

Seasons

Part four of the series, "The Family Journey"

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 ESV)

Maximize your season of singleness. (1 Corinthians 7:32-35 ESV)

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" (Genesis 2:15-17 ESV)

Courtship and entering marriage: Allow God to bring two together.

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him...' ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man." (Genesis 2:18, 21-22 ESV)

Parenting little ones: Teaching and being examples of loving and following God is the main priority.

"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in." (Proverbs 3:11-12 NIV)

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6 ESV)

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV)

Parenting adolescents: Process life together with them.

"After three days they found him (Jesus) in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' ⁴⁹And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:46-51 ESV)

Parenting adults: Empower and release them into the world.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." (Ephesians 5:31-33 ESV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)