A Season of Change – #4 Your Future Is Inside of You

Genesis 1:11 - NKJV

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, *whose seed is in itself*, on the earth"; and it was so.

Germination is the process by which a plant grows from a seed.

Seeds remain dormant or inactive until three needs are met: water, correct temperature (warmth), and a good location (such as in soil).

During its early stages of growth, the seedling relies upon the food supplies stored within itself - - -

 Until it is large enough for its own leaves to begin making food through photosynthesis.

The seed was in itself. - Your seed is already inside of you.

- There is already something that <u>God has placed inside of you</u> - -
- That *has the potential* to become what it is that God wants it to become.

It may not look like much right now; it's a seed.

It may not appear to have much potential; it's not all that big, <u>it's just a seed</u>. It's going to have to go <u>through some seasons</u>.

It's going to have to endure through some storms.

It's going to need to find some good ground in your life, so it's not choked out by the cares of this world.

But potential is inside of you!!!!!!!!!!

The future is inside of you!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The reason you are still here.

- The reason you woke up this morning...
- The reason you haven't lost your mind when others fell apart...
- Is because **God is not** <u>finished with you yet</u>.

There is *something that God has for you to do* that no one else can do.

There is something inside of you that does not reside anywhere else...

- God is working and He is waiting for that thing to be released in your life
- So it can affect and touch those around you.

Matthew 18:18 - NKJV

¹⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18 tells us that whatever we bind or loose in the earth is bound or loosed in Heaven.

This scripture is speaking about prayer. It's talking about our faith.

Your prayers have power.

Your faith has power.

What you say and what you speak of has power.

With your tongue you can either give life or death to someone. You can either build them up or you can tear them down.

See it starts in you.

Whether or not you <u>move forward</u> *into the season that God wants* you to be in is entirely up to you.

- He's **not** going to <u>force His will</u> upon you.
- He's *not* going to make you do what He wants you to do.
- It's entirely up to you......
- Your future is inside of you.

The seed of promise of better things to come is inside of you!!!!!

Only you can release it to do what it is that God wants to do with it.

I remember as a young Christian man being hungry for the things of God.

• I would read His Word and see that *there were some things that He* wanted to bring into fruition in my life... that other people would not understand.

Through reading His Word and by having a prayer life, God would speak things into my heart... that no one else even knew was there.

He was planting seeds into my heart and mind that although no one else could see, they were there nonetheless.

If ever those seeds were going to produce something

- I could not depend on someone else to make it happen.
- They would have to <u>come out of me</u>.
- They would have to <u>come out of my walk with God</u>, <u>my witness</u>, and <u>my</u> testimony.

As a result, there have been some things that have happened in this world all because of some seeds of faith.

And I don't believe *He's finished with me yet*. I believe there is more to come.

I don't believe He's finished with you yet either.

- I believe there is more to come from you.
- But you have to *realize* that the future is inside of you...
- Only you can cause it to happen according to His will...
- In the season *He has planned for it to happen* in your life.

You haven't lived your greatest hour yet. You haven't dreamed your greatest dream. You haven't lived your greatest moment. There is more to come!!!!!!!

"Greater things than these shall ye do."

But <u>it's inside of you</u> and <u>it needs to be released</u>. It needs to find its place of <u>fruition</u>, <u>maturity</u>, and <u>completion</u>.

There's more that God has for you.
There's more that will happen because of you.
There's more that will come out of you...

I want to say to someone who has given up...

- Who feels like it's all that it's going to be...
- God has something greater ahead for you!!!!!!!

<u>Job</u>, your <u>sickness</u> and the <u>loss of your family</u> *is not all that God or this life has in store for you.*

Something *greater* is coming.

Something better.

Something *more*.

It's inside of you and you need to begin to allow God to release it into your life and into this world.

Acts 14:17 - NKJV

¹⁷ Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

God didn't put you on this earth to live in misery.

- He didn't fill you with His Spirit to see you suffer.
- He brings not just any kind of seasons into our lives, but
- He brings "Fruitful" seasons.
- Seasons to feed us and give us gladness.
- Seasons where we can store up some things for the next season.

If your season has you hungry and sad, it may be that it's time to let God move you into another season of your life.

We've talked about it already, but <u>in order for something to live</u>, **something else has to die**. In order for a seed to yield its fruit into the world, **it has to first die**.

There is some things that we need to allow to die so we can **move into our new season.**

If what you've been doing isn't working - - -

• Maybe it's time to repent and begin to trust **God for the miraculous in your life.**

Maybe it's time to say, "Lord, I don't know where you're wanting to take me, but I'm tired of where I've been and I'm ready to go where you want me to go."

Here me, you're a miracle waiting to happen.

You're a testimony waiting to be told.

There's a seed down inside of you that is waiting for its season...

- And when you come into that season...
- There's no telling what is going to come out of you.

Don't let anybody tell you you're too young.

Don't let anybody tell you you're too old.

Don't let anyone tell you you're not smart, pretty, or spiritual enough.

There is locked up inside of you miracles waiting to happen!!!!!!!!

It's not over yet.

- God's not finished with you yet.
- You woke up this morning.
- You're still breathing.
- You're still among the living and God's not finished with you yet.

He hasn't forgotten about you.

- **He's not** moved on to someone else.
- His call on your life is without repentance
- You are <u>about to come into a season of your life</u> like you've never experienced before.

There's a seed that is your future that is down inside of you and God is wanting to bring that thing to a place of completion...

He can't do it in the season you are in... you are going to have to <u>move out of</u> where you are today.

It's time to move on.

- It's time to say yes to the promises of God.
- It's time to realize that the ball is in your court...
- And what you are going to do with it *is up to you*.

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2 Corinthians 5:7 - NKJV

That's why the Bible tells us that the "Just shall walk by faith."

It's that faith that's going to <u>take you into that place</u> that is unknown to you right now, but that *will be your next season*.

You *can't* <u>plan everything</u>, you *can't* <u>control everything</u>, you *can't* <u>make</u> everything happen the way you want it to happen when you want it to happen.

There are some things that you need to just let God worry about.

- I'm not sure how He's going to do it - -
- But I'm believing Him to do it.

Some of this is going to have to happen through our faith.

And faith says, "God do what you have to do and how you have to do it."

Yes, the seed is inside of you,

• But, you can't cause the miracle of the seed to happen.

You can't make osmosis to happen.

You can't cause germination.

You can't cause incubation.

But God can.

That's His business <u>That's what He does</u>. And that's why we say, "Thy will be done."

We know that <u>only He can bring the miracle</u>, but it's up to us to pray that miracle into existence.

It's up to us to realize the potential of that prayer.

* You are not empty. There is a seed that God put into you when He created you. That seed is the seed of greatness.

It is the seed of accomplishment. That seed, given opportunity of expressing itself, enables you to achieve whatever you want to achieve in life.

⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight.