginnings, when you are presented with fresh possibilities and opportunities—a season of planting. As Psalm 126:5-6 says, "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seeds to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them."

Are you in the summer of your life? The period between sowing and reaping. The seeds planted in spring are maturing, and this is a time of waiting. It's difficult not to rush ahead to the harvest, but doing so would cut short the work God is doing in you. Keep watering and tending to your crop.

Are you in the fall of your life? The season of harvest, where the work you have invested begins to yield results. It can be tempting to take pride in the blessings as if they were your own doing.

Are you in the winter of your life? The time when many of the activities and comforts we once knew begin to slow down. This is a season of rest and restoration.

Just as different plants grow and are harvested in different seasons, we may not be in the same season as those around us. But the Lord knows His plans for each of us. When we look back on our lives, we can see how God made a way and provided blessing after blessing. Seasons are not permanent—they come and go. But the important truth throughout all seasons is that God does not change. He remains our constant support. God never leaves us, and He knows the plans for our future. He determines the course of our lives through every season.



Weekly Meetings			
Date	Time	Location	
Monday	10:30 AM	@ Church	
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	@ Zoom	
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00AM	@ Zoom	
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	@ Church	
Mark Your Calendar			
Event	Date	Location	
All-Night Prayer	9/20	@Church	
Youth Gathering	9/21	TBD	

Pray For Nations		
Country	Capital	Population est.
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	7,254,000
Laos	Vientiane	7,658,000
Latvia	Riga	1,875,000
Lebanon	Beirut	5,490,000
Lesotho	Maseru	2,120,000