8/28/22 Sermon

The sermon takes the 28 times of life in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and maps them to various events at specific times in my own life.

Birth and youth

Time to be Born, Time to Kill, Time to Heal, Time to Rend, Time to Sew, Time to Keep Silence, Time to Speak, Time to Hate, Time to Laugh 9

High School/College

1. Picture in Paper
2. High School Graduation
3. Freshman Year
4. Sophomore Year
5. Lessons learned

Interval: Vietnam, Complete College, Grad School, Teaching, Librarian, Marriage, Change Careers from Teaching to IT at SSA, Deaths of Parents.

Covers Time to Dance, Time to Love, Time to Mourn, Time to Cast Away Stones, Time to Gather Stones, Time to Embrace, Time for War, Time for Peace, Time to Weep, Time to Plant, Time to Harvest 11

Mid-40s

1. Magazine article
2. Coal Act System
3. Rewards
4. Follow through
5. Lessons learned

Interval: Divorce; Worst Boss Ever; Audits as Refuge; Church as Refuge: (2 3 yr Session terms, 2 3 yr Presbytery committee terms, 2 yrs Clerk of Session, Bell choir). But also 2 attempts at social security reform involving personal accounts, one under Clinton and one under George W Bush

Covers Time to Refrain from Embracing, Second term of Time to Heal, Time to break down, Time to build up, Time to Seek, Time to Lose 5

Early-60s

1. Unexpected Opportunity
2. Realizing what was needed
3. Chance of a lifetime
4. Risk of a lifetime
5. Dénouement

Covers Reevaluation of all the choices so far experienced

Summary: Sometimes the course avoided turns out to be the right one

Interval The Years to Retirement One final proposal from OMB. Retirement

Now

Time to Keep, Time to Cast Away

Future

The Time listed after Time to be Born

Ecclesiastes List

Time to be born

Time to die

Time to plant

Time to harvest

Time to kill

Time to heal

Time to break down

Time to build up

Time to weep

Time to laugh

Time to mourn

Time to dance

Time to cast away stones

Time to gather stones together

Time to embrace

Time to refrain from embracing

Time to seek

Time to lose

Time to keep

Time to cast away

Time to rend

Time to sew

Time to keep silence

Time to Speak

Time to Love

Time to hate

Time for war

Time for Peace