

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,

*and a season for every
activity under the heavens:*

*a time to be born and a
time to die,
a time to plant and a time
to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to
heal,
a time to tear down and a
time to build,
a time to weep and a time
to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time
to dance,
a time to scatter stones and
a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and
a time to refrain from
embracing,
a time to search and a time
to give up,
a time to keep and a time
to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to
mend,
a time to be silent and a
time to speak,
a time to love and a time to
hate,
a time for war and a time
for peace.*

In this very familiar passage, the writer (presumably Solomon) exhorts the reader on the various seasons we go through in life. Indeed, there is a time for everything under the sun, and this is highlighted for us in our particular post-election scenario wherein many people (including family members and among friends, even among spouses) have exchanged hurtful words in defense of their particular presidential candidate. On social media, bitter exchanges have been rampant which have resulted in people unfriending one another. And while each one may have valid reasons for their posts, it is important to heed the reminder of Solomon that now is the time to choose to heal, to build, to laugh, to embrace, to mend, to love and to seek peace. After all, that is what the Lord Himself desires as He exhorts us to love others second to loving God above all else.

As the dust has settled and the results of the elections have been released, it is time to put to heart and practice what we have been exhorted

about during our 40 Days of Prayer leading to the May 9 elections, that above all things, our Sovereign God remains in control and is above all things. He is above all kings, rulers and authorities, including our own national and local leaders (Romans 13:1).

For our context in GCF South Metro, it is not by accident, but by God's design, that we have such a sermon series that reminds us that true power rests on God and the gospel message that gives hope to people today.

Now, more than ever, we are called not just to reap the benefits of hearing and knowing the gospel of salvation that gives hope, but, more importantly, we are called to be instruments to bring those who are trapped in darkness into the light of Jesus.

Whatever season you are currently in, know and be reminded that God is in control of everything, therefore, you are not to lose hope. ✱