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DECISION vs. COMMITMENT: CONFORMITY OR TRANSFORMITY!!

LESSON 4: A Time for Committed Faith

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the sun”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

“NOW FAITH IS...the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

NOW FAITH IS the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality. FAITH IS perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.” (Amplified Version)

“But without FAITH it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”
(Hebrews 11:6)

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Lesson Outline

I. Predetermined Seasons of Faith

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Genesis 1:14
Psalms 104:19
Daniel 2:21
Genesis 3:15

New Testament

Ephesians 1:4
Acts 1:7
St. Luke 1:26

II. Life's Orderly Progression

Psalms 30:5
Psalms 39:1
Proverbs 18:16
Psalms 19:14
Proverbs 16:24
Psalms 38:8
Jeremiah 15:16
Genesis 50:20

I Thessalonians 4:11
James 3:8
Colossians 4:6
Philippians 1:6
Philippians 2:13-14
Romans 8:28



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III. Finding God's Order to Committed Faith

Esther 4:14
Job 33:4
Micah 6:8
Ecclesiastes 12:13

Revelation 4:11
I Peter 1:9
James 1:22
Hebrews 12:14
St. Matthew 5:16
St John 8:31-32
II Corinthians 4:7

IV. Expected Outcome of a Life of Commitment

Psalms 139:14
Genesis 1:9-10
Proverbs 3:5-6

Hebrews 11:1
Hebrews 11:6
James 2:26
Romans 12:1-2

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Discussion Questions

1. How do you see God's fixed order in your life?
2. How do you become subject to God's Plan – even when you don't know the Plan?
3. Looking at the brain-tongue connection, how can you learn to “train” your tongue?
4. How does your transformed brain transform your tongue?
5. Is your faith in a “holding pattern” sometimes?
6. How do you live what you believe and what is the evidence?
7. Discuss what David said in Ps. 39:1 and Ps. 141:3
8. When does “Transformity” end? (Romans 12:1-2)



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Take-A-Ways

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THE LIFE OF JOSEPH: THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S ORDERLY PROGRESSION

Look at the beauty of God’s Orderly Progression in the life of Joseph. His life is a wonderful example of God’s Plan, and Joseph’s life of committed faith.

A Time To Be Born: Genesis 30:23-24

“And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And she called his name Joseph.”

A Time To Be Loved: Genesis 37:3

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age.”

A Time To Be Hated: Genesis 37:4

“And when his brethren saw that their father loved Joseph more than all his brethren, they hated him.”

A Time To Dream: Genesis 37:5

“And Joseph dreamed a dream.”

A Time To Be Sold: Genesis 37:28

“...and they drew and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.”

A Time To Be Falsely Accused: Genesis 39:15

“And she spake to her husband saying, the Hebrew servant (Joseph) which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me.”



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A Time To Be Unfairly Judged: Genesis 39:19

“And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him saying, after this manner did thy servant Joseph to me, that his wrath was kindled.”

A Time To Be Jailed: Genesis 39:20

“And Joseph’s master took him, and put him into the prison, a p[lace where the king’s prisoners were bound: and he was there in prison.”

A Time To Be Forgotten: Genesis 40:23

“Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.”

A Time To Be Remembered: Genesis 41:9

“Then spake the chief butler unto Pharoah, saying, I do remember my faults this day.” “There was with us a young man, Joseph, an Hebrew.”

A Time To Be Restored: Genesis 41:41

“And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.”

A Time To Be Revealed: Genesis 45:3

“...And then stood no man with him while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.”

A Time To Forgive: Genesis 45:15

“Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them; and after that his brethren talked with him.”



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A Time To Be Brought To The Fulfillment Of God's Purpose: Genesis 50:20

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

What a lesson on the progression of God's Plan and a lesson on forgiveness and healing. Joseph refused to allow what happened to him to be a deterrent to him believing that God's Hand was on him. He believed the dream/word that God gave him, and he was committed to God and to the Word from God. He lived a life of COMMITTED FAITH for fifteen (15) years as God's Plan was unfolded.