Faith Christian Fellowship May 14, 2017 Due Season 2: We Shall Reap

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Galatians 6:7-9

At the end of last year, the Lord said for 2017 we were to build our faith, share our faith, and stand in the gap. As part of that instruction He told me to "study seasons." He said we are about to see three seasons overlap: Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him. Ezekiel 34:26, harvest from the years of planting Galatians 6:9, an open window of opportunity to reach people 2 Timothy 4:2.

Last week: Harvest in the lives of God's people who live close to Him and are firmly planted. Today: Harvest for seeds that have been planted for many years.

- 1) The whole kingdom works like seed. Mk 4:26-29
 - a) The sower: Has seed, Sows seed, Sleeps and rises, Puts in the sickle
 - b) The seed spouts and grows with Good Ground, Enough Time, Enough Water
- 2) 4 kinds of seed in the Bible
 - a) 2 Cor 9:6-10 money (Prov 11:24)
 - b) Gal 6:6-10 good works and kind deeds.
 - c) Matt 13:38 people. YOU ARE SEED!!!!!!
 - d) Mk4:14 the Word.
 - i) This is the principle of the Kingdom of God.
 - ii) A harvest of souls begins with sowing the Gospel
 - iii) A harvest of healing begins with sowing the Word on healing
 - iv) A harvest of financial blessing begins with sowing the Word on finances
- 3) It is harvest time: Deu 11:13-14
 - a) John 4:34-38 Expand your vision and faith to include seed sown by previous generations and other groups.
 - b) You have seed in the ground that you have planted in every offering, in every sharing of your faith, in every act of kindness, in every mission you have sent out with your prayers and finances. It is time to see the fruit

C) Keys to harvest:

- i) You reap in proportion to what you sowed. 2 Cor 9:6
- ii) The seed has the life in it. Don't try to force it.
- Water: You can bring the rain through Love (Dt. 28:1,2,12 / 1 John 3:23) / Obedience in finances. (Malachi 3:10) / Prayer for rain & laborers. (James 5:7, 16-18; Matt 9:37-38;1 Cor 3:6-8)
- iv) Stay consistent while you wait for a harvest. James 5:7 patience, or consistency, is a quality of a good gardener
 - (1) I strive to learn to stay steady. Heb 12:1.
 - (2) Psalm 112:5-8. The righteous is not moved: Don't freak out, stay steady! Emotions are your temptation, not your guide.
- V) DON'T QUIT Gal 6:9 Lose heart = weaken, grow weary, become despondent.
 - (1) Pray for strength Ephesians 3:14-16
 - (2) Wait on the Lord (Don't try to do it yourself) Isaiah 40:31 / Ps 27:13
 - (3) Psalm 84:5-7 we are going from strength to strength.
- d) It is a season of reaping seeds of a lifetime:
 - i) Money: Don't quit on your seed that you gave in faith. It is coming up.
 - ii) People: Every person you have helped in sending to the harvest is seed for new and fruitful relationships.
 - iii) Good deeds: every act of kindness is coming back to you form unexpected sources.
 - iv) Word fruit: **Moms**, if you have kids who are not where they should be, then today is the first day of the harvest.

"The days are coming," says the LORD, "when grain will grow faster than it can be harvested, and grapes will grow faster than the wine can be made. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with it. Amos 9:13 GNB