

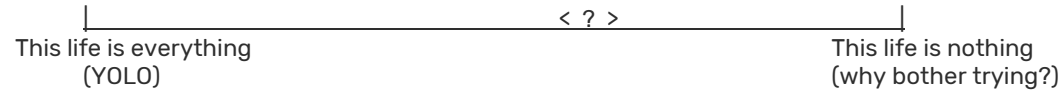
Sermon Outline

“A TIME FOR EVERYTHING” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Ecc 1:2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

- “meaningless” = fleeting/fading/passing away ≠ futile/pointless/worthless



1Tim 6:19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1. Learning how to tell the time (3:1-8)

i. Identify the season you’re currently in

ii. Accept you can’t do everything all the time

- YOLO: **Y**ou **O**nly **L**ive **O**nce
- FOMO: **F**ear **O**f **M**issing **O**ut

2. Listening to what God says about time ... (3:9-22)

v10: “I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race”

v11a: “He has made everything beautiful in its time”

- lift us up and weigh us down

1 Tim 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. 4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

- Christians are not ANTI-creation but neither are we ONLY-creation
v11b: “He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end”

- Augustine: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You”

3. Living with God’s perspective of time

i. Repent while there is time

- “superintendence”

2 Pet 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- Explore (starts Nov 24)

ii. See the good in every season

Rom 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

iii. Work for what endures forever

“Chasing after the wind”	
1. Meaningless, meaningless, utterly meaningless, everything is meaningless	1:1-2:26
2. A time for everything	3:1-4:16
3. Draw near to God ...	5:1-6:12
4. Better to go to a funeral than a wedding	7:1-8:1
5. Where can I find a wise king?	8:2-17
6. Are you ready to meet your maker and your judge?	9:1-12:14