

Waiting

February is here and we have made it through another seemingly desolate winter month. A month that was full of bitter-cold mornings and snow-covered afternoons is now behind us. February is here! The change of season is coming! We have made it through the worst of winter (we hope) and are now anxious for the next season to come. We have started dreaming of the warm sun, nights spent outside and letting our bare skin embrace the outside air once again. Glimpses of spring can be seen on the horizon, yet...we are not there and we must still wait.

Like this period of waiting between the depths of winter and the fresh signs of spring, our lives involve seasons of waiting. Periods of time between mourning loss & rejoicing life, time between a difficult diagnosis & an answered prayer, time between comfortable living & pursuing an uncomfortable calling; periods of time...to wait.

And, oh, how this wait can drag! Short days begin feeling long with monotonous tasks, work, and chores, empty days are filled with unintentional uses of time and maybe just too many days have been spent in worry or fear of the anticipated future. We have all been there.

But we have all also experienced the days quite opposite. Like that one 50-degree day in the middle of winter, a day comes that makes you feel overwhelmed with peace, joy, hope, and for a while the season of change we have been waiting for seems to have made an early arrival.

What would happen if we remained there? In the state of anticipated change? In a place where we feel prepared and rejoice in the peace, love and comfort we found ourselves in? And instead of continually getting ahead of ourselves by focusing on what is going to happen, we lived each day with an intentional heart, keeping our mind on our present journey. Each day looking for the ways God is speaking to and using us right now.

In seasons of waiting or of change it is easy to spend more time with the hopes of the future, than our present lives. So challenge yourself to be attentive and engage the opportunities presented to you right now. And then you never know...that season of change may just pass by quicker than you think.