

## A Time to Love

### Psalm 90: 3-6

*3 You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."*

*4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

*5 You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning*

*6 though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.*

Man looks at time in six different ways, by the day, night, week, month, and year then breaks them down in seasons. Each one of us has a favorite season, mine is the summer so long as I am near a pool or the beach. I love the winter as long as we get lots of snow...

What's your favorite season?

Each season offers us a different glimpse of God and his glory...

#### **Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)**

*1 The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.*

*2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.*

*3 They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies;*

*4 yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world.*

Friday night after Paige and I delivered a wedding on the North Fork, we had dinner at Legends, after dinner we took a walk and found a small beach down the street from the restaurant...we sat by ourselves and took in the beauty of the water, we watched the Plovers play in the sand, listened to the Seagulls laughing as they flew by. I said to her, "How could people not believe in God, just look at how beautiful everything is, we get so busy, God is right in front of us all the time and we don't appreciate it, all the sudden I was like wow! Just then we noticed in the sky a beautiful rainbow had appeared, it was brighter than any rainbow I'd ever seen!

It was like the Lord saying "I am here, you guys get it, you see me!

It was wonderful evening, spending some 'alone' time together when my wife said to me "there is going to come a day when we won't be able to do this... because one day the Lord is going to call one of home – **A TIME TO LOVE!**

Do you have a special memory of a certain day, week, month, year or season?

Looking at the text, Moses knew the brevity of man; the ancients lived for 700, 800, 900 years, but still their end was the dust. Look at how Moses describes the life span of man compared to the Almighty:

‘a watch in the night’

‘a day that just gone by’

“new grass, in the morning in springs up, by evening it’s dry and withered”

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Read the book of Ecclesiastes – there is a theme running through the Preacher’s mind.

### **Eccl 6:12 (NIV)**

*For who knows what is good for a man in life, during the few and meaningless days he passes through like a shadow? Who can tell him what will happen under the sun after he is gone?*

### **James 4:14 (NIV)**

*Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

Man, in all our strength, all our wisdom, all our knowledge, all our kingdoms can we avoid being retuned to dust?

Stout and strong today  
Tomorrow turned to clay  
This day in his bloom  
The next, in the tomb.

We know life is short, yet many of us go through life with a chip, an attitude, angry, woe is me, look how busy I am, look at all I have to do, look at all I’ve done, look how great I am! When we compare ourselves to God what are we? Didn’t David say in?

### **Psalms 8:4 (NIV)**

*What is man that you mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?*

## **A TIME TO LOVE**

Do you have grandparents?

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Do you have Moms & Dad’s?

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Do you have Brother’s & Sisters?

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Do you have Friend's?  
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Do you have Student's?  
**A TIME TO LOVE**

Do you lead a Ministry?  
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Do you have Children?  
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**Life is too short not to love!**

Most of you know Stephen Curtiss Chapman; this message was inspired from his song which I heard many time in my car and often with tears thinking of how many times I shrug my daughter off when I come home. A few weeks ago I found out that his five year old daughter Maria was killed in a tragic family accident a few months after the song was released.

**Play Stephen Curtiss Chapman's "Cinderella"**

AFTER THE SONG –  
Explain how it convicted me as a Dad!  
God revealed to Stephan he needed "A Time to Love"

Turn with me to:  
**Colossians 3:12 (NIV)**

*12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

*13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

*14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

### **In Closing:**

From the very beginning of creation, we see the One who created us out of love, sought to spend time with us because of His love, offer the first sacrifice because His love. Through out history he directed us, guided us, and although because of our sin, he may hide his face from us, but, because of His great love, He died on the cross for us.

### **John 15:12-14 (NRSV)**

*12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.*

**Time is short; our life is but a mist, a shadow, a day gone by, here today, gone tomorrow!**

**Don't let it pass you by -Today is A TIME TO LOVE!**

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