



Recap | Dr. Dorothy Dye. | Sunday, August 30, 2026

Theme: A Time for Committed Faith – being anchored in God through every season of life.

Mama D taught that **there is a God-ordained season for everything** in our lives (Ecclesiastes 3), including our storms, and that our calling in every season is to live a **committed faith**, not just make a one-time decision. God is a God of order who fixed our times and purposes in advance, so our role is to keep being **transformed by the renewing of our minds**, letting His Word govern how we think, speak, and respond. Using Joseph’s life as an example, she showed how even painful seasons are part of a divine progression where God works **all things together for good** and calls us to trust Him, not our understanding. A committed faith is **obedience in action**—being a doer of the Word, guarding our tongues, releasing past seasons, and embracing the purpose God has for us “for such a time as this.” When we live this way—anchored vertically in Christ—we can face any storm knowing God is moving us toward His **expected end** and a final “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

1. Seasons Are Predetermined by God (Ecclesiastes 3:1–8)

- There is a **time and a season for everything** under heaven—storms included.
- **God, not us, orders the seasons** of our lives (birth, death, joy, sorrow, planting, reaping).
- Times and seasons are part of a **fixed, divine order**, not random events.
- Because God is a God of order, our **faith must follow His order**:
 - Hear the Word → Do the Word → Be transformed by the Word.
- We are called to a **continual renewing of the mind** (Romans 12:1–2) so that we can live a committed lifestyle, not just make a one-time decision.

2. Life’s Orderly Progression & Our Response

- **Life is a divine gift** and moves in ordered stages; no one is born or dies “too early” or “too late.”
- Every season—sorrow, weeping, laughter, joy—has a **purpose in God’s plan**.
- Relationships and opportunities often are “**for a season, not a lifetime**.”
- There is:
 - A time to get / a time to give
 - A time to speak / a time to be silent
- **Silence as discipline**:
 - We must “study to be quiet” and mind our own business (1 Thess. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:15).
 - David prayed for a **bridle on his tongue** (Ps. 39:1) because the tongue is powerful and difficult to tame (James 3:8).



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Tongue–Brain–Spirit Connection

- The **tongue and brain work together**: the tongue “tastes”; the brain interprets and sends signals back.
- Spiritually:
 - When we “taste” sweet, gracious words, the brain (renewed by the Word) can affirm and receive them.
 - When we “taste” bitter, negative words, a transformed mind tells the tongue **not to “eat” and repeat** them.
- As we **eat the Word of God**, our spiritual “taste buds” change. We learn to:
 - **Spit out** bitterness and negative speech.
 - **Return grace** instead: “Pleasant words are as an honeycomb” (Prov. 16:24; Col. 4:6).

3. Seasons, Purpose, and Joseph’s Example

- God has a **sense of progression** in our lives, just as in Joseph’s life:
 - His seasons (pit, prison, palace) were all part of **one ordered plan**.
 - He could say, “**You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good**” (Gen. 50:20).
- Our storms and seasons also fall under **Romans 8:28** – *all* things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.
- Joseph’s **committed faith**:
 - He believed God’s plan so deeply that he **made them promise to take his bones out of Egypt** (Gen. 50:25).
 - 430 years later, they did (Ex. 13:19)—a powerful picture of long-range, committed faith.

Letting Go of Old Seasons

- “If I knew then what I know now...”
 - Mama D reframed this: **you would have done the same thing**, because those choices were part of the ordered path that produced who you are now.
- **Forgetting what is behind** (Phil. 3:13) means:
 - Not letting past seasons **control your present**.
 - Accepting that every season has its **own lesson** and process.



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4. Finding God's Order for a Committed Faith

- Like Esther, we are placed **“for such a time as this”** (Esther 4:14).
- Our ultimate **purpose is vertical**:
 - Created for God's pleasure (Rev. 4:11).
 - To show forth His praises (1 Pet. 2:9).
- Key purposes that define a **committed life of faith**:
 - **Fear God and keep His commandments** – this is our whole duty (Eccl. 12:13).
 - **Be doers of the Word**, not hearers only (James 1:22).
 - **Follow peace and holiness** (Heb. 12:14).
 - **Let your light shine** so God is glorified (Matt. 5:16).
 - **Continue in His Word** to be true disciples and walk in freedom (John 8:31–32).
- **Faith = obedience in action**.
 - “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:26).
 - As God “works in” us (Phil. 1:6; 2:13), we must **work out** our salvation in every season.

5. Expected Outcome: The End of a Committed Life

Mama D described what we can expect when we live this way:

- To hear: **“Well done, good and faithful servant.”**
- To receive **“all things that pertain to life and godliness”** in this life.
- To be taken, in God's appointed time, to a **prepared place** to receive crowns we will cast back at Jesus in worship.
- To handle **horizontal storms** (people, problems, circumstances) from the strength of our **vertical relationship** with God.

Core Takeaways

- **This is your time and your season**.
 - No one else can fulfill the purpose God has assigned to you.
- Don't resist change; **embrace the transformation** God is working in you.
- Keep **eating the Word**, letting it renew your mind so your faith is not just a decision, but a **daily commitment**.
- When storms come, you can sway—but you will not break—because you are **anchored in Him**, not in self, not in circumstances.