

Sermon Series: For Everything a Season (Week 1)

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."
The "season" of our world today feels unpredictable and chaotic. It might reassure you to know, however, that it is actually part of a larger generational pattern, one that God acts through and is present in.

Generational theory suggests that there are 4 different types of generations, each of which contributes to four different seasons of society. Which season a society is in depends upon what type of generation is in a position of influence. The four seasons are: Societal High, Spiritual Awakening, Institutional Unravelling, and Global Crisis.

Today we are talking about the 1st Season, Societal High, as it relates to the story of King David and the beginning of his reign in Jerusalem. To the right is a chart that notes the phases of life each generation type is in, followed by some typical trends and the overall outlook of that season.

The main things to know about this first season is that it is an era in which both the availability of social order and the demand for social order are high. Overall, the country is unified, the future is bright, and a high level of trust exists in the direction things seem to be headed.

1st Season - Societal High (1946–1964)	
Generation Type	Phase of Life
Reactive (Lost)	Elderhood
Civic (G.I.)	Midlife
Adaptive (Silent)	Young Adulthood
Idealist (Boomer)	Childhood

Trends	
Families	Strong
Child Nurture	Loosening
Ideals	Settled
Institutions	Reinforced
Culture	Innocent

Outlook	
Worldview	Simple
Priority	Maximum Community
Social Motivator	Shame
Sense of Greatest Need	Do What Works
Vision of Future	Brightening