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Grandma Ginger bought Phoebe the most ADORABLE foam helmet! She's only 8 months old but she is already crawling and pulling herself up on furniture. It's already come in handy several times... I would recommend this for any climber in your life you want to help spare tears.



I've taken a leap and got a PIXIE mom haircut I've always been too afraid to do before! My sister-in-law Rachel and I had a girls day and cut our hair for needed change. I figured, if I can give birth with no pain meds, I can cut my hair into a pixie. Two fears conquered...now what's next?



If you look around, we are in the full bloom of spring. The dogwood tree in my front yard is a gorgeous blanket of pink petals. **It's a reminder that all things will someday be made new again.** It doesn't seem like that when your hearts been hurt or jaded, but I believe we are in a season of renewal in many ways. It seems like there has been a season of darkness: covid, death, Phoebe's emergency, negative social-political environment, new diagnoses, and extreme hardships in relationships I won't string out here. But I can also see that this spiritual winter has allowed the old to be shed away, real change & newness to happen, and renewal. As we crawl out of this "covid hole," and I see the renewal of spring, I hope our hearts can also be renewed with a new sense of purpose to not take life or health for granted and be intentional about how we want to really live our lives.



My cousin Justin and his wife Bree learned that they would prefer living a more quiet lifestyle surrounded by trees and closer to family, so they moved! My parents have spent more time working on their home and their relationship. (They painted their house—it went from drab to glad!)



While throughout our lives we will experience multiple different spiritual seasons of life that come and go (childhood, parenthood, career, relationships, heartache/happiness, sickness/health...), in the spirit of spring and renewal I write about, it reminded me that Easter was this month, and that it's about our promise of ultimate renewal! So no matter what season you find yourself going through (if it's walking through a valley of darkness), we can still know we are living in the age of grace (the "Spring" season). We can know all things will be made new, and we have available to us grace, hope, forgiveness, freedom, acceptance, peace & restoration to our spirits.



The seasons and rhythms on Earth show us and teach us about spiritual seasons. And I had a thought experiment: that if I gave the story of the Bible seasons I would begin with **AUTUMN** because it was the fall of man spiritually. And as we became more depraved, we fell into spiritual **WINTER**...total darkness. But just as it's always darkest before dawn, while we were at our darkest, Jesus took our depravity onto himself and became our darkness so when he died it would die with him. And like a seed that has to die in the winter so that it can come to life again in **SPRING**, when he physically conquered death leaving darkness behind, it was to spring up new life & spiritual rebirth with fruits of forgiveness, peace, joy, faith, hope, love and spiritual life available to EVERYONE to take and eat. (Kinda makes Jesus like a tree in a garden, huh?)



No matter how dark and challenging life gets, remember that we live in a season of grace. A spring season of God's promise of renewal for us, and proof of it by what he overcame for us. And someday soon will come **SUMMER** (and that's the longest and final season.) We will be out in the full sun & light and winter will have seemed so far away.

Jesus went into complete darkness for you. that means no matter how far gone you think you are, or how lost in darkness or in pain you feel, he'll always be able to hear you with compassion and kindness.

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