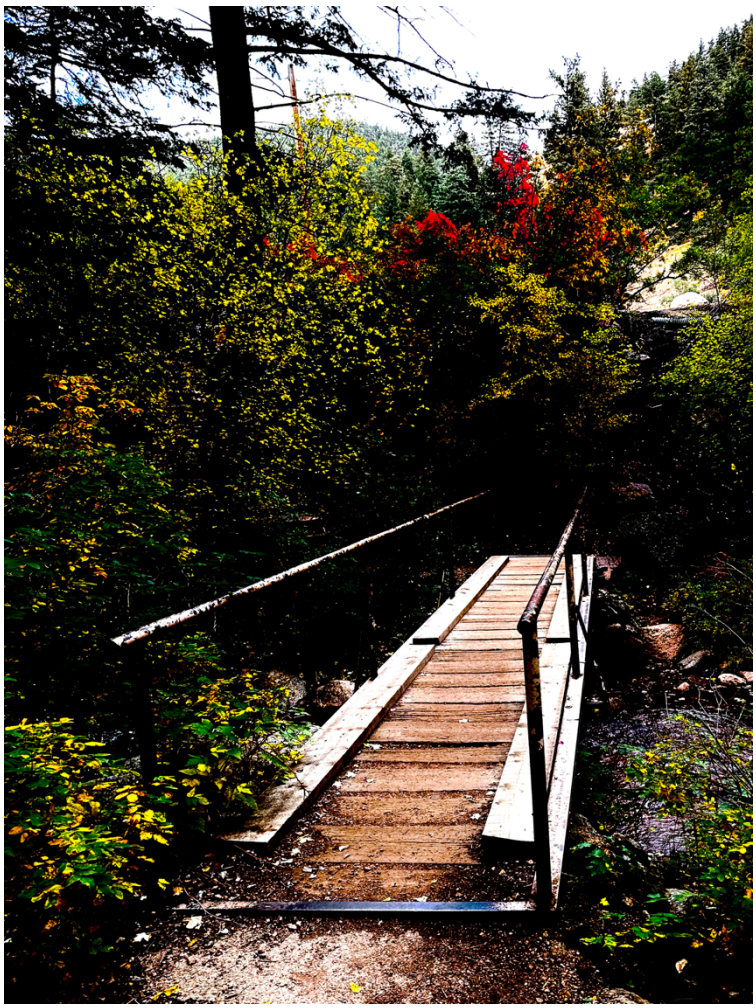
✨SEASONS: *Life as a Season*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 'To everything, there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.' (NKJV)

Do you know, we will survive—or perish—in any season. Seasons are real. Sometimes, seasons are brief. Sometimes they last forever. Take summer or winter. Suppose you live in a really hot and miserable climate, and you are a person who doesn't do well in the heat. Summer likely feels as if it extends on beyond what should be its expiration date. However, if you love the cold and are drawn to snowy sports, winter may not feel as if it sticks around long enough. If you are like me, though, winter could bid farewell as soon as the holiday season fades away for another year. Some years, there's barely a glimpse of Spring, and the first snowfall descends on the brilliant colors of the promised Fall much too quickly, and we murmur that we don't know where the year has gone.

I've been thinking lately—life is the same way. Some relationships, like seasons, last forever; some are over far too soon. The ones you wish would stick around for good, pass too fast, but there are ones that smell bad after three days, and they refuse to leave. Circumstances and notions, opportunities and probabilities, dreams and hopes—like seasons—begin also as a seed. Buried in the clutter and dust of the unknown, nestled in the darkness of unlikelihood, a thought is conceived, an outcome is expected, a hope is nurtured, a plan is grown, a dream is birthed, a reality becomes. But it had to begin somewhere, in obscurity, alone. Burrowed deep in the darkness and the dank underground world of the uncharted, the mystery, the secret, its conception became. And all those flowers and grasses and fields and trees that we tell the seasons by, began just the same way. Buried in the dirt, far beneath the surface where it is dark and hidden, a seed grows; a seed that someday will become the towering forest where we wander and ponder the changing of the seasons of life. Some are harsh and some are beautiful, while some seasons cause us to grow into the person God purposes us to be more than at any other time in our lives. Let's go on a journey together and let's see if we can uncover what the Lord wants us to find.