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SEASONS – WHAT WE CARRY- PASTOR PETER JUNE 15 2025

Deuteronomy 1:29-31 “Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of him. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.’”

We Carry Influence

1 Corinthians 4:14-16 “I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. So I urge you to imitate me.”

1 Corinthians 11:1 “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

Psalms 71:7,18 “My life is an example to many, because You have been my strength and protection. Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.”

1 Samuel 13:22 “So on the day of the battle none of the people of Israel had a sword or spear, except for Saul and Jonathan.”

1 Samuel 13:19 “There were no blacksmiths in the land of Israel in those days. The Philistines wouldn’t allow them for fear they would make swords and spears for the Hebrews.”



Reflection Questions:

1. When you look back at the wilderness seasons of your life, can you recognize moments where God carried you—even when you didn’t deserve it? What did you learn about His love in those times?



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2. If God carries us because of what we carry, what do *you* believe He has entrusted to you personally—whether it's influence, legacy, purpose, or spiritual gifts?
3. How can you intentionally "carry well" what God has placed in your life so the generations behind you are equipped to love and follow Jesus more deeply?

We Carry Strength

Matthew 14:25-30 "About three o'clock in the morning Jesus went out to them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, 'It's a ghost!' But Jesus spoke to them at once. 'Don't be afraid,' He said. 'Take courage. I am here!' Then Peter called to Him, 'Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.' 'Yes, come,' Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted."

Matthew 14:22 "Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home."

Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the godly run to Him and are safe."



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2. In what areas of your life is God calling you to step up and take greater responsibility—at home, at work, in your faith, or in your relationships?



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3. What does it look like for you to live like Jesus, whose greatest motivation was to do the will of the Father? How can you align your daily decisions with that same purpose?

We Carry Responsibility

Responsible For Our Actions

Responsible For Our Lives

John 4:34 "Then Jesus explained: 'My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent Me, and from finishing His work.'"

John 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent Me, not to do My own will.



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We Carry A Higher Purpose

Hebrews 12:1,2 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who



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initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne."



Reflection Questions:

1. Are you living for what's immediate and comfortable, or are you keeping your eyes on the eternal purpose God has for you? What might need to shift in your focus?
2. What are some "weights" or distractions in your life right now that might be slowing you down from fully running the race God has set before you?
3. How can your daily choices—at home, at work, or in your relationships—reflect your higher purpose of honoring God and influencing others toward Him?