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Dear real people in the real world,

Yes, yes, I haven't sent anything out since Easter. The Easter messages were pre-written and scheduled to go out as they did. There is a reason there's been nothing new. It has been a "season" of busyness and adjustment.

At the end of April, I retired from my part-time secretarial job at the Lutheran Church but have maintained my "work from home" bookkeeping job. The whole month of May was filled with, what seemed like, endless appointments and preparations for graduation with a small get-together after, a professional photo shoot, cleaning up at camp in preparation for Memorial Day weekend there, being there for that 4-day weekend and several other event odds-n-ends in between. This past weekend, Friday, I was at my daughters doing a yard sale. Kayleigh (the granddaughter that lives with me) graduated from high school and turned 18 a few days later! Sunday was a birthday/graduation party at my house for her double celebration. Makes you tired just reading that doesn't it?

Then there is this...Some of you already know, many of you do not. A couple of weeks before Easter, my husband and I separated. The why's, what's and wherefores are not that all that important. What matters is that he is no longer here. It has been an adjustment trying to navigate things around that as well. Not to worry, I'm OK.

There are some awesome people in my life who have helped me tremendously through all of this. Talking, listening, and encouraging me, both logistically and mentally. Every "hug", whether physically or verbally, has meant the world to me. To all who have kept me in prayer, I have felt your presence as well. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you.

God has been with me on this new journey. Posted on the shelf above my computer are verses that I look at as reminders. Two of them are:

Exodus 14:14 - The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

However, all the scriptures in the world cannot heal some of life's pain.

Oh, I am sure that there are those who will read that statement and become very indignant. But it's true. Read [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#) and you will see that there is a "season" for everything under heaven. How long is a season? Per Merriam Webster "[a time characterized by a particular circumstance](#)". That tells me that a "season" is however long a person is experiencing whatever "it" is they are going through. If you can't find comfort in scripture because of the "season" you are in, that's OK. Why? Because you are human! Because God will be waiting for you on the other side of this season.

The recent dark season in my life is slowly passing. The days are getting brighter and once again I am finding my rhythm. Starting with sitting down to write and sharing this with you. One of the phrases I use when talking to people about the "[Connecting the Light](#)" ministry is that I speak and write for real people in the real world. That is certainly me! And it's you as well!

What season are you in? Good or bad, light or dark, God is still with you - 'cuz He ain't goin' nowhere!

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