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Spring and Jesus Bring Life

The warm temperature and additional sunlight in early Spring brings life to our earth. Tulips, hyacinths, clematis and daffodils begin to appear. Robins show up. Songbirds begin to gather material to build their nests. These are all signs that Winter is transitioning to Spring. And the vibrancy of Spring is synonymous with life.

I was walking Katie (my precious pooch) earlier this morning for my quiet time with God as I like to do on nice days, especially in Spring, so I can experience nature and fresh air when I was reminded of this verse:

But these (miraculous signs) are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

Yes, Spring is all about new life. It's about growth and green things even in the midst of chaos and uncertainty. But, as the Bible reminds us, true life is about believing that Jesus is the Son of God.

In John 10:10, Jesus told his disciples that he came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. Each of us can experience the life that God desires us to have when we believe that Jesus is the Son of God. This is possible because our God is a god of grace. No matter how sin-ridden our past has been or how anxious we may be, when we accept Jesus into our hearts, he gives us his Spirit. And his Spirit gives us true life.

Enjoy the Springtime. Even more than that, enjoy the *life* that Jesus brings.



Happy Spring 2020