



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Time flies!

John 15:8 (NLT) “When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”

- **Fruit is something God produces through us when conditions are right**

John 15:4–5 (NLT) “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.”

- **The Holy Spirit produces the fruit, but we create the environment**

B. Things to come

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- **Why did the heavenly Father think that it was important to give the Holy Spirit the assignment or task to “show us things to come”?**

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C. Will I find faith?

Luke 18:8b (NLT) ... But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?

- **Will I find faith?**
 - Because faith is what produces fruit
 - Faith is what endures pressure
 - Faith is what glorifies God
- **Faith is remaining steady when outcomes are unclear**

II. THE TENSION OF HERE vs THERE

A. We live in the tension of “here” vs “there”

Matthew 17:20 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.



B. Our brains have an upgrade problem

- **Hedonism:** This is when someone believes life is all about living for pleasure and comfort, as the ultimate purpose and highest authority
- **Hedonic adaptation:** Explains why pleasure doesn't last, it's when once something becomes normal, it stops satisfying. They say - a brain that stayed satisfied would stop striving, learning, adapting, and surviving. It's a survival feature. But it has a side effect: Satisfaction fades faster than desire
- Human beings are not wired for arrival—we're wired for progress

III. MADE FOR HERE, MADE FOR MORE

A. Times, seasons, purpose

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- Hebrew word for **eternity** means *forever, beyond the horizon, stretching past what we can see*
- Old Testament scholars say this verse means: *God wired the human heart with a sense that this life is not all there is*
- We are born with a homesickness for something we've never seen. We were made for here, and we were made for more

Ecclesiastes 3:12 (NIV) I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.

- Psychology explains how dissatisfaction works Scripture explains why it exists

Augustine: "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You."

B. We are eternal beings living in temporary bodies, walking through limited days

C. Faith lives in the middle of here and eternity

- If you could see the entire timeline, you wouldn't need faith
- You don't need all the details
- You need deep roots in truth
- You don't need control
- You need confidence in God's character

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