

St Swithin's Celebration – 12 July 2020 - Sermon

Theme

The Bible tells us that God know the times and seasons of our lives, in fact there is a right time for everything

Intro

Did you know that there are many, many ways to tell the time? You can use watches or clocks, or phones -- even the seasons tell us what time of year it is, by the plants and trees (this apple tree) and also by the position of the sun in the sky. We're in the middle of the summer season aren't we? How do you know? By the warmth, the plants, the sunshine, by the fact people are dressed in flip flops, sunglasses and shorts

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (shortened and paraphrased)

There is a right time for everything.

Everything on earth has its special season.

There is a time to be born and a time to die.

There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants.

There is a time to kill and a time to heal.

There is a time to cry and a time to laugh.

There is a time to be sad and a time to dance.

There is a time to hug and a time not to hug.

God certainly does everything at just the right time.

But we can never completely understand what he is doing.

Talk

The seasons may change, but God said that He created every season for a purpose. And God doesn't change.

All of us have and are living in a difficult season now, with lockdown and Coronavirus, but I want you to know that this season will change, will come to an end. Freedoms will return and we will meet, sing, talk, hug and eat and celebrate together in person.

Because throughout the bible we see God taking the worst seasons of life and turn them into something more beautiful and wonderful, and we know that God never changes, he's with us always and always at work and the times and seasons are in his hands. We have an amazing God.

So if you're struggling this morning, stand firm, keep going, this season will change and renew your trust in God this morning and his timing. Celebrate that God never changes. He's with you.

Let's pray

Dear Lord, we know that you are always with us no matter what season or time of our life. In the Bible you promise us you will never leave us alone. Thank you for your promises and your reminders that you are always with us. Amen.