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TO EVERYTHING A SEASON

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a wisdom in remembering that our lives are not meant to be static and unchanging. Like the seasons of the year, the Biblical teacher of wisdom (Ecclesiastes means “teacher”) reminds us that there is a time and a season for every matter in our lives.

There is a question worth asking: what season are you in now?

In scripture, the teacher names some of the seasons of our lives, listing them in pairs: “a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”

Whatever season you are in, weeping or laughing, distress or hope, searching for meaning or searching for comfort, let us share in it with you at the Hills Church. God calls us into community, we share the seasons of our lives with greater wisdom, resilience, and encouragement as God’s Spirit binds us together and strengthens our faith.

Our church is in a season of renovation and renewal, from the literal renovation of our church building that has been underway all summer, to the growth of new groups meeting together each week and month to learn, serve, and grow in faith. I am excited to see how this season of renovation is a time of renewed energy as we commit to the importance of this church community. God calls us to be the body of Christ, an incarnation of God’s own love that reaches people in seasons of holy days and rituals, in times of change and challenge, in times of joy and grief.

Remember this: all times and seasons are under heaven. Wherever you are in the seasons of your life, God is with you, the love of Christ meets you, and there is a place for you in this church.

I’ll see you in church.

Peace,

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