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GOD'S TIMING

When I was young my mother would say, "If God shuts a door, he will open a window." The time between the shut door and the open window will always be up to God.

We go through different seasons in our lives. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 1 tells us, ***"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."***

It goes on to say in 3:2-8, there is ***"A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; A time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; A time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace."***

What we must determine is "what time, or what season we are in." If God says it is time for the next season, then we would be wrong not to go forward. Yet, if He says it is not time to go forward, we are best to stay put.

The only way to know what season we are in is to pray. We seek God and get a red light or a green light. If you do not get an answer, then do the last thing He told you to do until he gives you further direction.

Life is not stagnant. It is constantly changing. This is called growth. We grow in the natural, and we grow in the spiritual. Like shoes that no longer fit and pinch our feet, God uses circumstances to get us to the next step.

Only you and God can know the season or time you are in. Spend time studying his word and let Holy Spirit guide you as you ask for His leading.

Do not be in a hurry when you do not get clear direction. He may show you something that you are to do, but it is not quite time yet. It would be disastrous to go forward if you move too quickly. It would be like taking a cake out of the oven before it was finishing baking. It just would not be as edible.

You can be sure that God's timing is always perfect. After all, he created you and everything else, so He knows best. Watch for the green light but stay at the red light until it is the right time to move forward.