Thinking about....at Ladore

<u>A NEW SEASON</u>

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- I. Introducing out Study:
  - A. Hello...just in case we are not sufficiently friendly
  - B. A new season! What does that mean? As to a "season" and "new"

Basically, we are in a setting where we have not been before but we are in a continuing development of many years and seasons. This is new in that our association with it is fresh, previously inexperienced but realistic. The challenge is to live it with and after the guidance of God!

- C. Our Studies: Well, somewhat like this:
  - 1. A new season but...rooted in the past
  - 2. A new season encouraged by the present
  - 3. A new season challenged by the future
  - 4. A new season measured by eternity
- D. Our basic Scripture begins with Philippians 3:13-17 with a quick reminder of Ecclesiastes 3:1
- II. A New Season: rooted in the past
  - A, Introducing this concept...history repeats itself: Romans 15;4
  - B. The season is new but....
    - 1. the people are the same! (with a few additions and subtractions)
    - 2. the joys and sorrows are repetitive
    - 3. the problems are essentially the "same"
    - 4. the conditions are familiar
    - 5. the opportunities are "renewed" to a large degree So it is a time to take our key text and be renewed with a goal established
  - C. How, then, shall we order the "new" season?
    - 1. Remember what the Lord has done redemptively, etc.
    - 2. Renew the mind! Romans 12:2
    - 3. Strengthen the commitment 2 Corinthians 4:16
    - 4. Commit to a service of duty Ephesians 4:23
    - 5. Yield to the calling of the Spirit: Romans 8, Galatians 5 (page 1)