

Let's Discuss...Purpose

PART 7 Seasons



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Scriptures mentioned:

*For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest...
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. So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 11-13 NLT

Summary

In this episode we talk about the importance of keeping seasons in mind as we consider the idea of purpose. Steph encourages us that while there are some aspects of our purpose that remain constant throughout every season of our lives, there are other aspects that ebb and flow, come and go.

Let's Discuss...

- Are there any previous seasons of your life that you can now look back on and see purpose in that you didn't sense at the time?
- How does an understanding of the ebb and flow of our lives' seasons help take the pressure off of having to figure it all out *today*?

Life Updates!

Since the time of filming these discussions, Steph has had to once again put off the completion of her studies, Maureen has had completely unexpected opportunities to use her dance skills to choreograph a music video for a major recording artist, Jake & Maureen have felt led to leave their positions working for church (while not yet knowing what door will open next!), Othniel continues to wrestle with whether or not he's walking fully in his purpose in the workplace, and Sharon has stuffed a couple of personal losses but is still energised by her work in the field of financial literacy.

- How can we hold loosely to (and let go of, if necessary!) desires and dreams that God has placed in our hearts for the future?
- How can we continue to nurture the dreams in our heart, when we're in seasons where they have not yet come to fruition?
- If God asked you to leave a job or situation, without knowing where you were headed next, would you trust Him enough to take that step of faith?
- When you consider the season that you are currently in, what are the areas that you will one day look back on as having been of critical importance? How can you make the most of (and enjoy!) this season while you're in it?

Let's Pray...

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a time for every activity under heaven...
Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time.*
Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11a NLT

- Let's ask God to show us what areas of our lives He wants us to focus on in this current season, prepare us for the seasons that are to come, and help us to enjoy Him and our purpose-filled lives in every season that we walk through.