**The Seasons of Our Life**

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Now that we have entered a new year, we need to thank God for all He did for us last year. 2022 was a difficult year for many of us. God extended His mercies to us and kept us though all that was going on in the world and our personal lives. Aren’t you glad that we serve a God who understands and cares about the things that you are concerned about?

So much has changed over the past year. Change is one of the things that God has destined to be in our lives. When He created the world, he established a pattern of change. **Genesis 1:14 (NLT)** says,

14 Then God said, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years. Let these lights in the sky shine down on the earth.” And that is what happened. God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Just like there are seasons on the earth, there are also seasons that we go through in life.

On this side of the world, we are experiencing the winter season. The winter season is probably the hardest to understand, especially when it comes to our lives. Winter is said to be a time of hibernation for the plant and animal worlds. In our spiritual lives it can also represent a time of rest, refreshment, and renewal because we spend more time inside and are not as distracted by outside activities. However, it has been said that humans increase in efficiency and productivity during the winter. Therefore, we should spend as much time in the Father’s presence and in His Word during the winter season as possible. We can concentrate during the first couple of months of the year on allowing the Holy Spirit to download ideas and give us the revelation we need for the rest of the year; to guide us in the path we are to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (PassionNTPsa)** says**,**

5Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make. 6 Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go.

I’m not saying that this should be only a winter activity. It should be a part of our lives during every season, but especially when we have more time to concentrate on it. God wants to refresh, renew, strengthen, and empower us for the seasons that lie ahead for us. He wants to use us to bring Him glory. He wants to release revelation to us and to prepare us for what lies ahead. God’s Word tells us in **Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)**

11 This is what the LORD says: “… For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,” says the LORD...”

We will never know those plans if we do not ask God or spend time with Him so He can tell us. It is important that when we spend time with God that, we wait in His presence to hear what He wants to say to us. We can also hear Him speak to us when we read His Word.

Let’s start this year off right by spending time in God’s presence and in His Word, so He can give us the directions we need. If you need devotionals to help you, go to YouVersion.com. There are plans for many topics that can address needs in your life and help you develop a habit of consistently spending time in God’s Word.

May God richly bless you!

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