



# GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

## *LESSON #7: OUR STRUGGLES*

*Sunday Morning Sermon by Ray Reynolds (February 18, 2018)*

TEXT: *There is a time to tear apart and a time to sew together. There is a time to be silent and a time to speak (Ecclesiastes 3:7).*

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. Tear Apart vs. Sew Together***

- A. Light Dispels The Darkness (**Ephesians 5:11, Philippians 1:5**)
- B. Walking Prepares The Pathway (**I John 1:6-7**)
- C. Tearing Describes A Division (**I Corinthians 5:1-13**)
- D. Sowing Reattaches A Relationship (**II Corinthians 2:1-11**)

#### ***II. Be Silent vs. Speak***

- A. Silence Is A Sign of Integrity (**John 18:19-24**)
- B. Silence Is A Sign of Maturity (**John 19:9**)
- C. Silence Is A Sign of Judgment (**John 19:10-11**)
- D. Silence Is A Sign of Strength (**John 19:25**)

CONCLUSION: Jesus teaches a valuable lesson to the religious leaders with the woman caught in adultery (**John 8:1-11**). Are you carrying stones? What do you need to drop at the foot of the cross? What is your heart telling you right now? Have you given 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.