

“Those too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest.” Proverbs 20:4 NLT

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Bingo! The wisdom dudes have nailed it. I'm no farmer, not the son of a farmer, nor the grandson of a farmer - however I can conceptualize this idea of cycles. There's certain things to do in a certain order for a whole season of farming. Plowing has to be the hardest. Preparing the ground for the time of planting. I think Covid has been a season of plowing for the Church. Some churches had already plowed and maybe even planted seed, so they were more apt to nurture, water and maybe even harvest during covid. But most have been trying to convince the church that this is PLOW season, preparation season for the new year, new opportunities ahead. Where's your church at? Plowing, planting, watering or harvesting? Ours has been plowing and it hasn't been easy. Especially because our church just saw Covid as a crisis, nowhere near an opportunity. If it's seen as only a crisis, then it's like shuttering the entire farm and holding out until the storm, winter or ice age passes. And it's harder to see opportunities when the government, media and friends are all coughing and sneezing up fear every time you turn around. I immediately recognized this as an opportunity and I wanted to lean into whatever God was doing and stay with it until he accomplished his plan. No, I don't think God caused it, but I do think he's using it. If we don't get to plowing, we won't get to planting or watering - then the results are apparent, no harvest.

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Dad,

I'm still in! I've been in since the week of March 15, 2020.

And now more than ever because I'm the lead farmer in one of your local churches who wants to be a part of a great harvest that is coming. Maybe even in 2021! But first our folks have to plow! Plow with all their strength. Everyone grab a horse, a plow a tool and start breaking up the ground and preparing it for seed! Help us God! Help us seize the day, work while it's light and watch you pour out your spirit on this generation!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root