

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens

As teenagers in the village where I grew up, we would all work for the local farmer, weeding between the gooseberry bushes, potting out baby sprout plants, picking the daffodils for the market. Then picking the gooseberries. The adults did the bigger work, but we were all paid for our work. It helped a lot of us in the village to save up and get things we might not have had. It certainly was planting and lifting in season. The lads were often sent out to help lift the stones out of the fields, which helped save the farm implements from being damaged. It was quite amazing to find that the next year there would be stones in the fields once more. But we were told it was the frost that would churn the earth when it thawed and this was nature's way of breaking up the soil. One farmer says; this is winter's way of "healing the land." What a nice thought that the land is being healed without the farmer actually being in the field.

Maybe we need the winter season to help heal us in time lifting the stones that are weighing us down through the long dark days of winter. We don't really look forward to winter in our lives we mostly prefer the joys and hope of spring and summer. We read in Ecclesiastes 3, that our lives travel through various times: a time to be born and to die, to weep and to laugh, to keep silent and to speak. But all the lovely verse on cards are usually all about summertime or springtime. But we do know that we have to go all through all the seasons even the winter season. Maybe that is a good thing winter is a time we are made to slow down, reflect and give God time to lift the rocks which are bothering us. We all have burdens which weigh us down and like the frost in the fields God can help us turn them over and lift them off our shoulders to heal us. Will we let Jesus lift our burdens and heal our souls? Take time; Allow Jesus to do his work. Jesus has come.

Dear God, Thank You that You are with me for every step of my healing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.