

# Anchored in Wisdom and Discernment

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**Ephesians 5:15–17** See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

God's intention for His people has never been mere survival. His desire is that we reign in life—not in the absence of hardship, but right in the thick of it. And that calling becomes even more critical as we move toward the closing moments of this age. The spiritual atmosphere around us is shifting; the air feels heavier, more charged, more openly resistant to the truth we carry. What once felt like subtle pressure is becoming open hostility. What once required discernment now demands courage that is anchored in wisdom and discernment.

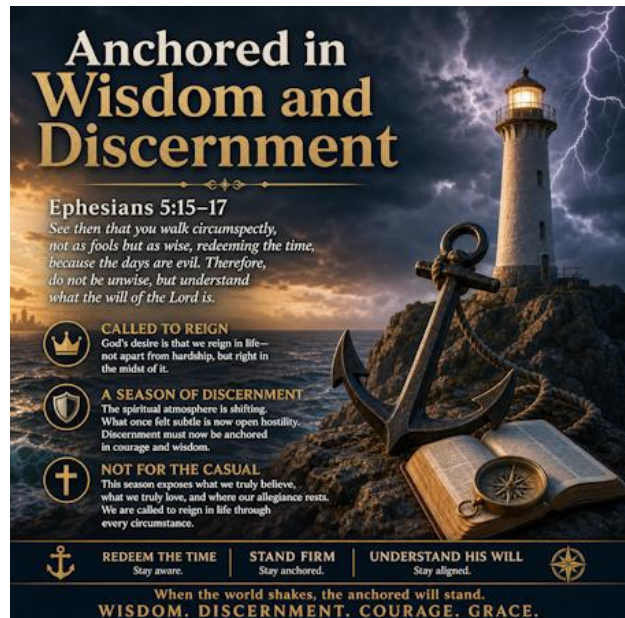
This is not a season for casual Christianity. It is a season that exposes what we truly believe, what we truly love, and where our allegiance rests. If we do not recognize the season we are in, we risk being lulled into a dangerous complacency—caught off guard by the very storm Scripture has already warned us about. We are to reign in life through all circumstances and seasons.

**Romans 5:17** For if by one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

So then, how do we reign in a world that is unraveling? The answer is not hidden; it is embedded in the very Scripture we profess to believe. We reign by continually drawing from the abundance of grace that has already been poured out upon us in Christ. This is not a trickle of mercy for emergencies—it is a vast, unending reservoir meant to sustain us, strengthen us, and empower us to live above the pressures that seek to crush us.

To reign, we must entrust every corner of our lives to Him—our decisions, our fears, our instincts, our interpretations of what is happening around us. We must refuse the subtle temptation to lean on our own understanding or to be wise in our own eyes, even when our reasoning feels justified.

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good



Reigning begins with surrender. It continues with dependence. And it is sustained by a posture of the heart that says, “Lord, Your wisdom, not mine. Your strength, not mine. Your way, not mine.” Only then can His grace flow freely enough to lift us above the hostility of the hour and anchor us in the wisdom needed to lead, to minister, and to stand firm in these turbulent days.

**2 Corinthians 3:5** *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.*

As we choose—day by day—to trust God in all things, refusing the seductive pull of our own understanding, something supernatural begins to happen within us. His grace doesn’t merely comfort us; it fortifies us. It equips us to reign with wisdom, to respond with clarity, and to walk with a Spirit-born steadiness even when hostility rises like a tide around us. He has never failed His people, and He will not begin now. His grace is not thin or fragile; it is strong enough to anchor us in discernment, courage, and spiritual authority in a time when the world is shaking.

But this requires more than passive belief. It demands awakening.

We must face the sobering truth that God is preparing us to stand when others collapse, to shine when darkness thickens, and to reign when the pressures of the hour intensify. This kind of life cannot be lived on autopilot. It calls for a mind that refuses distraction, a heart that refuses fear, and a soul willing to confront the hidden places where compromise still whispers.

There is an urgency in the Spirit—a holy insistence that we shed the last remnants of casual discipleship. The days ahead will not reward half-hearted faith. They will expose it. To reign in this hour is to embrace the costly, beautiful path of true discipleship: to let God reshape our instincts, reorder our priorities, and strengthen our inner man until Christ is unmistakably formed in us. The time for hesitation is over. The Spirit is calling us to stand tall, to burn bright, and to reign with a wisdom that can only come from Him.

To live as on-fire disciples of Jesus today, we must recognize and understand the divine shifts in our lives and the world around us — moments when God changes the times and seasons. The prophet Isaiah says God wants us to be aware when new seasons spring forth in our lives and in the earth. He says, He will set new paths before us, showing the way. He not only makes us aware but lets us know ahead of time as seasons come and go, with new seasons coming.<sup>1</sup>

For God to prepare new seasons for us, we must continually undergo a metamorphosis as He moves in our lives. He is continually preparing us for more anointing, for another dose of His Spirit's outpouring as the Scripture below encourages us to do..

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 42:9, 43:19

**Acts 3:19** *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out so the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*

Repentance changes the way we think, because we are always coming to a deeper understanding of God and His ways of thinking and doing. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways and thoughts are far higher than ours.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, we must be constantly shifting our thoughts and ways to God's.

The world is shifting, and the spiritual atmosphere is charged. Every headline, every cultural trend, every challenge we face whispers the same truth: this is no ordinary time. As true believers in Jesus Christ, we are called not to drift with the tide but to stand anchored in wisdom and discernment.

We are living in a pivotal season—one that demands clarity, courage, and conviction from us as disciples of Christ. The times we face are marked by intense spiritual warfare, both in the heavenly realms and here on earth. In such an hour, wisdom and discernment are not optional; they are essential. We must guard our hearts and steps, refusing to be ensnared by the enemy's traps.

God's Word overflows with prophetic promises—each one given for His divine purposes on earth. These promises are not mere words; they are anchors of hope, guiding us to understand His will across every generation—from Adam to the glorious return of Christ.

With the Father's strength at work within us, we are called to rise like the sons of Issachar—men who understood the times and knew how Israel should respond.<sup>3</sup> That same call echoes to us today, just as Paul urged the Ephesian church, as the opening scripture shows.

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<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 55:9

<sup>3</sup> 1 Chronicles 12:32