

Teaching Letter



THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING / TEACHING BY GAYLE CLAXTON

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This is a very well-known piece of scripture and I am sure that you have heard it quoted many times. It is a scripture of hope and encouragement that no matter where we are in our walk with God we are in a season. As we know, seasons change, some faster than others, in which we might rejoice, especially if one has been a particularly hard season for us. Or we may be in a season that we “wish” would never end because we feel secure and safe in this place.

I have come to learn that security and safety in God can and must also be found in the hard times, not just in the blessings. It is not just the timing that we enjoy but the situations that we go through that help us along the way in our journey of faith. Like me, I am sure that many of you can relate to a season that was extremely difficult, yet when this season passed you saw how the Lord had done great things with your life maybe in the area of character, attitude or outlook. These times are just as valuable as the “blessed times”.

Not all the difficult or challenging circumstances that we find ourselves in are bad; many are created because of job situations, family needs and changes in location. I myself have also been through such situations where I know my calling is to preach and teach the body of Christ and yet God also blessed me with a family. What did this mean, and what effect did it have on my calling? In the early days it was easy to travel as a family and fulfil the call; however as family life changed and our son started



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going to school it became more apparent that this season started to change and I needed to be home more. At first I embraced the change knowing that this was God and it was good, but one year moved into the next and nearly 5 years later I realised that there had been great times of blessings but, if I am honest, great times of frustration for me. It seemed to me that I got more involved in admin and projects so far from my original call. Days, weeks and months went by where I dreamed of a new season to again preach and teach! However I had to realise that **“there is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)**. So I determined that I would use this season to allow God to deepen His Word and character in my life, so that when this season ended I knew I would come out knowing Jesus better, having a new revelation of the Word and a zeal that cannot be quenched!

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Ecclesiastes 3:1

As time moves on, the seasons of God also change for many of us. For us as a ministry we will also see the change of the season. There will be new blessings and new challenges, victories, battles and maybe even things that happen that you class as a defeat, but God classes it as His season. Voice in the City is embark-

ing on many exciting projects that Suzette will write to you about at a later date, but we would never have imagined the spiritual explosions that are taking place in Indonesia, where before this seemed impossible; now the season of God changes and the impossible becomes possible!

This also means for me here in Europe that the season for preaching and teaching is again being awakened to reach into the lives of many people with the Word of God. We sense that I am coming out of this season into a new one which I am looking forward to entering with a different perspective of the Word and a new compassion for the church which I have developed. These are exciting times!

I like the word that the New Living Translation uses. It says **for every activity**. This encourages my faith and heart to keep being active in every season that God brings me through. I know that there might be times where I might have to go back and read this again myself when I feel the difficulty of the season I might go through, but we at Voice in the City want to encourage you to allow activity in your spirit no matter the season. Remain active because God has it all in His

control. If you will yield and surrender your agenda, the seasons of God will cause great growth and blessings not only to you but to those around you.

God Bless you



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