

“What Time Is It?” Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (ESV)

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.
9 What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

1. v.1 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” What season has God put you in at this time? Example, Is this a season to mourn or to dance, to work or to reap the benefit of your work, a time to embrace or to let go?
2. Verse 11 said that God will make everything beautiful in its time. Is there an incident or time in your life that seemed “ugly” while you were going through it, and yet God has redeemed it, and made it something beautiful in your life?
3. “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.” - St. Augustine. Verse 11 also said that God has put eternity into our hearts through the experiences of the seasons and time He has given us. How has your past experiences make your heart restless for him?