Seasons of Change

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For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ² A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ³ A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. ⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. ⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. ⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. ⁸ A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NLT)

1. Don't worry.

"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." Joshua 1:9 (NASB)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

2. <u>Change</u> will happen.

"You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. Matthew 24:6 (NASB)

Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, ¹¹ and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:10-11 (NASB)

3. Jesus Christ doesn't change!

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)

4. Look to Christ!

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2 (NASB)

5. We can <u>pray.</u>

pray without ceasing;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB)

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44 (NASB)

6. Remain upright and blameless.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14-15 (NASB)

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