

# Ready to Burst!

Pedaling down the Monon Trail, I breathed in the fresh air. Soft rays of shine danced on my head, dappled by the many trees around me. The lower edge of the forest was reawakening into a soft, fuzzy green, but above the bare trees danced in the wind, most still waiting for their spring clothing.



Finally, a day worthy of being called spring. My sister and I flew along the path but quickly braked when a splash of pink caught my eye: a magnolia tree just about to burst into full bloom! Already a few anxious blossoms were opening to the sun.

*I just can't wait for the flowering trees to bloom I thought. I'm ready to be done with the color gray.* My impatience for **color**, **warmth**, **sun**, **flowers**, and **life** was growing.

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*

The words from Ecclesiastes 3:1 nudged into my mind. God was reminding me that you can't rush the seasons; you can't rush Him. Trees and flowers need nutrients and the time it takes to absorb warmth to bloom.

"And so do you," the Spirit whispered to my soul.

I pondered that timely thought. The last few months of my life

have been busy with a new venture. I am getting impatient to get past the preparations into the launch. He was reminding me to not rush ahead, to absorb the “nutrients” I need for a full bloom.

Maybe you’re there too. There’s something you’ve been looking forward to, working toward, and it’s *just about* there. You’re ready to burst. It’s tempting to just jump in, but taking the time to grow a healthy blossom is important. Otherwise, this new thing may turn out like flowers lured into opening prematurely by the excitement of early warm weather – with their frozen blossoms stricken on the vine.



Make sure that the bud of your idea is bursting with nutrients. Pray, study, work, save, read, consult, talk – do all the things necessary so that God can coax you into full bloom in His time.

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