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HARVEST OR CROP FAILURE

I like to grow avocados. I enjoy eating them, but it is so pleasurable to see the seed sprout and grow. I have grown probably hundreds and have given most away. Some are put in the water to sprout but they never take root. Others take root but they die when they are young. Still others have become trees and they are producing. One thing is very necessary for each of them to grow. They have to be planted. Some people put them into the ground immediately after cutting an avocado open, but I prefer to let them root in water. They produce a strong root system if they are "watered." It is easy to forget watering them in the busyness of life, and I have had some die because of this.

Regardless, if they are in a jar of water or in the ground, they need to be tended to. They need the touch of the "gardener's hand" to make it. One tree I have is about 7 years old. It was bent to the ground during a hurricane, but my husband tied it back up, and it survived. Other ones that grew have not been that successful.

The same is true with anything that is grown, it needs nourishment and also love. I speak to my trees and tell them how good a job they are doing. We could learn a lesson from plants my friends. Everything starts from a seed. The scriptures in Genesis 8:22 tell us that there will always be "**seedtime and harvest.**" Planting must be a continual process if we are to have a continuous harvest. It is in the middle after being planted that the most work is done though, between the planting and the harvest. If we don't take care of what has been planted, we are guaranteed a crop failure.

People are much like this. They come from a seed planted in the womb of their mother. Many never come forth to grow because they have been aborted through either natural occurrences or forced occurrences. They could be called "crop failures." Then, many times after birth a child is not given the love and nourishment they need and tend to have malnourishment in their lives. They may grow, but they are stifled in their growth. Others have been bruised or hurt so bad like my avocado in a hurricane that they can't grow straight. Oftentimes they are left on the ground, branded as not viable. No one was there to set them back straight. They too become crop failures.

I believe that we are in the harvest time season spiritually. There are so many souls that do not have the "seed of God" planted in them. Jesus said his fields are white already to harvest, but the laborers are few. It seems to me that if people can take care of plants, then they could also take care of Jesus' field of unharvested souls before there is a crop failure.

I look for God to lead me to souls that need birthing. I look for God to lead me to lives that need to be helped up when they have been thrown to the ground from the storms of life. I pray that you will too, and there will be a mighty harvest. We can't wait for someone else to do it when God is calling us to be the laborers.