## Faith Christian Fellowship May 21, 2017 Your Winning Season

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

Intro: Pastor Virgil has been teaching on Due Season – This past two weeks he's been teaching on WINNING in your personal life and in the seeds you've sown. The Lord told him we are about to see 3 seasons overlap (Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him -- harvest from the years of planting, -- & an open window of opportunity to reach people.) This is a NEW season. This is your Due Season. This is our WINNING Season. So let's win.

- 1) As a Believer we are called and designed to win. Embrace your winning season.
  - a) Recognize you are a winner. Winning is who you are! You are a world overcomer. (1John 5:4-5) You are victorious (1Cor 15:57) You are designed to be a winner. (2Cor5:17, Eph2:10, John16:33)
- 2) Then there are supernatural shifts like Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His and **He changes the times and the seasons...**" Daniel 2:20-21.
  - a) Healing has always been available for God's people Ex15:26, but in the 40's-50's a special season of healing occurred.
  - b) Charismatic Renewal... same thing in the 60's a special season with an outpouring of the Spirit in mainline churches.
  - c) Not everybody participated but they could have. I believe we are in a new season, our due season, your winning season.
- 3) "This winning season is a time of divine favor, blessing & influence."
  - a) Sustained Winning takes commitment to the Lord.
    "Unprecedented blessing upon those who dwell close with HIM."
    - Jacob entered his winning season when he made a commitment to the Lord, to a growth process, & to others to do what is right (Gn28:16-22;Gn29:20,27;Gn30:24-34;Gn31:14-16)
    - ii) Commitments aren't always comfortable. They require GRIT.
    - iii) What does your commitment to the LORD look like? Is it a commitment or is it merely of convenience?
  - b) Winning requires a team 1Cor 12:20 MSG We need each other
    - i) We are all connected. No one of us is significant without a team. Athletes have coaches, trainers, training partners, etc.
    - ii) Moses, Jesus, Paul, etc... all had a team. We are called to grow, serve, live & win together. Heb 10:24-25

## iii) Who is WINNING with you? Who are you WINNING with?

- 4) Keep a winning attitude! 1 Thess 5:16 Rejoice Always
  - a) Jesus tells us to get the right attitude in troubled times Jn 16:33
  - b) The soundtrack of a show sets mood/expectation of a scene if your life was a song what would it be? In difficult times?
    - i) Pro 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he
  - c) WE have an attitude of FAITH We are made to win Mark 9:23
  - d) Thank God... He doesn't give up on us when things in our lives look dicey. Philippians 1:6 God has a winning attitude about You.
- 5) Consistency Stay steady! Even if it doesn't look like you're winning.
  - a) Daniel 2 It didn't look like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were winning, but they stayed committed, maintained a good attitude and were consistent in their actions.
  - b) You have to Stay fueled up. How's your devotional life? When you are running on low, your standards go.
- 6) RUN to WIN! 1 Cor 9:24-27 MSG
  - a) **Don't fear opportunity**. This is a time of "Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him"
    - i) Don't fear the open door. Embrace opportunity and expect blessings to flow into your life. Obey the Lord and step out into your next WIN! Matthew 25:14-25, Gen 15:1
  - b) Put a demand on your seed sown. "The seeds of many decades are waiting in the earth." It is time for the harvest.
    - i) Pull up the weeds of doubt! Don't quit on the seed you sowed in faith. It's coming up. Gal 6:9
    - ii) It is a season of reaping seeds of a lifetime.
  - c) Tell Someone! 2 Timothy 4:2; Romans 8:19 NASB; Matt 9:38
    - i) "There is an open window of opportunity." Tell people your story with Jesus. People who wouldn't listen before are tuning in their ears.
  - d) You are a winner. This is your winning season. Step into your winning season: Stay committed, be consistent, maintain your attitude, & listen to what the Lord says. Then step out in Victory: Embracing opportunity & expecting blessing, put a demand on the seed you've sown; it is coming up, Tell Someone and watch people listen who wouldn't before. WE WIN! This is your winning season!