

“As long as the earth endures, there will be
springtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night.”

Genesis 8:22

A Season for Reflection

God has established nature to renew itself, with the seasons turning in reflection of the essence of life. Thus, as summer fades into autumn, September invites us to embrace change and renewal. Nature's transformation, cool breezes, vibrant colors, and shorter days, serves as a reminder of God's renewing grace. September's chill signals the seasonal shift. Leaves transition from lush green to amber and gold, and morning dew glistens like heavenly crystals. As the earth releases summer, we too are encouraged to let go of the past, trusting in new beginnings.

Nature has been a symbol of divine grace. The falling leaves represent not defeat but hope and new growth. Wildflowers remind us of enduring beauty during transition, affirming that God's presence brings resilience. September's unpredictable weather teaches us flexibility and trust. Rain brings both endings and new beginnings, emphasizing that God's grace often arrives unexpectedly (*Joshua 6:25*), inviting us to lean on His faithfulness.

As the months of harvest begin, we celebrate our collective blessings and acknowledge the efforts behind our harvests, both in the fields of our farmers and in our lives, embracing the humility and generosity that come with grace.

“That you may know
the way you shall go, for
you have not passed this
way before.” *Joshua 3:4*

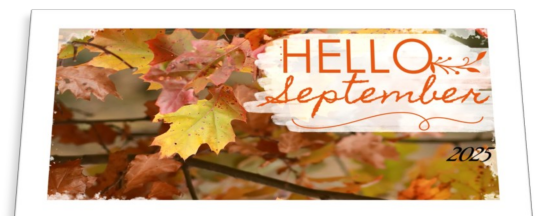
Renewal through Community

Like trees in a forest, we thrive in connection. September offers a chance to nurture relationships. Let's seek forgiveness and extend grace, fostering renewal within our families and communities. As the warm season comes to an end, I encourage you to spend time outdoors to appreciate the changing landscape, glowing sunsets, and evening breezes. Share your blessings as you spread generosity. Reflect quietly on what to release and what new beginnings await. Pray for renewal and seek God's direction in welcoming change (*Joshua 3:4*).

As September unfolds, may you find comfort in God's constant love and new beginnings. Let nature's rhythms bring you closer to Him, and welcome each change with hope and gratitude, recognizing the renewing grace in every season of life. Stay in God's current as you cross every trial; every season has its own "Jordan River," but remember that God is crossing with you!

Happy September

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BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who was Rahab?

- ☐ A sister of the apostle Andrew
- ☐ The wife of Abraham
- ☐ A harlot in Jericho
- ☐ A beggar in Judea

2. Who was the only person saved from the battle of Jericho?

- ☐ Rahab
- ☐ Lazarus
- ☐ Ruth
- ☐ Samson

3. In the book of Joshua, twelve men were told to take stones from the middle of the Jordan River, what did that signify?

- ☐ To represent the 12 tribes of Israel
- ☐ One stone for each victory they would have as they traveled to the Promised Land
- ☐ To be a permanent memorial of how the flow of the Jordan River stopped as the Ark of the Covenant passed
- ☐ One stone for each priest who first entered the Jordan River

4. What did God tell Joshua to do in order to win the battle against the people of Ai?

- ☐ He and the elders were to fast for seven days
- ☐ Set the Ark of the Covenant before him as he marched toward Ai
- ☐ Prophecy against the men of Ai who were approaching to fight them
- ☐ Sing praises to the Lord God with the ministers of worship
- ☐ Stretch out a spear in his hand towards Ai

5. What did the people of Gibeon do when they heard that Joshua had defeated Jericho and Ai?

- ☐ They fell before Joshua and pleaded for their lives
- ☐ They offered them gifts of silver and gold and livestock
- ☐ They pretended they were travelers on a long, tiring journey and begged him to make a covenant of peace
- ☐ They gathered together against Joshua to make war with Israel
- ☐ None of the above

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Explanation: Rahab was a harlot in Jericho who hid two of Joshua's spies from the king of Jericho
Reference: Joshua 2:1

CORRECT!

2. Who was the only person saved from the battle of Jericho?

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- ☐ Lazarus
- ☐ Ruth
- ☐ Samson

Explanation: Rahab, her father, mother and all family were saved for hiding two spies scouting Jericho earlier.
Reference: Joshua 6:25

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Explanation: When the Ark passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So the stones were to be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.
Reference: Joshua 4:7

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Explanation: God told Joshua that he would give him the victory over Ai as he stretched for a spear in his hand toward the city of Ai.
Reference: Joshua 8:18

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- ☐ None of the above

Explanation: They made themselves look as though they had been on a long journey, were threadbare and with only dried out, broken bread pieces, asking for Joshua to make a covenant with them to do them no harm.
Reference: Joshua Chapter 9

CORRECT!