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Speaker-AM: Jamie Rinehart

Title: Love

Recording:



Speaker-PM: Tyler Glidden

Title: Lesson From Peter

Recording:



“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

WITH MANY OTHER
WORDS HE TESTIFIED,
AND HE URGED THEM, “BE
SAVED FROM THIS
CORRUPT GENERATION.”

- ACTS 2:40

The Season To Serve, 4/12/2026 By Sam Bunyard

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecc 3:1). King Solomon was wise in his observation that life is full of different seasons, during which it is appropriate to do different things (Ecc. 3:1-8).

But even throughout the different seasons of life, there are also things that never change. Many times we are tempted to lose sight of our purpose during the transitions of life’s many seasons. Our circumstances, struggles, and roles may change. But our overarching purpose never does.

“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all” (Eccl. 12:13). The purpose for which we were created – our whole duty – is to glorify our Creator. When we live in a way that conflicts with our design, we face the consequences. A screw is not designed to be driven in with a hammer – and if you try, you may damage the screw, the hammer, or your finger! Likewise, we were not designed to do things that don’t bring God glory. When we try to go against our design, we damage ourselves. Sin brings pain.

This is true throughout all of life’s seasons. “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth” (Ecc. 12:1). There is no season of life where it is appropriate or healthy to ‘sow your wild oats’. It can only hurt. “Remember your Creators before the silver cord is loosed... then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it” (Ecc. 12:6-7). Whether old or young the only way to live according to our design is if we remember our Creator and what He created us to do.

Solomon’s writings are full of wisdom regarding the consequences of living according to our purpose. But whether or not we experience the physical pain and brokenness of the self-abuse of sin, “God will bring every work into judgment... whether good or evil” (Ecc. 12:14).

Three Days 4/9/2026 by Chadwick Brewer

“They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing” (Joshua 2:22).

Here, after leaving Rahab’s house in Jericho, the spies spent three days hiding in the hills waiting to see if the searchers would find them. That is three days of worry and heightened senses, always on the lookout.

Three days of tension and uncertainty come up and over again in scripture. Jonah spent, what must have been, three very long days in the dark in the belly of the great fish. Esther and her young ladies spent three days fasting to prepare to entreat the king. Abraham spent three days journeying with Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice. And the greatest example is that of the disciples who spent three days, often in hiding, with broken dreams and shaken faith while Jesus was in the tomb.

Three days feel like an eternity when you are on the run, in hiding, facing your possible death, or struggling with a broken faith. But three days is also a very short time for God to work great things and change everything. What feels like an eternity to us is only a moment for God. Wait. Wait for the Lord. Give Him time. Have faith in YHWH.