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The Promise of Peace

"Be still, and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

A woman who grew up on a large farm in Pennsylvania fondly remembers some special times with her father when she was small. Because the growing and harvest seasons were pretty much over from late November through early March, she recalls thinking that her father set aside that time each year just to be with her.

"During the winter months," she says, "Dad didn't have to work as hard and long as he did the rest of the year. In those long winter months, he had a habit of sitting by the fire. He never refused my bid to climb up on his lap. He would often read to me or invite me to read a story to him. Sometimes I would fall asleep as we talked about all the things that are important to dads and little girls. Oh, how I treasured those moments. As I grew, I thought it odd that other kids dreaded the 'indoor' days of winter. For me they meant the pleasure of having my father's time."

Just as winter is God's season of rest for the earth, we sometimes experience "winter" in our spiritual lives. Like children who dread "indoor days", we can feel stifled and penned in by these spiritual winters. If you are going through a dry, wintry time, why not snuggle close to our loving God, and listen to our Lord's gentle voice? The love and comfort God wants to give you will surely warm your heart.