

sermon notes

EXPECTING

In Every Season

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for *in due season* we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9 ESV

Today we are going to look closer at the “until” that Pastor Roy touched on last week. Ecclesiastes 3 says “*to every thing there is a season*”. It is important we recognize and lean into the season we’re in: *God is using **this** season to give you the nutrients you will depend on in your **next** season!*

There are three seasons we will consider this week:

1. A season of Invisibility

Then [Elijah] said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea.” The servant went and looked, then returned to Elijah and said, “*I didn’t see anything.*”

1 Kings 18:43 NLT

2. A season of Insignificance

Finally the seventh time, his servant told him, “I saw a *little* cloud about the size of a man’s hand rising from the sea.”

1 Kings 18:44 NLT

3. A season of Intimidation

So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.” *Elijah was afraid and fled for his life.*

1 Kings 19:2-3 NLT

Consider and Discuss

- Share with the group which season (invisibility, insignificance, or intimidation) you relate with the most in your life right now. Why do you feel that way?
- Do you feel "sold out" to the season God has you in right now? Why or why not?
- Perhaps you can remember a time in your past where you struggled in one of these three seasons. Share with the group some verses or thoughts that encouraged you to stay sold out through those difficult times.
- Read Jesus' conversation with Peter in John 21:15-23. Do you find yourself asking "But what about him?" with regard to what God is calling those around you to? How can you stay sold out to your season, even if it may not seem "fair" in your eyes?

Personal Challenge

- Take another look at Matthew 11:28-30. We are to wear His "yoke" and plow (labor or work) the way He leads us. Are there areas of your life where you may not be pulling in the same direction or at the same speed as He is?
- If so, what is keeping you from staying on pace? Are you impatient or frustrated with your current season, or intimidated, fearful, or anxious about where He is leading you? Ask God to show you and to give you His vision for your future, and the peace and confidence to sell out to your current season. Consider sharing what He shows you with a friend or other small group member.

My Notes
