



# GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

## LESSON #5: OUR RELATIONSHIPS

*Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (February 4, 2018)*

**TEXT:** *There is a time to throw away stones and a time to gather them. There is a time to hug and a time not to hug. (Ecclesiastes 3:5).*

**INTRODUCTION:** You are probably familiar with the phrase “*Timing Is Everything*” and realize its significance. In **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**, Solomon tells us that life is really a matter of timing. If timing is everything, how should we live? In these verses, he makes twenty-eight statements (14 pairs of contrasts). What do these words mean? The wisdom of Solomon can bless us. Let’s study together...

### DISCUSSION:

#### ***I. Throw Away vs. Gather***

- A. What God Has Created (**Genesis 1-2, 6-9**)
- B. What God Has Commanded (**Genesis 12:1-7, 13:15-16, 15:18-21, 17:6-8, 35:11-12**)
- C. What God Has Concluded (**I Corinthians 7:3-5, Ephesians 5:22-33**)
- D. What God Has Condemned (**Revelation 21:7-8**)

#### ***II. Hug vs. Not To Hug***

- A. Building Relationships (**Job 2:12-13, Ecclesiastes 4:10-11**)
- B. Binding Relationships (**Proverbs 15:1, 16:28, 17:17**)
- C. Burdensome Relationships (**I Corinthians 15:33**)
- D. Broken Relationships (**Galatians 6:1-2, Ephesians 2:21-22**)

**CONCLUSION:** Last week we noted that “Our seasons may change, but our God never changes.” We also need to remember that God’s plan is ALWAYS good. He created everything with a wholesome purpose. God has even created us to be good and we found all kinds of ways to be evil (**Ecclesiastes 7:29**). Our relationships can often get in the way of doing the right thing or they can lead us to do the right thing. How is your relationship with God? Are you giving God the time He deserves? Are you obeying Him? Will you surrender your life to Him? What are you willing to give up for Christ? Give Him your life while you still have the time.