

Praise the Lord and Good Morning,

Last Friday I talked about embracing the season and how Joseph and Mary accepted all that came with being chosen as the parents of Jesus Christ. It took faith for Mary to believe what the angel Gabriel spoke to her...it took faith for Joseph to believe what the angel told him in a dream about Mary's conception...it took faith for him to act on the knowledge he received....and from the outside world it may have looked like the most ridiculous thing to believe....but believing God in your season is part of embracing it!

For all that is included in your season, the Lord has given you enough to go through it! You may go through it in solitude...but it's still that time and there is something God is doing for you, to you, through you and with you in that season. And, your season will impact someone else's season as well.

I've been sick all weekend, but for a short-time on Saturday evening, my husband and I thought we'd go out for a short time. I thought I was feeling well enough for a short drive.....so out to the car we went. I noticed that a tire seemed a little low on air, so we stopped at a gas station about 10 minutes from our home. There was a car in front of us and the owner of the car was out with his tire gauge on bended knees checking his tire. The owner, an elderly man with very bad knees (it was evident by the grimace on his face and the stance he made every time he got down and up off of the ground). He checked every tire and it seemed like this guy was taking forever.my husband, who is much more patient than I, said, "Why are you so impatient? He'll be done soon." I huffed at him and the man but had to wait just the same.

Finally the driver completed his mission of checking the air pressure in all of his tires and hobbled back to his car. As he pulled out we pulled up (while two other cars were jockeying for the next position). A young woman got out of her car and approached my husband. She had a toy in her hand. She said, "Excuse me, can you help me? I bought this toy (point to the flat bouncing ball in her hand) for my son for Christmas and I can't blow it up." "Sure," my husband said and commenced to working on the bouncing ball. The woman looked over at me and waved. I waved back. We looked at each other again and it was someone from a church we'd attended a while ago. Small world. The bouncing ball was filled up, she drove away, we got the air in our tire and off we went. Once in the car my husband said, "Well, are you still upset about having to wait on that old man?" What could I say? I saw that my season (as brief as it was) wasn't just about me....had we not been held up by that elderly man, we wouldn't have been able to help the woman with her son's toys....now that may seem small to some (ask that woman and her son if it didn't mean anything)....but I had to say Thank You Jesus for reminding me about this embracing the season.....I could have embraced that season, by praying for the elderly man with the bad knees...I could have thanked God for the car we were driving....I could have thanked Him

for feeling well enough to even be in the car in the first place.....it takes faith to know what you're going through is God-designed...even if it is at the gas station!

The story of Joseph and Mary could have turned out so differently had they not embraced their season.....we can learn much from their season and our own....

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, **27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. **29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. **30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. **34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. **36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. **37** For with God nothing shall be impossible. **38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.