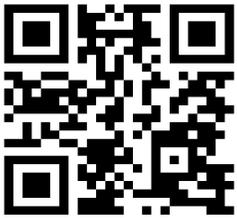




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Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

We are living in a time filled with chaos. Yet we have a promise as His people that He will not forsake us. **John 14:18 (NKJV)** ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

We are told in **Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)** ¹ To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven. We will appreciate our getting back together much more when the time of hardship has passed.

Solomon goes on to say in v. 2 - "A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted." And then in v. 4 "A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance." And in v. 5 "A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing." We will appreciate the hugs we miss so much when, because in v. 8 "we will have A time to love,... And a time of peace."

In verse 9, Solomon asks a question "What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?" Verse 10 tells us God sees our troubles, and we have His promise He will not forsake us. "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."

Solomon concludes his thought in v. 12 by saying "I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, ¹³ and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it *is* the gift of God."

So we need to remember what the aged Apostle John says to us in encouragement: **Revelation 2:10-11 (NKJV)** "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

We have had a time of sorrow, but remember there will be a time of rejoicing for everyone one who has remained faithful.

Praise God, our time of trial will end in victory. Let us continue to encourage one another. Our God is faithful to His promises.

Sister Cindy Saunders

Co-Chair of the Board



Put Your Trust in The Lord

I thought I had put my trust in The Lord. But I see now that I haven't. I worry so much about losing my Child Care Kids, and how I will get my bills paid. Each month I get paid and there is always money to pay the bills. So, I know the Lord is taking care of me. I would put my 10% into Orcutt Christian Church, and hope the Lord would see me through the next month. So that tells me my trust is not in the Lord...that I'm worrying about it myself.

On Mother's Day, Ben and I counted the offering, and it was only \$85.00. I said to Ben, "Oh, NO. That isn't good." He said to me "That's OK, as God has taken care of us this far, so He will protect us now." So, again, I didn't have the trust in the Lord that I needed.

We were leaving the office when a member came and asked if it was too late for more offerings. We said "No." So, we went back in the office, and Ben opened the envelopes. One had \$5.00. The next one Ben opened, then looked at me and said "Look at this check!" We looked at the check, then looked at each other. We both said out loud, "This can't be right!" So we called Archie to come to the office, and showed him the check. He couldn't believe it either. He handed Ben his cell phone and asked him to call the couple to see if there was a mistake. They said there wasn't any mistake, and the funds were in the bank. The check was for \$20,000.00. They said they loved our church and wanted to give us a gift.

So, again, I saw trust. I saw their trust in the Lord, and in our church. So the Lord told me, "Cindy, keep your trust in Me and I will provide your needs."

I thank you, Bernard and Janice Lynn Carreira for the lesson you taught me that Lord's Day. We love you and keep you in our prayers.

[Editor's note:] Please keep Bernard and Janice Lynn in your daily prayers. Both have severe health issues, and are leaving the place they grew up in to move into a Granny House their daughter is building for them. Smart move on both their part, and their daughter's.

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Faith. Keep
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Doubt, and
isolate from
Fear. Trust God
through it all.**