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Christian Perspectives ? Daylight Savings

?To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven,? Ecclesiastes 3:1! !!

?Here we go again!? the words that flooded my mind as I raked up a seemingly unending yard full of leaves, that would wind up as piles of orange, yellow and red ?reminders, of another changing season.

Soon the summers sunshine, campfires, swimming and cottaging will be distant memories, replaced with the cutting winds of winter, shovelling driveways, stressful icy drives and shorter days as the clocks go back an hour.

The seasons change. Spring buds turn to summer blossoms, then fall colours to winters sleep. There is no stopping the changing of the seasons, it's inevitable?and it's good. It's picture of life. Our kids will grow up, not simply taller, but more independent, more ready for life. Our health can change, our jobs can change, our relationships can change and it's ok. Through the changing seasons, we witness an incredible picture of God's consistent, faithful nature. He sees the changing seasons of our lives and watches them unfold. He sees our springs, our summers our falls and our winters and He is right there with us through the changing seasons. In fact, for those in Christ, comes a promise that God will never leave or forsake us. That's a four season assurance.

God is not surprised when the seasons change. He sets them into motion and watches them unfold, as He does with the changing seasons of our lives.

In the midst of the melting snow, green buds poking through icy crusts and the expectation of spring God speaks hope, ?Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him? (1 Corinthians 2:9).

In the midst of the scorching heat and violent rain storms of summer, God speaks protection, ? I will be a shelter from daytime heat, and a hiding place from storm and rain? (Isaiah 4:6). In the dreary days of fall when the trees are laid bare and become no more than dark silhouettes, God speaks comfort, ?Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest? (Matthew 11:28). And in the bitter cold of winters winds,when it seems like our lives may be blown away, God speaks protection, ?The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him? (Nahum 1:7).

There is a strong constant through all the seasons of life ? our Heavenly Father. He is not simply a passive bystander, He is actively involved in the lives of His children, seeing us through each change with grace and love.

Fall is here and winter is coming, it's unavoidable. But before long winters hold will give way to the hope of spring and the warm breezes of summer. And as sure as the changing of the seasons, is God's love for us.

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