

Faith Christian Fellowship
July 2, 2017
Due Season
6: Ready, Willing, Able

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1 / 1 Corinthians 15:10

At the end of last year, the Lord said for 2017 we were to build our faith, share our faith, and stand in the gap. As part of that instruction He told me to “study seasons.” He said we are about to see three seasons overlap: Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him. Ezekiel 34:26, harvest from the years of planting Galatians 6:9, an open window of opportunity to reach people 2 Timothy 4:2.

We have looked at harvest in the lives of God’s people who live close to Him and are firmly planted, and harvest for seeds that have been planted for many years. We began looking at the idea of bringing in the harvest of souls, particularly that there really is a hell, and that Jesus is the only way to avoid it. The church is supposed to leaven the world, not the other way around. We are living in an open window of opportunity, but we have to take our Christian life seriously. Having accepted all these thoughts, **NOW WHAT?**

We are here to invade the world around us. We have all heard a gazillion messages on “we need to win souls” We then get all worked up and run around looking for a soul to win, then feel guilty because we have no clue. We’re scared, and people are tired of door knockers and Jehovah’s Witnesses. **How do we do the Great Commission in Tucson in the 21st century?**

- 1) You are up to the task.
 - a) 2 Cor 3:1-6. You are a living Epistle from God
 - b) Evangelism is not an argument, it’s an introduction. “I want you to meet my Friend, Jesus.”
 - c) You are the package; your story is the medium.
 - i) This one thing I know - I was blind, now I see: John 9:25
 - ii) Tell them what great things the Lord has done for you. Mk 5:19
 - iii) **Everybody’s got a story.** Most of us have more than one!
- 2) The Man is the Message.
 - a) John 16:7-12 Unbelief is the sin that condemns:
 - i) 1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

- ii) 2 Cor 5:19 He reconciled the world to Himself
- b) Choosing darkness leads to condemnation: John 3:16-19
 - i) Mk 16:15-16. The Gospel is **Good News: He’s alive**
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 – simple Gospel
 - (1) He died for our sins- Romans 3:23
 - (2) He was in the grave because that is what we deserved. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - (3) He was raised because our price was paid. 1 Peter 2:24 / Romans 10:8-10
 - (4) He saves all who call on Him in faith. Romans 10:13 / Eph. 2:8
 - iii) 1 Cor 15:10: I am what I am: “Remember Popeye: I yam what I yam and dats all what I am. I’m Popeye the sailor man.”

iv) What are you, by the grace of God?

- 3) **Accept who you are:**
 - a) You are light: that is why you are there. Now get rid of the bushel Ephesians 5:8-10
 - b) You are on a mission from God to touch lives in the place He has assigned you:
 - i) Matthew 5:16 - you don’t shine sitting in here on Sunday. You shine living out there on Monday!!!
 - ii) “Someone has got to let their light shine in the barber shop, in the bank, on the 3rd shift, in the military... Perhaps the greatest thing that you can do to expand the Kingdom and for your local church is to Shepherd that place where you work.” Pastor Jamie Benjamin
 - iii) **You are uniquely tailored and positioned by God to be most effective in achieving His purposes, not yours.**
 - (1) Ephesians 2:10
 - (2) Ps 37:23 / Pr 16:9
 - c) Accept the mantle of your office: I hereby appoint you a messenger to ...

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8B