



# THE GARDEN POST

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

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## SERVING

Others is the ultimate act of serving God.

## SOW

Into the kingdom of God by sowing into others.

## SPROUT

In faith, mercy, and grace.



## SUNDAY'S THOUGHT

In Luke 9, Jesus feeds the 5,000 when He blesses then gives the broken pieces to His disciples to distribute. This encourages a mindset of generosity, where our resources, time, and love, when shared, can have a ripple effect far beyond our initial offering.

1. **Gratitude in Small Things:** Blessing here implies a recognition of God's sovereignty, acknowledging that even the smallest offering can be used mightily when placed in God's hands.
2. **Embrace Breaking:** Breaking represents a humbling process, where our self-reliance, pride, or a false sense of control is shattered. Through the breaking, God shapes us into vessels that can carry His grace, love, and provision to others.
3. **Generosity Multiplies:** In our own lives, when we trust God with our resources, talents, and even our brokenness, He will not only use us to meet the needs around us but will overflow blessings back into our lives in ways we could not have imagined.

**And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and, looking up to heaven, He blessed them and broke them, and gave them to the disciples again and again, to serve the crowd.**

Luke 9:16

## Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1 famously states, "There is a time for everything, and a **season** for every activity under the heavens." This verse paints a picture of life as a cyclical journey, marked by distinct **seasons**, each with its own unique purpose and beauty.

Autumn is a **season** of harvest, when we gather the fruits of our labor. It's a time to reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate our successes, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. It's also a **season** of letting go, as we release what no longer serves us and prepare for the next chapter.

One of the hardest lessons from Ecclesiastes is that every **season** is necessary, even the difficult ones. The **seasons** of life are not linear but cyclical. As one **season** ends, another begins, creating a continuous pattern of growth, harvest, rest, and renewal. This cyclical nature reminds us that life is a journey, not a destination. It's about embracing the ups and downs, learning from our experiences, and finding meaning and purpose in every **season**.

**To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1



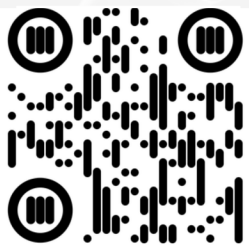
## WAYS TO GIVE:

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## Upcoming Events:

Bible Study/ **Weds @ 11:30**

Practical Living Series  
(Biblical Finance)  
with William White II.

**October 23rd @ 7 PM**

Volunteer Sunday  
**October 20th @ 9:30 AM**  
&

**Purple Sunday**

**Wear Purple As We stand In Solidarity  
Against Domestic Violence**

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