

“Offering My Time”
Believe: What Shall I Do? — Part 8
Colossians 3:17

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**What we believe in our hearts will define
how we live and who we become.**

Question: What do you believe about time?

Key verse:

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

Fact: We are each given the same amount of time each day! You can't roll over unused minutes like you can in some cell phone plans.

1. Time is a precious commodity.

Chronos: is sequential time or chronological time. It is time in minutes and seconds.

Kairos: is a window of time, an opportunity in time, or the right time.

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every
opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what
the Lord's will is. Ephesians 5:15-17*

***“The time God gives us is a gift.
What we do with it is our gift to God.”***

Key Question:

How do I best use my time to serve God and others?

2. Take hold of the “Kairos” moments.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:10 and 12

Mark 5:21--43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, *Talitha koum!*" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Was it an interruption or a God moment?

3. Don't be afraid to wait.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentations 3:24-26

***"It takes faith to use time to rest,
to believe that God is still at work,
even when I am not."***

***Key idea:
I offer my time to fulfill God's purposes.***

Application: there are three things you can do this week to be a good steward of your time:

First, pray—commit your time to God and recognize it as a gift from Him. Prayerfully analyze what adjustments need to be made.

Second, be aware of Kairos moments. Look for God in the interruptions in your life. The interruption may just be a moment of opportunity.

Third, don't be afraid to wait. Is there something you are waiting for? Is there something you are anxious about? Is there something you can't wait to have happen? Let God work in your time of waiting—REST.