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Dear Friends,

*There is a time for everything, and a season
for every activity under heaven. – Ecc. 3:1*

Is it the splendor of the autumn colors, the cooler weather, the bounty of the harvest, or the routine of the school year? What is it about fall that makes it one of my favorite seasons?

Summer was great also. There was the lush green grass, the blooming flowers, and the sunshine. Picnics and family outings make summer a special and joyous time.

Spring is a promising time of the year. The trees are budding and flowers are popping up through the soil. The promise of life is evident everywhere.

There is also beauty in the winter. A beautiful scene after a snow fall can capture anyone's eye. Snowflakes and frost on the trees can take your breath away on a cold winter day.

There is beauty in all the seasons of the year, just as there is beauty in each season of our lives. There is the promise of life in the springtime of our lives. Life is waiting to be discovered and holds so much promise. Summer is a time of joy and we are in the prime of life, enjoying family and fulfilling occupations. Fall brings a slower pace to our lives, but is filled with many colors of opportunity. There is beauty in the winter of our life.

Winter always holds the promise of spring. Our faith promises a springtime when life eternal will be a reality. All the cold, bitterness and hardship of winter is lost in the joy of spring.

Seasons come and they change. But the God who was there at the beginning of our seasons is the God who has been with you each day of your life. He will be there when the seasons have ended. That is one fantastic promise, isn't it?

As you enjoy the colors of fall, I pray you will find joy in the season. Take some time to ponder the seasons of your life. Find the beauty in each of them as you trace the faithfulness of God through the seasons.

Held in His faithfulness,

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