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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**02/16/17 - Beauty Out Of Dying**

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1 Corinthians 15:12-28

The earth's transformation in autumn is without measure. The forest becomes a symphony of copper and crimson, a stunning transition from summer to fall. The passages of grief in the face of loss are strangely similar. The grace of God, the Season-Changer himself, is evident in the different paths to mourning and in the eventual return to resilience. As we look around at the unfolding of summer to fall, we can see the seeds of the future.

In the resurrection of Christ, we are given a glimpse of the future. As believers we are hopeful, victorious, and purposeful even in the face of death, for the promise of all believers is the gift of eternal life. Even as our earthly bodies weaken and decay, we can look forward to a time when the purposes of God for our bodies and spirits are revealed, as they are transformed and enriched in ways unfathomable until revealed in the life to come.

Tucked within the peculiar season of autumn is the delicate juxtaposition of beauty in the falling apart of life. I have affection for autumn, for in it I can see God the Healer's breathtaking ability to paint beauty out of dying.

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