



More than Fruit

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From Here to There



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. When "there" becomes "here"

- Too often we think that "there" will finally give me what "here" can't.

B. Fruit is evidence of an unseen life

II. TIMES, SEASON'S AND PURPOSE

A. Made for here

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

- Doing the right thing in wrong season could destroy the harvest.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV) ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart ...

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*.

B. You're made for here

- You were made for this time, this season, this assignment
- Solomon wraps his hands around 2 things: We were made for here, but we're built for more

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV) ¹¹ 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

D. No one can fathom the beginning from the end

- We feel this tension
- **Eternity in your heart doesn't make this life meaningless, it makes what you do here eternally significant**

II. SMALL BECOMES GREAT

A. God often hides something great inside something small

Matthew 13:31-32 (NLT) ³¹ Here is another illustration Jesus used: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches."

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.



1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

B. There’s a treasure in you... but it’s not for you

- **2 Corinthians 1:3–4: God comforts you—and eventually you comfort somebody**
- **2 Timothy 2:2: God teaches you—and eventually you teach somebody**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11 God encourages you—and eventually encouragement comes out of you**
- **2 Corinthians 9:8, 11: God provides for you—and eventually generosity flows through you**
- **Ephesians 4:32: God forgives you—and eventually forgiveness flows through you**
- **Colossians 3:16: God puts His Word in you—and eventually His Word comes out of you.**
- **John 15:8, 16: God produces fruit in you—and eventually somebody else gets to taste it.**

C. Seeds never look like what they can become

- **There's something extraordinary...inside something ordinary.**

D. Everyone has a “there”

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- **We are a family church, teaching people, to reach their world**
 - **There's a world you enter every day that most of the people sitting in this room will never enter.**
 - **None of us can reach everybody, but everybody can reach **somebody**.**