

This is your season to

SHINE

Every season, whether happy or hard, has a common thread: God has a purpose & plan for bringing us through each one of them. Use these 5 steps to help smooth the transition:

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et Goals/ Stay Focused

Have you accomplished one goal? Set another. Does the goal you originally set seem impossible to reach under current conditions? Set a smaller goal or make adjustments. The important thing: Stay focused and keep making forward progress, "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2)

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onor God

We need to make certain whatever goals we set for ourselves align with this first priority. Honoring God is not something you can tend to once a week—or even once a day—then mark off your to-do list. Honoring God is an all-encompassing mindset. "Whether then you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

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invest Wisely

Be a good steward of every resource God entrusts to your care, including your time, money, strength, abilities, brains, and artistic giftings. What do you have in your hand? Like the lad with the loaves and fishes, when you give those things back to God, He multiplies them. "Indeed, everything comes from You, and we have simply given back to you what is Yours." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

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urture Relationships

Think about all the people God has placed in your life: family, friends, coworkers, acquaintances. How can you use what time you have been given with each of these people to nurture them, build them up, and point them to Jesus? "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...." (Hebrews 10:24)

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ndure to the End

Are you still alive? Living and breathing? Heart beating? If so, that means God still has work for you to do, whether that entails studying for exams, working 9-5, chauffeuring children to and fro—or something entirely new and different. "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Graduation. Retirement. An empty nest. None of these things are finish lines. They are only mile markers. Life, as they say, is a marathon. Regardless what stage of the race you are currently in, I pray you will recognize it for what it is: your season to SHINE!

