

Remnant Life Church  
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**“God’s Time”**  
Psalm 139:7-16

- Is it right to question God?
- When events occur that we do not think are right or fair, where is God?
- When we see evil or Godless people prospering and good men dying tragically too soon, where is the justice?
- The psalmist writes in **Psalm 139:16** that *“your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”*
  
- Time was created by God
  - **Gen 1:3** – God created the light and the darkness; the first day
  - **Gen 2:1-2** - *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.*
  - He allowed man to designate the marking of the time through years, months, days, etc... but time is in His hands
  
- Jesus understood the importance of time
  - **John 7:3-9** – His brothers try and get him to go to Judea
    - Jesus answers them that the time is not right
  - **John 19:30** - *When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*
    - The exact time, place, and circumstances of Jesus’ death were ordained by God
  
  - Jesus only did what His Father told Him to do (**John 14:31**)
    - Meaning that every event, every activity had a specific time set aside
    - That time is set by God from the beginning of creation to the end of days
  - **Rev 21:6a** - *He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.*
  
  - **So it is true for the time of our life**

(Update on Jason and Cindy)

- It is in these times that our faith in God must be held resolute
- Our desire is to understand, to make sense of, and somehow categorize events so that we can be at peace with them
- That is almost never possible in times of sudden loss

- We come to understand yet again the vastness and majesty of God
- **Job 38:4-7** - *Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?*
- **Psalm 139:16** tells us that our time on earth is ordained by God
  - A Christian's greatest desire is to serve God by being or living in His will
  - God's will is perfect
  - The time of each person's life is set according to the perfect will of God
    - This is to His end
    - It is to His glory
    - These things are far beyond our ability to understand
    - Our faith in God's love, His goodness, His perfection sustains us
- Richard Wumbrand
  - Romanian born in 1909 became a Christian and began to preach
  - Communist Russians had him arrested and for 8 ½ years he was tortured in prison
  - He is released and just a few years later arrested again serving another 5 years
  - His life in prison led him to establish the work of Voice of the Martyrs in 1967
  - Continues today targeting such countries as Iran, China, North Korea, Vietnam, Ethiopia where the gospel of Jesus Christ is all but banned and persecution continues

We do not know what the impact is on others when events like this occur

God's purpose will be served even in times that make no sense to us if we will only trust Him.