

Turn! Turn! Turn!

The title for this column is a hit song from the 1960's. The band's name was the Byrd's. It climbed to the top spot on the music charts because people were captivated by the lyrics. Interestingly, though, most of the lyrics are from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. The author of Ecclesiastes says, "To everything there is a season... a time for every purpose under heaven." He then lists some of the seasons in human experience; birth and death; gain and loss, tears and laughter, mourning and dancing. Just as the seasons in nature change, so do the seasons in our lives. Our circumstances never stay the same it seems for long.

Sometimes we welcome change in our lives. But often it is difficult, especially when it involves sorrow and loss. Yet we can be thankful as our God never changes. Because God remains the same, we can rely on Him through the shifting seasons of life. His peace has the power to guard our hearts, and His love provides security for our souls. May we turn to God in the good times of thankful praise and the bad times for courage and strength!

Together through prayer and service,

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