

Seasons of a Women's Life

Part One: The Season of Seed-Planting

Introduction:

Seasons, they come and they go. Each having a specific time frame and purpose.

Spring, a time when the weather begins to change from cold to somewhat warmer, flowers, trees and plants begin to flourish.

Summer, the days are longer and much hotter, vacations from school and time to enjoy the out-of-doors.

Fall, once again the weather changes, it is getting cooler, the leaves change and fall from the trees, many plants become dormant, and certain flowers may die or prepare themselves for next spring.

Winter, this is the coldest time of the year, indoor activities become the name of the game, trees are bare, and most places experience snow and ice.

Just like seasons change in our hemisphere, seasons change in our lives. And each of those seasons have a particular purpose in God's plan for His daughters. Some seasons bring joy, some sadness, and still others uncertainty. But in every season God is with us, and if we submit ourselves to Him, each season will bring forth the blessings of God as He intends. Always remember that God prepares us for every season of life (*Lois Evans*).

Romans 8:28 *"And we know that all things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* NKJV

The Call:

Esther 2: 5, 7

1. Listen For God's Call

2. Our Higher Call

3. Submitting To Our Seasons

Life Application:

- **Know God's unique call for your life**
- **Submit to God's call**
- **The more time you spend in the presence of God the more pleasing you will be to Him**

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The Commitment:**Esther 2:8****1. The Call To Commit**

2. Commit To Right, Not The Popular

3. Sail Through The Season

4. God Is With Us

Life Application:

- Be determined to please God and not the world
- Stay focused on God's plan instead of the world's plan
- Commitment to God does not exclude one from life's struggles

Christian Communion:**Esther 2:9****1. Finding God In The Secret Place**

2. Waiting On The Lord

3. Praise In The Midst Of Pain

4. Making Communion Part Of Your Life

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- Set aside time daily to spend with the Lord
- Learn the Christian art of patience
- Praise God no matter what the situation

Heart Work:

- Recall your own personal story of how God called you and drew you to Himself and what that really means to you.
- Recount how God's call has and continues to transform your life.
- Recommit to God's call, surrendering your will to His will.
- Remember you are His daughter and He has a plan for your life
 - **Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope."**
- Recondition your heart to be a heart sold out to God and His unique plan for your life

(The student handout information above follows the "Seasons of a Woman's Life" book by Lois Evans.)

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