

August 2023 LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven—”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 LSB

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I believe that God allows seasons and changes to grow us!
I would like to share with you a bit of encouragement I have received from our Heavenly Father recently, about seasons and changes!

Change is a necessary and vital part of our lives – both in our daily earthly “life challenges” as well as in our spiritual growth as we walk with our Lord and Savior. As we watch our children grow and “graduate” from one stage to a new one - like graduating from school, starting new careers, or getting married - these changes affect us as well. Each “life-step” is an adjustment for us too! This can even be a move we weren’t anticipating, a change in a spouse’s health, or the way we interact with our parents – we go from being the recipient of their care and counsel – to being the “caregiver” or overseer of their lives. All these changes are unavoidable and with each change we need to prayerfully seek the counsel of God’s Word to guide and comfort us. He desires us to draw near to Him.

“Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

James 4:7,8 LSB

I know for myself when changes come, or seasons change it causes me to evaluate where my focus is! God has given us very clear commands as to what our mind should be set on -

“Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth.”

Colossians 3:2 LSB

and

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything of praise, consider these things.”

Philippians 4:8 LSB

And along with straight forward commands we have this amazing promise –

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28 LSB

And even better....

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8 LSB

Jesus is the only constant in an ever-changing world! I love knowing that my Heavenly Father, the omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent God of the universe, NEVER changes!!! That is such a comfort in the midst of the normal every-day and the wild and crazy chaos of life!!

***Blessings,
Your HBC Women’s Ministry Team***