



The Connection

A Word from Pastor Dave

You learn more at a funeral than at a feast— After all, that's where we'll end up. We might discover something from it. ...

Endings are better than beginnings. Sticking to it is better than standing out. Don't be quick to fly off the handle.

Anger boomerangs. You can spot a fool by the lumps on his head. Don't always be asking, "Where are the good old days?"

Wise folks don't ask questions like that. ... Take a good look at God's work. Who could simplify and reduce

Creation's curves and angles to a plain straight line? On a good day, enjoy yourself; On a bad day, examine your

conscience. God arranges for both kinds of days so that we won't take anything for granted.

(Ecclesiastes 7:2, 8-10, 13-14, Msg)

The Bible says there is a time for everything. For me, my time to grow up was the '80s. In other words, I got stuck with a lot of bad music and really bad fashion. However, that time has long passed. Does this mean now I am so much happier about what's on the radio? Maybe not; but apparently, "Anger boomerangs." and, "You can spot a fool by the lumps on his head." So if a good attitude gives me a better chance in all the seasons of life how do I get one of those? The short answer is to simply Trust God. At a funeral in the face of death's

November Dates

- 2nd Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 6th Worship Service 10:30am
- 6th Baptism 12:00
- 7th Women's Bible Study
- 9th Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 9th Catalyst Meetig 7 pm
- 13th Coffee Talk Service 10:30 am
- 14th Women's Bible Study
- 16th Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 19th Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
- 20th Worship Service & Baby Dedication 10:30am
- 23rd Prayer at Church 10:30 am
- 26th Christmas Parade 6:00 pm
- 27th Worship Service 10:30am
- 28th Women's Social Gathering 6:30 pm

victory, the only real option is to Trust God. Whereas at a feast we often forget that we believe in God because we are very busy declaring, "I believe I will have another piece of pie!" Why is it such a problem in this passage to simply ponder, "Where are the good old days?" Because the old days weren't good in themselves. At the time they were the present in which we experienced the goodness of God; whether we were deserving or not, and we weren't. Trust God. "Take a good look at God's work", Trust God.

Imagine if you will, even just for a moment, how absolutely true it is that God knows best! The balance between days to enjoy and days to examine your conscience for example. Interestingly if you want to have a chance to get a handle on what God is doing the Apostle Paul who had his fair share of "days" gives this advice, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. ... hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, NIV) Did you catch that, "The one who calls you is faithful, and HE will do it", Trust God. So why not upgrade? Go ahead and have your days to "enjoy yourself" and then *enjoy your days* to "examine your conscience" as well. After all it is the only option if you hope to follow the apostle's exhortation to, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances".

Finally, please let me add one personal thought. We're not talking about this in this way because it is easy, we are talking about it this way because it is better. Trusting God is without a doubt a worthwhile pursuit. If it was easy though Paul's very next sentence wouldn't have been, "Brothers and sisters, pray for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:25, NIV) So if you are having a hard time standing under all the pressure just kneel and our prayer team will kneel with you :)



Prayer Corner

Father of the heavenly lights, you remember we are but dust, like grass that withers, like flowers that fall.

Blown by emotion, going course.

Pulled by nagging desires, losing our footing in this world of shifting sand.

How we need you Jesus. With you, there is no change or shifting shadows.

In your great mercy you have not treated us as our sins deserved, removing them as far as the east is from the west.

Though the uncertainties of life surround us still, we will stand on the solid rock of who you are.

Confident and sure, we cling to your promise that we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

Barnabas Notes

Seasons

Each of us goes through periods of life that have a certain character—a few months or a few years, good times or difficult circumstances, times of brilliant joy or periods of dark clouds. Often we say, “It’s just the season of life I’m in.”

Sometimes God doesn’t change our situation because He’s trying to change our hearts. We must remember there are different seasons in our lives and let God do what He wants to do in each of those seasons.

God is Lord over all of our steps. He does as He pleases. He alone is completely sovereign. There isn’t anything that happens to us in life that catches God by surprise. This should give us so much comfort especially in difficult times. He not only is fully aware of whatever season we find ourselves in, but He has allowed it for His glory and for our sanctification. Psalm 135:6 *“He does whatever pleases Him throughout all of heaven and earth and in the deepest seas.”*

God is with us in every season of our lives. He will never leave us or abandon us to face difficult times alone. He will walk with us through the darkness. He will rejoice with us during the good times. Joshua 1:9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Time is in God’s hands, and far too often, we get frustrated with God because things are not happening in our timeline. We think we know better and we get impatient. This can lead to depression and anxiety. But God is perfectly in control of what is happening, including the timing of the seasons of our life. Ecclesiastes 3:11 *“He has made everything beautiful in it’s time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”*

As the seasons of life change and chaos surrounds us we must stand firm on the Word of God. God has revealed a part of Himself to us so that we can know him. God is faithful. He keeps all of His promises. He is always with us and will never abandon us. He is our anchor, our strength. He never changes. He is changing us into something better. Philippians 4:19 *“And with all His abundant wealth through Jesus Christ, my God will supply all your needs.”*

God’s Love doesn’t show partiality.
He Loves us purely, completely, and perfectly.

Barnabas



Cream of Broccoli Soup

- 1 medium chopped onion
- 3 cups of chicken stock
- 3 cups of chopped broccoli (fresh or frozen)
- 3 cups of milk
- 1 tbsp. of butter
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Shredded cheese (optional)



Bring chicken stock to boil, add onions and broccoli. Simmer for approximately 20 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add milk and butter, return to heat. Add salt and pepper to taste.

If you wish to have a thicker soup, add flour and water to thicken. Add cheese to your liking, mix until smooth.

Can substitute broccoli with cauliflower, potatoes or celery or a combination.

Ruby says that this is a really good soup :)

Happy Birthday

1 George

13 Laura B

19 Luella

4 Will

13 Paul

22 Clancy

5 Bob

18 Ben

24 Maria W

9 Chelyhne

19 Georgia

24 Wendy

Ministry Highlight



GREETERS

One of the greatest influences on a visitor's decision to continue to attend a church happens with a positive first impression. SPCC'S greeters do exactly that – they set the tone by genuinely welcoming everyone to church. They open doors, hand out newsletters and make everyone feel comfortable. Greeters ensure that visitors know about coffee, snacks and where washrooms are. They make a huge difference and we are so thankful for them!

JOIN US

We are looking for adult and student volunteers willing to help people feel that they are valued and that they belong here at South Point through our Greeting Ministry.

TIME COMMITMENT

Once a month for half an hour before and after the service. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter or want information about any of our other ministries, please talk to Tracy (226-347-0033).

God Is Holding You

Daily Blessing ~ Susie Larson Ministries

May you refuse to confuse God's silence with His absence. If you are in Christ Jesus, He is alive in you! He's closer than your next breath, and He guides you even when you're unaware. When the heavens seem quiet, go forth with the wisdom and truth you've already acquired in Jesus. Stand on the Rock. Rest in His love. Walk in His truth. Let peace rule and reign in you. And hold firmly to the fact that faith (not your feelings) moves mountains. There's an appointed time for every season, every battle, and every God-given breakthrough. Every one of your days was written down before you lived in one of them. Go forth with joy and peace. Your name is written on His hand, and He holds you especially close to His heart.

Psalm 23:1-3 NLT ~ The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Reflections

by
J'Aime



To everything, turn,
turn, turn.
There is a season,
turn, turn, turn.
And a time to
every purpose
under the sun.

The song that holds the US record for 'number 1 hit with the oldest lyrics' is 'Turn, Turn, Turn,' popularized by the Byrds in 1965. It is essentially Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 set to music with a final line pleading for world peace. The song was assembled and first recorded in 1959 during a time between the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War and remains one of a select few examples of secular music wherein the lyrics are almost entirely based within the Bible.

Growing up I loved this song. It was hopeful and reminded me that there was always two sides to every coin. The idea of such a balance was calming and it made sense at times in my life when not much else did. I didn't realize it was scripture until much later in my life.

The song and the scripture gently remind us that not everything is going to go the way we want it to go. There is a time and a place for all things under Heaven. Planting and reaping, breaking down and building up, gaining and losing, silence and sound, love and hate... the list pretty effectively encapsulates our shared human experience.

What this verse *doesn't* do is talk about what those seasons of our lives will actually look like. There is no detailed roadmap of what the verse is going to mean to

each of us and no way of knowing when our own personal seasons will change. The verses simply remind us that we are all going to experience these seasons in our lives. Not every moment is going to be joyous. Not everything will be fun.

Just because it isn't fun doesn't mean God has turned from us. Quite the opposite, actually. One of my favourite moments in the Bible is captured within Matthew 5. Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. Verses 3-12 are collectively called the Beatitudes and it's Jesus telling us that God is with us all the time, blessing us in every season of our life – even when we're suffering.

Ecclesiastes may not lay out the details of exactly how we will experience all things under Heaven, but it does tell us flat out that God will make everything beautiful in its time (verse 11 – NIV).

Not all of us are in the best seasons of our lives. We are stressed, we are suffering, we are mourning and we feel broken. God sees us and His word tells us that there is a time and place for everything and blessings to be had through all of it. And we can take joy in knowing that it will all be beautiful in the end.

Monthly Newsletter

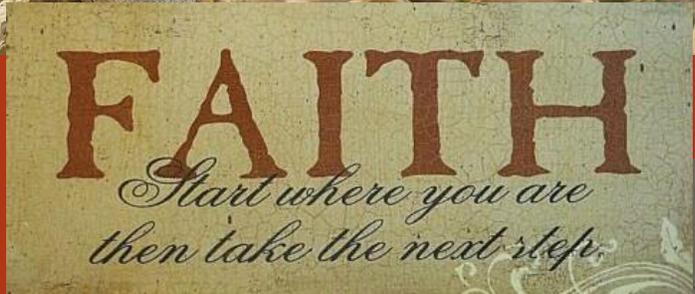
Question to SPCC goers

What do you have around you to help remind you of God's faithfulness when things are difficult and/or what tricks or tips do you have around you to remind you of God when things are going well?

Lois:
I find it very important to keep some verses in front of you always. And thru the most difficult times, I have depended on UCB radio. It has been the best source of positive input and a great way to keep your hope up. I have to keep putting more positive thoughts in, to battle against the negative ones.
God is good all the time, all the time, God is good.

Karen:
Some days are more challenging than others.
We need to take just one step at a time, one day at a time.
Sometimes we need a reminder.

Paul:
I have my satellite radio...I listen to the message...it is easy to become distracted with the daily issues of life. Listening to Christian music and Christian talk radio keeps me grounded in God's word.



SPCC HARVEST PARTY



SPCC HARVEST PARTY continued



Treats
Treats
Treats



Apple Juice



pumpkin Decorating



Games



Family Fun

Special thanks to
Miss Shea, Miss
Hollie and Tractor
Tom and Wendy
for a great day!

