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In Full Blossom

Dear Readers,

Well my allergies are kicking up in full force. I had a cold, and I keep telling myself that it is hanging on, and that may be—but, I know that a good portion of what's happening in the recesses of my sinuses has far more to do with the season. Yep, it is the pollen as everything comes to life. It is almost funny how our bodies react to these changes of season.

Last week I had a few days off and had cause to drive farther south than where we live. I was in North Carolina for a few days. As I drove south I began to notice the changes. Here at home, things are greening up. Trees are budding out and leaves are popping out each day. The buttercups are in full array. (Buttercups are daffodils, but I love that homey designation—buttercups.) In Virginia the trees are even farther along. They are dropping their blooms. The leaves are on them. The dogwoods are blooming here and there.

In North Carolina—everything is in full blossom. The trees have leaves, the buttercups are past their peak, and the forests are in complete display of dogwoods fully in blossom. While I was in North Carolina I noticed what we will be seeing in a few days here. I noticed that yellow dust covering every surface. Pollen. On every surface. But oh was it beautiful too—not the pollen, but the landscape. With lush green grass and blossoming trees, flowers, and underbrush—oh, all of it dressed in resurrection!



There is something so wonderful about this season—after the cold of winter passes where everything seems so still, now the world comes alive. Every day is a new portrait. Every day there is new splendor. Every day there is a different view. It is alive.

That is our life. We are fully alive. Our Christ is resurrected! Our world is in full blossom! But what about you? I'm asking myself this question too. What about me? Am I fully alive? Am I in full blossom? And....what does that mean? What does it look like?



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Oh, I think being fully alive and being fully in blossom looks like the springtime. There is change there. There are signs of obvious growth. There is rich color and diversity. There is a connectedness with newness. Yes—definitely. And that connectedness, and color, and diversity, and growth, and change, and blossoming—it is in our relationship with God. God brings the new day. God blooms our world. God sets me to growing spiritually and emotionally and in my relationships too. That is what God is doing in you too!!

We need to be careful that we don't get threatened when look and see that there may be others who are farther along than we are. We will blossom...we will...keep growing and we will blossom! Trust! Grow! Believe! Bloom!

Blessings,
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