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Jeremiah 29:11

FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE

## How Will We Be His Witness?

**A**bout three years ago, God provided the opportunity for my husband, Scott, and me to live in the Colorado Rockies. He fulfilled our wishes, but, more importantly, He knows and fulfills our needs. On the ranch and in our church, we found new friends that have become family. We are accepted and loved. God's plans for our lives are so much better than we can even imagine. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope* (Jeremiah 29:11). Knowing He is guarding our paths, we are honored to give witness to His mercy and grace.

Several Christian artists have written songs about witnessing. They are wonderful testimonies to Jesus and encourage listeners to share their faith. I thank God I don't need to be a song writer to give witness as to why I am filled with the joy of the Lord.

Have you ever felt like you were drowning in despair and, years later, look back on that time in life and see how God brought you through it? Share that story of hope with others. Have you ever prayed for a miracle and then seen that God answered you in a most miraculous way? Share that story with others. Have you ever watched someone stand up for their faith and been strengthened by that moment? You can do that too! In every situation, you may be God's witness to others.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made plans and then had to postpone or cancel them. We were disappointed and deflated. We made new plans and were filled with hope. As the pandemic continues, our plans change again and again. Deflation, expansion, deflation, expansion — it's sort of like breathing. We must inhale and exhale, bringing life-giving oxygen into our bodies and exhaling carbon dioxide. God allows us to experience both mountaintop joys and valleys of despair, and He is by our side through it all. It's the way of this life, pandemic or not. We feel hope, then disappointment, then rally and see the good, time and again. Through all circumstances, we can witness to His promises because we know His plans are for the good of His people.

I thank my Lord for knowing the difference between what I think I want and what I need. I thank and praise Him for allowing me to be His light in this world. How will I be His witness today? How will you let His light shine through you?

Walking by faith, surrounded by HIS grace.

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