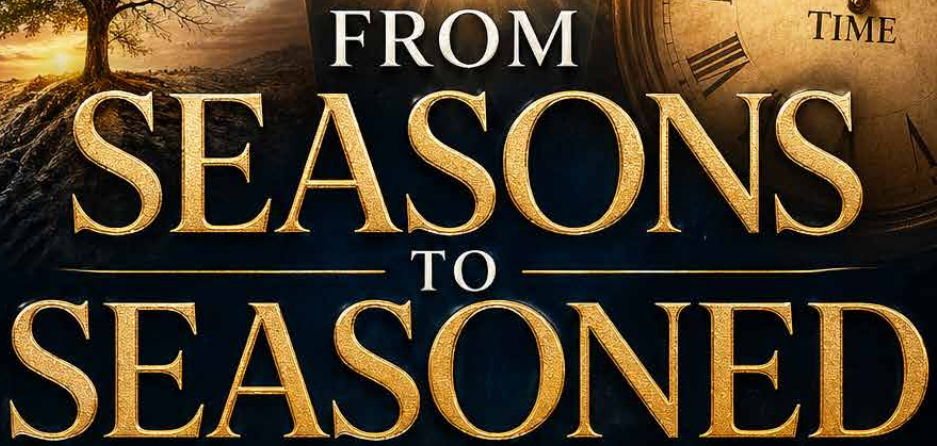
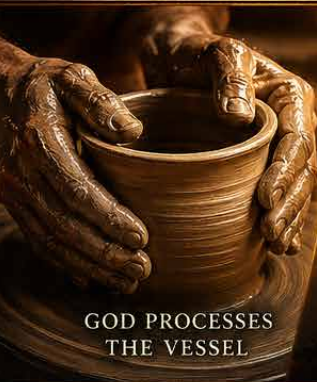


AN APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL SERMON BOOKLET



FROM SEASONS TO SEASONED

FROM PROCESSED TO READY —
FROM TIME TO APPOINTED TIME



GOD PROCESSES
THE VESSEL



GOD READIES
THE SERVANT



GOD RELEASES
THE ASSIGNMENT

ACTS 2:38 • ACTS 10:47-48 • ACTS 1:8

“REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL
RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.”

ACTS 2:38

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Purpose: A three-sermon booklet for preaching, teaching, and small-group study focused on spiritual growth, sanctification, empowerment, and God’s timing. Ideal for a three-week sermon series, revival meeting, or discipleship class.

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Introduction and Theme

We live in seasons. God brings us through times of pruning, waiting, testing, and abundance. The Lord does not intend for us to remain at the level of

“season”—He intends to bring us through the process until we are seasoned: tried, seasoned by grace and ready for service. This series explores the work of God in our lives as He processes us, readies us, and brings us into the exact appointed time when His purpose is fulfilled through us. The focus is holiness, sanctification, and the empowerment of the Holy Ghost—culminating in obedient steps: repentance, water baptism in Jesus’ name, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 2:38).

Sermon 1 — From Seasons to Seasoned

Theme: God uses seasons to develop maturity. Our response determines whether we are simply surviving a season or being seasoned by it.

Key Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 — There is a season for everything.
- James 1:2-4 — Trials produce steadfastness; let perseverance finish its work.
- Romans 8:28-29 — God works all things for good to conform us to the image of Christ.
- 2 Timothy 2:21 — Cleansing to be a vessel for honor.

Outline

1. Seasons are appointed by God

- Every life has cycles: growth, pruning, waiting, harvest.
- Seasons are not accidental. Ecclesiastes teaches that God controls times and seasons.

2. Two possible outcomes of a season

- Stagnation: remaining unchanged, complaining, blaming.
- Seasoning: responding in faith, humility, prayer, and obedience.

3. How God seasons us

- Trials refine faith (James 1:2-4).
- Pruning removes unfruitful branches (John 15:2).
- Teaching and correction shape character (Hebrews 12:5-11).

4. Characteristics of the seasoned believer

- Patience, humility, compassion, wisdom, endurance.
- Readiness for ministry; able to teach and encourage others.

5. Application: How to be seasoned, not ruined

- Receive correction, submit to God's will.
- Cultivate spiritual disciplines: prayer, the Word, fasting, holiness.

- Seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost for power and perspective.
- Serve faithfully in small things—God promotes maturity through faithfulness.

Illustration

A potter does not throw away clay that is imperfect; he works it on the wheel, tears off excess, reworks it, and fires it. God does likewise with us until we become vessels fit for His use (2 Timothy 2:21).

Altar Call/Application

Invite those who are weary of their seasons to come forward, repent of resentment or pride, and commit to submitting to God's refining work. Offer a prayer of surrender and invite seekers to explore baptism and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Sermon 2 — From Processed to Ready

Theme: Processing is God's workmanship—He molds us through trials, training, and testing until we are ready for service.

Key Scriptures

- James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5 — Suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope.
- 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 — Treasured clay jars bear the life of Christ even in weakness.
- 1 Peter 1:6-7 — Trials refine faith.
- Ephesians 4:11-13 — The goal of ministry training is maturity.

Outline

1. Define “processed”

- Processed: acted upon—tested, corrected, trained.
- God’s refining process versus worldly pressure.

2. The purposes of God’s processing

- Root out pride, grow dependence on Christ, cultivate gifts.
- Prepare vessels for assignment—ready for harvest and battle.

3. The stages of processing

- Breaking (humility), cleansing (repentance), shaping (discipline), testing (faith in action).

4. How to cooperate with the process

- Embrace God’s timetable, not your own.
- Seek counsel, submit to spiritual authority, stay available.
- Learn from failure and repent quickly.

5. Indicators you are ready

- Peace about your calling, consistent fruit, tested character.
- Confirmed by scripture, prayer, and godly counsel.

Practical Steps

- Keep a testimony journal: track God's faithfulness.
- Engage in ministry opportunities as training grounds.
- Pursue prayer and the gifts of the Spirit for empowerment.

Illustration

A soldier in training is processed—long marches, drills, discipline—so that when he enters combat he is ready. Believers must accept spiritual training so they can stand in the day of battle.

Altar Call/Application

Call those who sense God is preparing them to consecrate themselves to readiness. Invite them to commit to spiritual disciplines and to seek the Holy Ghost as the power to perform in the harvest.

Theme: God’s appointed time (kairos) is different from our clock time (chronos). When we are seasoned and ready, God moves at His appointed time to fulfill purpose through us.

Key Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 — There is a time for every matter under heaven.
- Daniel 2:21 — God changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them.
- Galatians 4:4 — In the fulness of time God sent forth His Son.
- Acts 1:7 — “It is not for you to know times or seasons” — trust God’s timetable.
- Psalm 31:15 — “My times are in Your hand.”

Outline

1. Two kinds of time

- Chronos (sequential, human time) vs. Kairos (God’s appointed moment).

2. Recognizing God’s appointed time

- Confirmed by peace, scripture, doors opening, alignment of gifts and opportunity.
- Often follows seasoning and processing.

3. Why God waits

- To mature character, to create maximum impact, to align His purposes.
- To test faith and prepare the Church to receive blessing humbly.

4. How to walk in the appointed time

- Stay faithful in the waiting; maintain readiness; act when God opens the door.
- Be bold when commissioned; the Holy Ghost empowers the moment.

5. Examples

- Jesus born in the fulness of time (Galatians 4:4).
- Apostles waiting in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father (Acts 1–2) then empowered at Pentecost.

6. Warning against rushing or delaying God's timing

- Rushing leads to mistakes; impatience may forfeit blessings.
- Delay in obedience can close opportunities—act when God says go.

Application

- Pray for discernment to recognize kairos moments.
- Keep a posture of readiness: spiritual disciplines, accountability, and availability.
- When God opens the door, move in humility and

power—be bold to speak, minister, and witness.

Altar Call/Application

Invite those who feel God calling them into a new season or assignment to step forward. Offer prayer for empowerment, boldness, and for the baptism with the Holy Ghost as their supply for the appointed time.

Practical Response: Steps to Salvation, Water Baptism (in Jesus' Name), and Infilling of the Holy Ghost

(An Apostolic Pentecostal practice)

1. Repentance

- Acknowledge sin, turn from it, and ask Jesus for forgiveness (Acts 2:38).

2. Water Baptism in Jesus' Name

- Based on Acts 2:38, Acts 10:47-48, Luke 24:47—confess Jesus and be baptized in His name.
- Mode: immersion in water (death, burial, and resurrection with Christ—Romans 6:4). Jesus' name baptism is regeneration.
- Invite the candidate to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

3. Baptism with the Holy Ghost (Promise of the Father)

- Acts 2:4; Acts 1:8 — seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the initial physical sign.
- Encourage seekers to be filled through prayer and open surrender. Provide instruction on praying for the infilling, expectant faith, and praise.

Altar Call Outline and Suggested Prayers

Opening Scripture and brief invitation:

- Short testimony or exhortation about salvation, baptism, or Holy Ghost.
- Invitation to come forward: seekers for salvation; those needing water baptism; those desiring Holy Ghost infilling.

Prayer guide:

- For salvation: “Lord Jesus, I repent, I believe in You, forgive my sins, be my Lord and Savior.”
- For baptism: “I confess Jesus as Lord. I desire to be baptized in Jesus’ name.”
- For Holy Ghost: “Father, send Your Holy Spirit. Fill me now; baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Give me the utterance and boldness to serve You.”
- Follow-up prayer: sealing, instruction on how to use tongues and read the Bible, counsel on joining the church family.

Small-Group Questions and Personal Reflection

(Use after each sermon or for weekly study)

Sermon 1 — From Seasons to Seasoned

- What season are you currently in? How have you responded so far?
- Which trial is God using to refine you? What character trait is He building?
- What practical step will you take this week to cooperate with God's refining?

Sermon 2 — From Processed to Ready

- Where have you seen processing in your life (humbling, testing, training)?
- Are there areas where you resist God's correction? Why?
- Who can you ask to hold you accountable as you prepare for service?

Sermon 3 — From Time to Appointed Time

- What is the difference between God's kairos and our human time?
- How will you position yourself to recognize and

walk in an appointed time?

- Are you willing to wait on God’s timing while staying active in readiness?

Leader’s Notes and Suggestions

- Opening songs should set a tone of surrender and expectation (e.g., “I Surrender All,” “Spirit of the Living God”).
- Keep altar calls warm and urgent—Apostolic Pentecostal ministry emphasizes immediate response: repentance, baptism, receiving the Holy Ghost.
- Provide follow-up: baptism classes, new convert discipleship, and Holy Ghost training/prayer meetings.
- Encourage testimonies—God confirms His work when believers testify.

Suggested Hymns/Songs

- “I Surrender All”
- “Fill Me Now”
- “Spirit of the Living God”
- “Baptized in Jesus’ Name” (choruses or simple choruses emphasizing repentance, baptism, and Holy Ghost)
- Contemporary Pentecostal worship that emphasizes the Holy Spirit and surrender.

Recommended Scripture Reading List

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 31:15; Daniel 2:21; Galatians 4:4
- James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28-29; 2 Timothy 2:21
- Acts 2; Acts 1; Acts 10
- John 15; Hebrews 12:5-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

Closing Benediction

Pray for God's grace to make every season purposeful, every processing fruitful, and to release His appointed time. Bless the people to walk in obedience, empowerment, and holy boldness to fulfill their calling for the glory of Jesus' name.