



The past couple of weeks have been rough for me. It would be easy to wallow in my sick bed and fixate on the sickness, the lethargy, the grief, the anxiety. Here's the thing though, God has my back. When He called me to Him, He took up

residence in me. He gave me a Help-meet who happens to have a nurturer's spirit...a care-giving mindset. He guided me to a Church Family who puts hands and feet to His Word. So that I received a text here, a call there, soup was delivered, more texts, more calls, more soup. Then came the prayer chain texts...of others that were sick, grieving, injured, awaiting tests or test results so that my focus was shifted from my own "bad season" to praying for others who are in similar straits. And then, God sent sunshine, a bird calls, and a couple of warm-ish days which of course brought about a further shift from my own circumstances to the hope of good days ahead.

We all have "bad seasons". You cannot live in this fallen world without experiencing sickness, death, trauma, strife. You cannot watch the television without witnessing it in shows, news, movies. It seems we are surrounded on all sides by the dark. The devil loves to take these situations and amplify them, multiply them until all you can see is the suffocating black cloud threatening to bring disruption, division, and death. He will try to convince you that there is no light, that all you can produce is bad seed because of your bad season. But I'm here to remind you—the devil is a liar. He wants your focus to continue on the negative. You, my friend, and I are not of the dark. We have been planted in the Master's vineyard. We are under His care. In Hosea 10 Israel was reaping some pretty harsh judgments because of some bad choices. (I feel kinship with them...time and again they would fall away from God, be brought into bondage, then repent and be saved yet again). However, in the midst of their trials, God told them to "Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord until He comes and showers his righteousness on you" (vs. 12). Even in what seems to be a bad season God is working good for us. He is the Vinedresser—pruning us to make us more productive. Our bad season may cause us to see our shortcomings and bring about repentance which, strengthens our walk and allows us to expand our outreach (who better to witness to others than someone who has been there, done that?). The pruning during this season may cut off unproductive shoots, allowing more nutrients to flow to the fruit producing vines. Sometimes, we as Christians have a bunch of suckers surrounding our base. Suckers of old habits, old beliefs, old intolerances, old prejudices will literally sap all the nutrients from the main vine, diverting them into useless vines that produce nothing. Or, we carry around the weight of dead vines which weakens us. When He calls us, God grabs his shears and goes to work cutting through the unproductive to clear a pathway for the healthy vine to grow and flourish. Without this initial pruning, and a vigilant watch for future growth, we would wither and die. In John 15:2 Jesus says "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He {repeatedly} prunes, so that it will bear more fruit {even richer and finer fruit}." Friend, don't wallow in your bad season. Trust in God to know how best to care for you and know that it is in these dark times that God can best shine the light of His love and care.

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Answers

1. King Nebuchadnezzar
2. Aquila
3. mustard seed, yeast, weeds,
good seed, treasure, a net,
a pearl
4. Uz
5. 10
6. Psalms



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1. OT What evil king surrounded Jerusalem for 1 1/2 years?
2. NT Who was Priscilla's husband?
3. Name something Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to.
4. What land did Job live in?
5. In the parable of the lost coin, how many coins did the woman have?
6. What book is a collection of songs and poems designed to praise God?

Looking for a way to Help?

- Bus Drivers needed—even if only for special events
- Sunday School Teachers—children, youth
- Tech Team
- Church Directory Coordinator
- Service Valets
- Greeters





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>West Liberty Christian Church</p>					<p>Ladies Group 4:00</p>
2 Building & Grounds 12:15 Revelation Class 4-7:00	3 Evangelistic 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 both at Lantz Home	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Choir 6:30	5 Bible Study 7:00	6 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	7	8 Mentoring Seminar 9:00-Noon
 Revelation Class 4-7:00	10	11 Choir 6:30	12 Bible Study 7:00	13 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	14	15
16 Elders 12:30 Revelation Class 4-7:00	17	18 Membership 5:30 Choir 6:30	19 Bible Study 7:00	20 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00	21	22
23 Worship 3:00 Revelation Class 4-7:00	24	25 Choir 6:30	26 Bible Study 7:00	27 After-School Program/ Teen Group 3:00-6:00		