The Harvest

A Season of Biblical Truths



The Harvest

reminds us of God's <u>promises</u>.

teaches us about <u>obedience</u>.

nudges us toward <u>generosity</u>.

The Harvest calls us into the mission field.

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven...

A time to plant and a time to harvest.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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1 worker = $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$ acre per day

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless...

- Matthew 9:35-38

...like sheep without a shepherd.

He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great,
but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord
who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to
send more workers into his fields."

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Call to Compassion

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion..."

Our call into the mission field must begin with compassion, the ability to see people as Jesus saw them... harassed, helpless, and hungry for a truth that can only be found in God's love and grace.

Call to Commitment

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few."

Commitment to the mission field is putting your compassion to work. It requires a spiritual stirring; not only is the job massively overwhelming, but it is also painful, exhausting, and thankless.

Call to Cooperation

"Pray to the Lord... send more workers."

Cooperation is about working together; with God and with others. A maverick mentality accomplishes little in the mission field, it requires the prayerful determination of the collective.

Call to Continue

"The fields are already ripe for harvest." (Jn 4:35)

This heavenly harvest is not seasonal, it continues until the day Jesus returns. Our relatives & friends, co-workers & neighbors, even the strangers who look from afar; they need us to keep working.

The harvest calls us to the mission field...

COMPASSION COMMITMENT

COOPERATION CONTINUATION

...but what gets in the way?

OUR INCONVENIENCE

"I don't have enough time."

OUR INCOMPETENCE

"I don't know enough."

OUR IN-CONFIDENCE

"I'm not good enough."

Allow this harvest season to call you into the mission field.

PRAY | PREPARE | PARTICIPATE

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

- Luke 10:2

"Here I am. Send me."

