

Seasons & Missions

Ephesians 2:10

In Florida we also have 4 seasons: HOT (dry) season, rainy season, hurricane season, and cold season. (also known as winter or flu season)

I've been thinking a lot about seasons

lately and how they coin-side with the 'mission.' You see, right now I'm changing seasons and with it the way God uses me. My next mission/season is unclear at the moment. The strange thing about my current mission is that it's the first time I've ever been released (by the Lord) at a time when fruit is coming in, when flowers are in full bloom, and the Glory of the Lord is so evident. All this makes it hard for me to want to leave.....and so **I'm thinking of the Navy Seals:**) Why? I'm glad you asked. Consider some of the missions of the



Seal. Oh, you say, you don't know of any, that's right, because they are 'covert' and secret, that's why they work. The Navy Seals have probably saved the United States of America from certain doom on thousands of occasions, but we never see their faces on the 6 o'clock news. They cannot reveal who they are, and when everything is safe again, they silently disappear into obscurity until they are called to another secret mission. They NEVER get to share in the glory of a successful mission.

Maybe, in a spiritual sense our lives as Christians are like Navy Seals. God is our CEO who sends us on covert missions, and depending on how mature we are in our walk with Christ, we are able to rejoice in the mission's success without having to be recognized or be there to share in the glory.

Anywho, back to the season thing. We are the clay and GOD is the Potter. He determines the season, the mission, the length of it, the size of it, the depth of it, and He says when our part is done in it. As the clay we have to be willing to be used in whatever capacity and for however long the Potter desires; in the planting, or the watering, or the harvesting. It's all about God's will, His pleasure and not about the vessel. I say we have to be 'willing' because honestly, human beings don't generally like change especially when things are going well

and we see life and growth all around us - I mean, who wants to leave in the springtime?

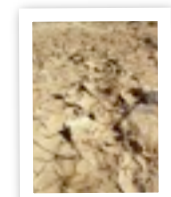
Ephesians 2:10 & good works



'We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.'

Once we said "yes" to Jesus and to

His rule (Lordship) over us, we gave up ownership, we are no longer our own, we were bought with a price (the blood of Jesus) and now we have become God's property, His Temple, (1 Cor. 6:19-20) we have become God's workmanship. No longer to do as we please, but created FOR GOOD WORKS! God saved us to use us for His Kingdom!! I believe the Christian walk is made up of many missions or good works....Some are short, some long, some easy, some difficult, some are even fun, some are very satisfying, and still others are dry. The dry seasons are the worst of times, or they can be the best of times depending on how much faith we have to keep going when we can't see, hear or touch God. It's the dry



times that test our faith and prod us to persevere and endure to ultimately reap the fruit of patience.

So, when God, my master, tells me the season is changing, and my mission with it, even though it may be Springtime, I shouldn't argue with my Maker. He is the potter, I am the clay. **Such is a life sold out to Christ** - never getting too comfortable or attached to any season, mission or good work...people yes, ministries, no. **Our feet should be firmly planted on the certainty that this season WILL**

CHANGE. My purpose to glorify God in everything WILL NOT CHANGE, but the way God uses me in the good works that put this truth across can change in location, ministry, gifting, good works, or in countless other ways.

God's Timing is Perfect:

All I'm saying is this, just because God has used us mightily in an area of ministry in the past, doesn't (necessarily) mean He still wants us to operate in that ministry or good work in the present or future. After all, it's God's prerogative as the CEO and creator of all

things to do whatever He pleases (Ps. 135:6) with His creation. And let me tell you, I've



resisted the 'changing of seasons' before, and people have gotten hurt because of my resisting. God's perfect provision and His perfect timing for His perfect good work was already ordained for us to walk in. Don't resist the kind of vessel God is making you for because with it comes a mission, a use, a good work.

In conclusion, let's recognize the seasons. Not recognizing the spiritual season is like wearing shorts and no shoes in minus 10 degree weather and 2 ft. of snow...or bundling up in a snowmobile suit and going to the beach in Florida in July....it just doesn't make sense and in the end can actually work against the mission to glorify God in the Good Works He's ordained for us to walk in.

So go if He says go, and stay if He says stay, and move where He says move, and do what He says to do....and if you're not hearing anything...just wait because everything changes and a new season is most likely just around the corner.

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