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Weekly Devotional

Seasons

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My wife has been really frustrated with the weather. Here we are at the beginning of June and she's still not convinced the winter storms are really gone. I don't blame her. Last Thursday, we froze as we carried our umbrellas to avoid the driving rain. Friday, I played golf for the first time this year and finished with a mediocre score and first class sunburn. Weird. But that's how seasons work. Sometimes there's a distinct transition. Sometimes they overlap. We don't always like the wait.

So what season are you in? Are new things happening? Growth? Opportunities? Sounds like spring to me. Are you feeling burned, spiritually or emotionally parched and desperately in need of a drink? Just might be summer. Perhaps you feel like things are winding down, fading, changing—but not in ways that excite you. Maybe you're working through autumn. Of course, you could be snowed under by circumstances... Okay, that may be stretching it too far, but the analogy works. What season are you in?

So many of us feel we are in that somewhat ambiguous, uncertain, and limbo-like time between the season of planting and the season of harvesting. We keep working, playing, hoping, praying and—most of all—waiting, but that season of harvest can seem slow to arrive. No green shoots peeking up through rich soil. Absolutely no evidence of growth. When we wait too long (sometimes a day seems too long), we are tempted to give up. This is not a new problem and an ancient exhortation still provides the answer: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

So you planted months ago, even years ago. One thing is certain—the season of planting is always followed by the season of harvest. Here's an encouraging word for today: Your season of harvest is coming! Keep doing good... try not to faint, because those seeds you planted so long ago are getting ready to burst through the soil and produce an incredible harvest in your life!

Prayer: God, I need You! I don't like waiting, even when it's necessary. I like to plant seeds today and reap the harvest tomorrow. I know it doesn't always work that way, so I put my trust in You. Give me the strength to be patient and the capacity to enjoy the process. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Point to Ponder: Are you planting, harvesting or sitting in God's waiting room?



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