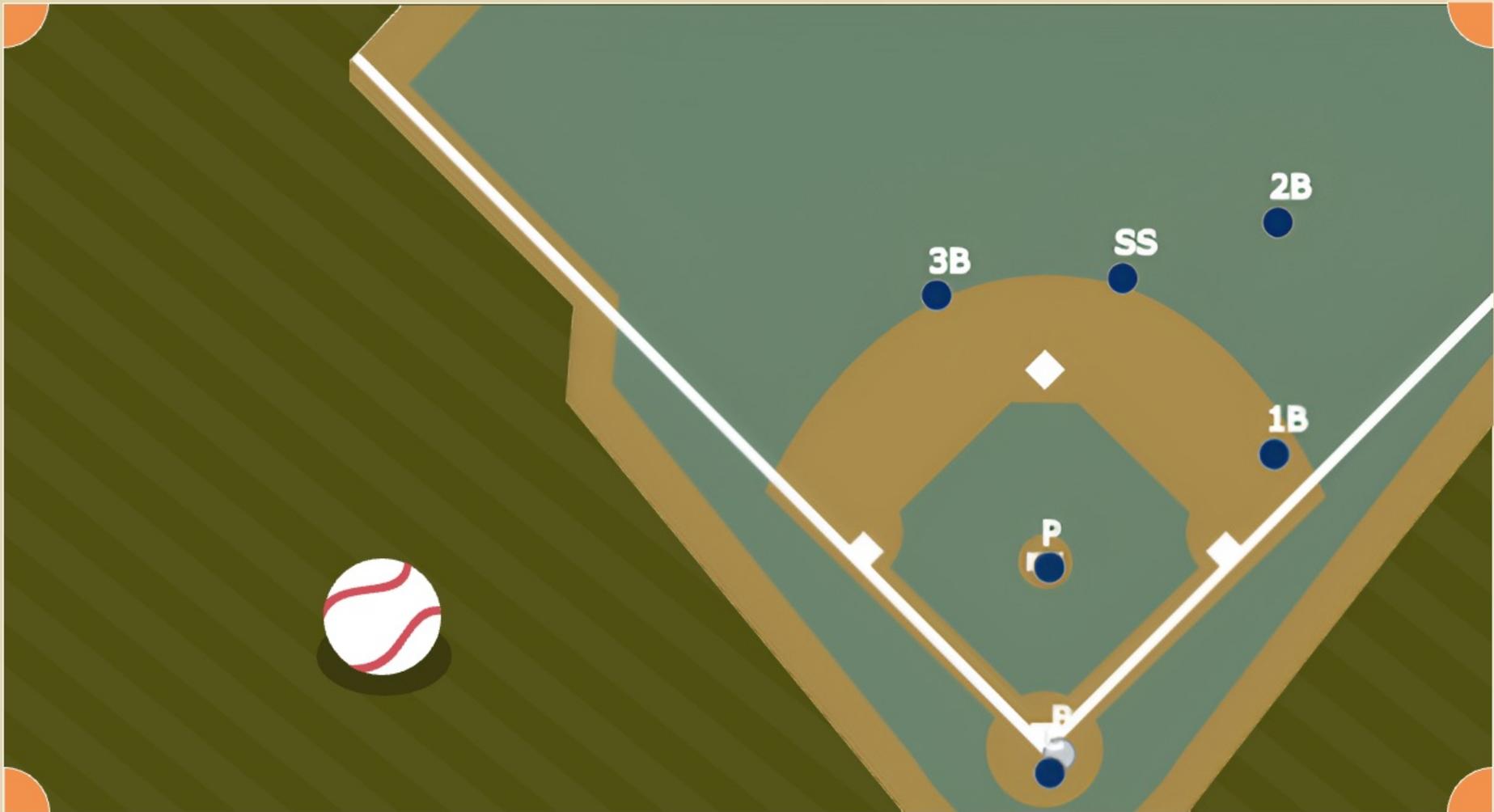




DEALING WITH THE
SHIFT





- 1 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV



- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV

Two observations about this passage:

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2

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Every one of the seasons
is something we will
experience in our life.

2



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Every one of the seasons is something we will experience in our life.

2

Though I experience all of these seasons, I cannot control them.



¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has
laid on the human race.

Ecclesiastes 3:10 NIV

**Four Timeless Principles
to Help You and I Deal
with the Shift that
Happens in Our Lives**



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1

Trust fully in
God's control



¹¹ He has made everything
beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a NIV



The word beautiful in this text can also be translated appropriate.



²⁶He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions,

Acts 17:26 NABRE

**This truth requires me to ask
myself three questions:**

1

2

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This truth requires me to ask myself three questions:

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Do I believe that God is great?

2

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What is my response right now to that confidence?

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2

We must look forward to the end



He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11b NIV

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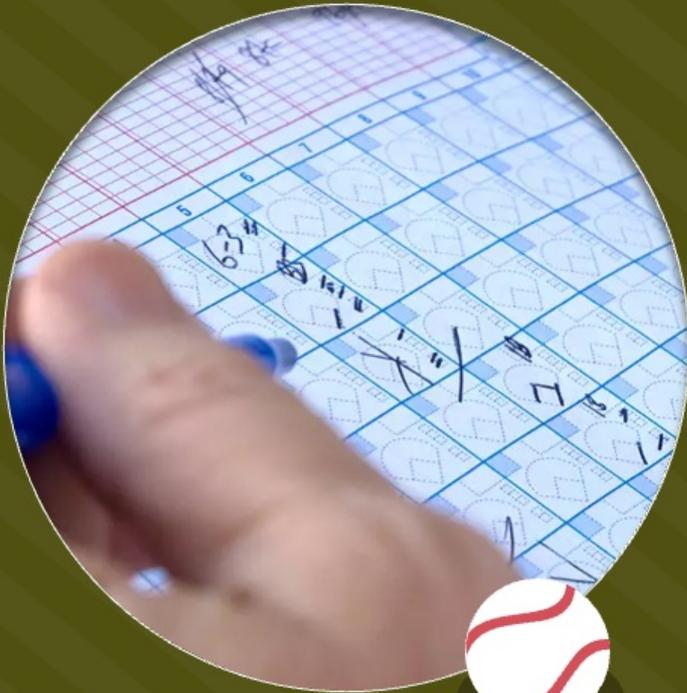
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Find the good
in the change



¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.
¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:10 NIV



What is God up to and what is the good that He wants to accomplish in the midst of this change?



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4

Choose to
honor God



¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will revere him.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 NIV



Though we cannot
choose the change,
we can choose to
honor God during it.





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Was God in control?



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Was God making everything beautiful and appropriate in its good time?



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Were there good things coming out of the terrible tragedy of the cross of Jesus?