

The Season of Fall and Life....

Psalms 34:19 - The good man does not escape all troubles--he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one.

Psalms 92:1-2 - It is good to say "Thank you" to the Lord, to sing praises to the God who is above all Gods. Every morning tell him, "Thank you for your kindness," and every evening rejoice in all of his faithfulness.

Fall is a wondrous time of reflecting on change. All that we loved about spring and summer....beautiful flowers....the singing of the birds....vegetables and fruits from wonderful gardens....has begun to change. And in the midst of our sorrow over the summer season ending, we are met with the glorious colors of fall. We begin to experience cool mornings and evenings and our summer attire of shorts and t-shirts give way to cozy sweatshirts and jeans.

But as much as I love the fall colors....seeing so clearly that our God is a God of details, I quickly begin to moan about the raking of leaves and the mess. Soon I am sorry that there are so many trees in my yard and I resent my neighbor's leaves blowing onto my grass. And if I don't push the "thankful button"I am sorry that fall is here because you know what comes next....WINTER!!!

I've been thinking this fall, we are kind of like that about our lives, too. God has provided for us abundantly and lovingly....too generous to ever forget. But somehow when something bad happens in our lives....when life gets tough, lonely or fearful....somehow all of God's goodness is erased and our minds fill with self-pity, anger, fear and hopelessness. And once again, it is time to push the "thankful button."

Doing that takes a commitment on our parts to "Make a space for God" and to come to that space with hearts that long to be filled with thanksgiving and praise for our awesome God who calls each of us His child and knows our names. And then whatever season it is....weather-wise or life-wise....it is well with our souls and we are cared for and loved through all of them.

Join me, this fall....simply living out this season.... enjoying all that God has prepared for us. Knowing whatever season is next....God is a God of details!

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, how we thank you for the many ways you have showered our lives with your love and generosity. Give us attitudes of gratitude and a desire to live each season of our lives giving thanks and blessing the lives of others with all you have blessed us with. Help us "make a space for you, God" so that our lives may be filled with your presence, your guidance, and your love through every season, and our hearts might be aware of every detail you take care of for us. For your grace, your love and your constant forgiveness, we give you thanks, and in your precious name we pray. Amen