

## The 4 Seasons Of Faith

*Following Christ Through The Seasons Of Life*

## Defining "Spring"

A "Spring" season is one of those promising times in life when growth, hope & excitement increase exponentially!

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But "Spring" is also a state of mind.

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## Easter Presentation

Having A "Spring" State Of Mind  
Through All The Seasons  
*(With Guest Musicians)*

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## A "Spring" State Of Mind

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..."

*(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*

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"...a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

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### God's Purpose & Our Responsibility

SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
God's Time To Generate	God's Time To Bless	God's Time To Withhold	God's Time To Refine
Our Time To Grow	Our Time To Rejoice	Our Time To Trust	Our Time To Persevere

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Jesus kept the "Spring" as His focus through every season of His life...He always had hope!

- Summer – His Ministry & Triumphal Entry
- Fall – Last Supper & The Garden
- Winter – The Trial & Crucifixion
- Spring – His Resurrection On Easter



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### "Glorify The Lord"

*David Wales*

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God...I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

*(Psalm 86:9-12)*



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**Jesus Enjoyed The Summer...**

**...But Anticipated The Spring**

Luke 9:16-31 – Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks...They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over...[days later] Moses and Elijah appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.



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**In The Summertime...**

**...Don't Lose Sight Of The Spring**

Deuteronomy 8:11-18 – When you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied...You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth..."



## A "Spring" State Of Mind

**Make The Most Of The Summer!**

- Enjoy Summers From God
- Don't Forget To Be Grateful
- Keep Your Focus On God
- Anticipate The Changing Seasons
- Always Have Hope Of Spring!



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### "The Spirit Song"

*Anita Larson & LeeAnn Errington*

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

*(2 Corinthians 3:17-18)*



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**Jesus Trusted God In The Fall...  
...But Anticipated The Spring**

Luke 22:66-70 – At daybreak...the chief priests and teachers of the law met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "...from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am."



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**In The Fall...  
...Don't Lose Sight Of The Spring**

Philippians 4:4-7 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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**Make The Most Of The Fall!**

When Things Are Tough...Don't Worry  
Don't Let Fear Immobilize You  
Take The Opportunity To Shine In Darkness  
Learn To Trust God Completely  
Always Have Hope Of Spring!



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**"The Old Rugged Cross"**  
*Tom Larson & Ruth Pinbo*

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.  
*(Hebrews 12:2-3)*




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**Jesus Persevered Through The Winter...  
...But Anticipated The Spring**

1 Peter 2:21-24 – Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps....When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness."




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**In The Wintertime...  
...Don't Lose Sight Of The Spring**

Peter 3:14-16 – But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed..."Do not be frightened..."Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.



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**A "Spring" State Of Mind**  
**Make The Most Of The Winter!**  
 Accept God's Will In Trials  
 Realize What Is Really Important  
 Learn To Persevere Through Anything  
 Appreciate The Summer So Much More  
 Always Have Hope Of Spring!



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**A "Spring" State Of Mind**  
**"Roses Will Bloom Again"**  
*Tom Larson & LeeAnn Errington*

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope...The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.  
*(Lamentations 3:19-26)*



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**So What's The Point?**  
**We Should Always Have Hope!**  
 God brings us into the "Spring" to help us grow and be renewed, and He wants us to keep the "Spring" as our focus and our hope in every season!  
 God Brings New Life!  
 So Have Hope!



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**Have You Experienced These "Springs"?**  
 Spring In Your Career  
 Spring In Your Marriage  
 Spring With Your Children  
 Spring With God  
 Spring In Your Faith  
 Spring In The Midst Of Falls & Winters




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**A "Spring" State Of Mind**  
**Keep "Spring" As Your Constant Focus!**  
 In Every Season Of Your Career  
 In Every Season Of Your Marriage  
 In Every Season With Your Children  
 In Every Season With God  
 In Every Season Of Your Faith  
 In Every Season Of Falls & Winters



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**For Reflection**  
 "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."  
*Isaiah 40:28-31*



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