

## **TURN, TURN, TURN**

**To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)**

Because I am of a certain age, every time I read or hear these words, the song “Turn, Turn, Turn” by the Byrds starts running through my head. At the time that it was hitting the Billboard Chart, I was attending a Lutheran grade school and was excited that a popular song was from the Bible. At age 12, I felt like I was an insider to the lyrics. Now that I’m older, I’m amazed that Biblical words became a hit song across the country.

King Solomon’s assurances in Ecclesiastes are as true for us today as they were when he wrote them. We all have seasons of sorrow and joy, despair and hopefulness, gain and loss. Each one of these seasons is intentional and God expects us to rely on His almighty comfort while we’re in the midst of them. Since we are constantly in these seasons, doesn’t it make sense that God expects us to rely on Him all of the time? What a comfort it is to be assured that when we are in a challenging period in our lives that it will pass, and knowing God is in charge will carry us to our “next season”. We are assured that each season has a beginning and an end and that there is a purpose for it having been in our lives. Often, we aren’t able to see the purpose for a season that we’re living through while we’re in the middle of it. But God has promised us, through King Solomon’s words, that there IS a purpose. And what a blessing to know that there will always be new seasons, ones that bring hope, comfort, and prayerfully, a deeper faith in our unchanging Lord.

***Prayer:*** Dear Loving Father, thank you for carrying us through the constantly changing seasons of our lives. Help us to see the purpose for each of them. In Jesus’ name. Amen

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