

# MORE THAN A STORY - GOD'S TIMING

Tamworth lady - trapped in a town and doesn't like it but will stay here until her kids are 18.

Seasons - we are approaching Christmas season

Winter - season of discontentment, too cold for the beach

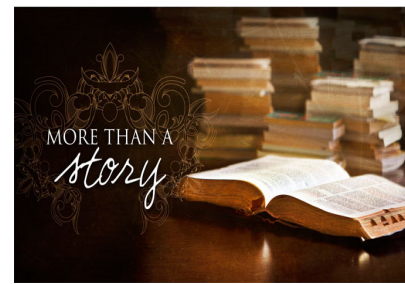
Spring - feels like there is potential to change but no change yet

Summer - party, exciting, too hot,

Greatest blessing is in the summer season, we get so excited that we forget about God.

Be very careful that you don't forget God. Start Preparing for autumn

Autumn - Everything that was going well suddenly stops



Seasons - They are continually changing all the time - we spend so much of our life trying to get out of the season we are in, rather than enjoying the season we are in. We are never content.

We need to try and figure out what God is doing in that season.

What do you want me to learn from this season?

Revisit EHS and see what else is in the well that needs to come out.

Mary is in a season of singleness and it will come to an abrupt end

Your summer season is finishing soon straight into autumn and directly into winter!

In order for God to accomplish anything in her she needs to step into the seasons boldly.

Her mission - God wanted to birth the saviour and deliver it to the world through her to save the world.

- **Mary's heart was positioned to receive from God** - her heart must have been open for God's involvement in her life.

- **Mary's heart was reflected in her lifestyle** - she was pure and singular in her devotion to her God.

You can't fix the physical side but you can fix the spiritual side. Can't change the damage done but you can change the future.

- **Mary's heart was courageous and full of faith** - she was able to stand in the midst of a confusing and probably scary time.

she is preparing for another season while she is still pregnant - Easter, when Mary will watch the child that she raised being prepared to die.

Everyone who learns to negotiate the seasons of life well, will eventually see God's plans purpose outworked in their life

Luke 17:26-27 the stage has been set by the political people at the moment - flow into what God says and he says it will be like that. Noah was committed to a season to build the boat - 1 to 100 years.

Difficulties that we will face through the seasons:

- **HUMILIATION** - Noah and Mary had to go through it

- **LONELINESS** - out there on your own

- **LONGEVITY** - persevere through the season not to get out of it

- **FAITH** - being ready to step into what ever god has got for you

- **TEMPTATION** - not forcing the hand of God. Living and serving God in the season that he has placed you in.

Abraham - you will have a son and be the father of multitudes from his wife. She can't handle the season any longer and decides to help God get this done. It is a disaster.

Forcing a season that is not ready. Eg. Getting a life partner

Ruth in the bible, she is widowed and with Naomi and serves her and God. And she meets Boaz who is in the blood line of Jesus, She didn't compromise her heart

Daniel 2:21 and he changes the time .... God is in control! He changes the season.

God is never late and he is never early - in God's timing

Marriage is only for earth - no marriage in heaven

Can't afford to lose your identity through the seasons