

A woman with long dark hair is seen from behind, looking out over a vast, open field towards rolling hills under a soft, hazy sunset sky. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with warm, muted tones.

YOUR TIME IS *Now!*

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We have all heard the popular saying, “***The grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence.***” As we enter each season of our lives, it is easy to get caught up in the there and then and forget the here and now. The truth is that God has a special plan for each season of our lives, even day by day. If we forget this simple truth, it is easy to become discontent and miss what God wants to teach us in the season we are in—lessons that may be important for what He has called us to do in the future.

A child cannot wait to be a teenager. A teenager cannot wait to be older and independent. A single person may think, “I will be happy when I get married.” Then marriage comes, and their identity may become centered around having children. Then the children arrive, and life becomes so busy that they long for more freedom. When the children grow up and leave home, they may feel lost because their role has changed. I think you get the picture!



Early in my Christian life, I learned that, just like the four seasons, each season of life has its beauty and its challenges. The important thing is to learn to be content in whatever season we find ourselves. The apostle Paul says in ***Philippians 4:11***, “***For I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.***”



But we can go even further than simply being content. We can learn to **embrace each season**, knowing that God can use it to develop our character, prepare us for the next season, and bless those around us. Remember, **you are not killing time while waiting for the next season to come. God has a specific plan and an important mission for you in *THIS SEASON!***

I remember as a young missionary living in India, I had a strong desire to one day be married. But I knew that Jesus was my first love and that my life belonged to Him. I had decided to love Him, follow Him, and serve Him, married or not. He was my reason to live, and everything else would be an added blessing.

Then, at age 36, I got married, and the Lord told me to put my ministry on hold for two years. My life consisted of taking care of my husband and home and teaching children at church.

I found myself complaining to the Lord that I no longer had the time to pray, fast, worship, and study my Bible as I had before. I felt so unspiritual!



A woman with long dark hair is kneeling on a patterned rug in a dimly lit room. She is wearing a brown sweater and blue jeans, and her hands are clasped in prayer. Sunlight streams in from a window on the left, creating a warm glow. In the background, there is a bookshelf and a lamp. An open book lies on the rug near her feet.

THE LORD GENTLY
REMINDED ME THAT

*I was simply in a different season.
Whatever I did—whether cooking,
cleaning, or paying the bills—if I did
it with all my heart for Him, it was
worship and would minister to Him.*

Looking back, those two years may have seemed unspectacular, but they built faithfulness, strength, and character in me for what I am doing today.

I also remember a missionary friend who left the mission field, telling herself, “**I will only return to the mission field when I get married.**”

Fast forward 30 years. This precious woman is still single and never returned to the mission field. What a tragedy! Not because she was single, but because she had put her calling on hold while waiting for her circumstances to change.



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I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERY ONE OF YOU,



whether young or older, single or married, to ask God to show you His plan for you NOW. Don't wait for the next season to begin before you live fully for Him.

Will you allow Him to mold you?
Will you cooperate with His plan, His ways,
and His heart in the season you are in?

Your time is now!

Blessings!

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