



# IT IS TIME

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*“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.”  
(Hosea 10:12)*

*“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” (Romans 13:11)*

## INTRODUCTION

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**Definition:** *urgency*—importance requiring swift action

## 1. IT IS TIME TO TAKE UP OUR \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Take Responsibility for Your \_\_\_\_\_

*“What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:2–4)*

1. Blame Shifting Your Failures on Others Puts You in a Hopeless Situation to Ever See Victory
2. God Can Only Forgive You of What You Have Done Wrong. Acknowledge, Admit, Ask

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

## B. Take Responsibility for Your \_\_\_\_\_

*“But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 1:7-8)*

### 1. Believe You Can Make a Difference

*“Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.” (Numbers 25:11)*

### 2. Believe You Have Been Placed by God

*“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)*

## C. Take Responsibility for Your \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. See the Need and Take the Lead

*“Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.” (Nehemiah 2:17)*

### 2. Seek God for Mercy

*“As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.” (Daniel 9:13)*

## 2. IT IS TIME TO GIVE UP OUR \_\_\_\_\_

*“And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.” (Mark 14:35-36)*

A. In Order for the Lord Jesus to Be in Our Lives  
We Must Make Room for Him by Having  
Our \_\_\_\_\_ Broken

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B. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ to Self When We Bow Our Wills  
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**Quote:** “Brokenness in daily experience is simply the response of humility to the conviction of God.”—**Roy Hession**

*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter 5:6)*

D. Our Will Determines the Direction of Our \_\_\_\_\_.  
It Is Our Steering Wheel.

### 3. IT IS TIME TO GET UP AND \_\_\_\_\_

*“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” (2 Corinthians 7:9–10)*

- A. Repentance Does Not End at \_\_\_\_\_. Our Sanctification Is a Process of Godly Sorrow Producing a Change in Our Mind and Behavior That Makes Us More Like Christ.
- B. Repentance Will Occur When We Are Specifically \_\_\_\_\_ about an Area of Our Life and Then Have a Hope that God's Grace Will Forgive Us and Remake Us

*“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.” (Jeremiah 18:4, 12)*

## CONCLUSION

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*“For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.” (Ezra 9:9)*

### **Are You Ready to:**

1. Take Up Your Responsibility?
2. Give Up Your Rights?
3. Get Up and Repent?

