



Living in the Moment

My little puppy-like dog is now considered a senior citizen in dog years; it's a little startling. It seems only yesterday that she was a fluffy ball of energy, bursting from one new interest to the next.

My 12-year-old girl has slowed a bit, seeing, and hearing seem to have all but disappeared. Yet, nothing restores her to her puppy-like self more than her sniffing that a treat is nearby – or that one of her favorite times of day is approaching – breakfast or dinner. I find that I am relishing every moment with her, grateful each day for the joy she brings to me and my family. Each day with her is indeed a gift!

These have been difficult days for so many; personally, I have experienced the devastating heartbreak that Covid-19 has brought to our world, losing more than a few people in my own circle of family and friends to this pandemic. My nuclear family has been sick with it too, causing concern and the loss of days in the beginning of this year to isolation, missed school and work. But this trying time has also found me pursuing ways to be intentional about living in the moment each day. I'm practicing gratefulness for what God is giving to me today and learning more and more to rely on his sufficient grace for the cares of tomorrow.

As we approach a new season of readings, I sense that many of us who live in changing seasons are more than ready for the fresh air of Spring, for the rebirth and renewal that it brings to the earth. Let God speak to you this quarter through these passages, leaning on his Spirit each day for a fresh awakening of all the beauty and wonder, grace and mercy, that surrounds us. Let his comfort enfold you in the places that are hard, bringing hope now until that new day dawns when God himself will again dwell with us and wipe away every tear.

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" Revelation 21:5

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