



# Seasons In Time

ENCOUNTERING GOD FACE TO FACE...  
IN OUR BRIEF JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

## *Life Season V – My Later Years and God (Continued)*

### **The Captivating World of Grandparenting!**

**N**o one could have ever prepared me for what I sensed when our grandchildren came into the world. As a grandfather, it was a “Prophetic Moment” that lifted me into the realm of God. Never had I experienced anything quite like it before. As I looked into the eyes of our newborn grandchildren, *I saw the generations Past...*our parents, grandparents and great-grand parents whose images are visible only on faded black and white photographs, yet indelibly engraved in the DNA of these little children. *As I wiped the gathering tears from my eyes, I asked the Lord to show me more. And when He did, I was Captivated!*

**A**s a child I never knew what having loving grandparents in my life would be like. My mother’s parents were no longer living and my dad’s mother was totally uninvolved. She was like a stranger. I had no grandma and grandpa to scoop me up in their arms and tell me how much they loved me. I never knew what it would be like for a grandpa to read stories and a grandma to bake cookies with me. Without a grandparent role model to follow, I didn’t know what kind of grandmother I would be. *So, before our two daughters married, my husband and I began to pray, not just for their husbands-to-be, but also for our future grandchildren.* We asked the Lord that we would be godly grandparents fully involved in our grandchildren’s lives. Little did I know how graciously and specifically He would fulfill our request...even beyond my expectations!



*“I’m old and worn out! I’ve raised my kids and now it’s time for them to raise theirs. I just want to have fun with my grandchildren without any parenting duties.”* Ever heard that before? But since God is transgenerational (*Ps. 90:1*), He has a different concept. When you read *Ps. 71:17-18* and *Mal. 4:6* you’ll understand His intentions for the older generation. We are God’s Trans-Generational Influences over our grandchildren. As godly grandparents, we give them 50 years and more of wisdom and life experiences that come from serving the Lord and standing against Satan’s evil schemes (*Eph. 6:10-17*). Few have seen God’s faithfulness and His delivering power like we have! *Our God-given assignment is to intercede for our grandchildren, tell them about God’s love and live a godly standard for them to follow...before the world can get to them!*

**A**s I continued gazing into our infant, grandchildren’s eyes, I was mesmerized as I sensed the *Future!* I had a prophetic glimpse of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren yet to be born. They bore the natural and spiritual DNA of my wife, of me and of our two daughters and of their husbands (*2 Tim. 1:5*). But more importantly, they would bear the image of Jesus that would be formed in them (*Gal. 4:19*). It would be He who will save them from their sins and fill them with His Spirit. *And one more thing: I saw these children’s Destinies!* They would be called by God to touch their world with the hope that only Jesus can bring. Their children and children’s children would give freedom to those who are bound. They would heal the sick and lead them into God’s Kingdom (*Luke 4:18-19*). *I saw the hope of the world, Christ in our newborn baby grandchildren, (Col. 1:27) and I was TOTALLY Captivated!*

**I** always heard there was “no love” quite like the love you experience when a little grandchild is placed in your arms for the first time. My eyes immediately filled with tears as each of our grandchildren was placed in my arms. I was captivated by this miracle of new life. My unconditional love and exuberant joy instantly consumed my heart as my eyes searched the beautiful wonder of God’s creation. Even without a role model to follow, I did for our grandchildren what I was never taught to do...tell them about Jesus, read stories, bake cookies and love them as they slept in my arms. I stand in amazement at the goodness of God who answers prayers. My husband’s and my love for them grows deeper, wider and sweeter with each passing day. *Every day we thank the Lord for their Divine Destinies that He will bring to pass in our grandchildren’s lives.*

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