

**"THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD  
NEVER CEASES;  
HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;  
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;  
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."**

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Silver Lining: A consoling  
aspect of a difficult situation

*A metaphor for optimism, which means a negative  
occurrence may have a positive aspect to it.*



I have no idea why I started saying it or where it came from, but I have a phrase I say after relaying some not so great news. "The good news is..." That is usually what I follow up with. "You do have to brush your teeth every night. The good news is, your

teeth won't get rotten now." (Always to Boston who makes me feel like the worst mom EVER for making him brush his teeth!) "Tomorrow is Monday, but the good news is, we had a wonderful weekend." (This is usually to Chad.)

What's funny about this is I have come to notice lately that every single member of my family says this now. You guys, even Chad! (Don't tell him I told you that.) This just makes me smile. Because there is always good news. There is always the bright side. There is always a silver lining. You just have to look for it! It also makes my heart happy because even though I fall short of being the wife, mom, daughter and sister I want to be, I'm doing something right. My family can count on me for being positive. And you know what? When I'm not feeling that positive, they step up, because it's just natural now to look for the good.

Silver linings in not so great things:

1. Virtual  
Learning:  
God  
restored  
my  
love  
for  
teaching  
and  
placed  
in  
me  
a  
stirring  
to  
go  
back  
into  
the  
classroom.
2. Quarantine:  
Slow  
mornings  
and  
Fresh  
Mercies  
Zooms  
every  
week  
with  
AMAZING  
opportunities!  
These  
meetings  
gave  
me  
a

reason  
to  
shower,  
do  
my  
hair  
and  
put  
on  
pants  
and  
a  
bra.  
We  
ALL  
got  
to  
experience  
the  
Holy  
Spirit  
during  
a  
few  
of  
those  
meetings.  
The  
people.  
Oh  
my  
goodness,  
the  
people!!!  
How  
crazy  
is  
that?!  
I  
had  
celebrity  
status  
people  
on  
there.  
(Well,  
they  
are  
celebrities  
to  
me!)

3. Summer  
ending:  
School  
starting,

fall  
decor  
at  
Hobby  
Lobby  
and  
seasons  
changing!

4. School  
supplies  
out  
at  
stores  
on  
July  
3rd:  
School  
is  
starting  
up!!  
This  
looks  
different  
everywhere,  
but  
the  
point  
is,  
students  
and  
teachers  
are  
coming  
together  
to  
do  
what  
they  
do  
best;  
learn,  
read,  
laugh  
and  
interact!

5. Our  
house  
not  
selling  
for  
MONTHS  
and  
not  
getting  
one

offer:  
Selling  
our  
house  
on  
a  
Sunday  
to  
one  
of  
the  
best  
families  
we  
are  
blessed  
to  
know!

6. Not  
getting  
the  
job  
at  
Pronghorn  
or  
the  
job  
at  
Conestoga:  
Getting  
a  
job  
at  
Prairiewind  
in  
3rd  
grade,  
which  
was  
the  
school/job  
designed  
just  
for  
me.  
At  
the  
exact  
right  
time.

7. Emptying  
my  
beloved  
books

from  
my  
BEAUTIFUL  
green  
bookshelves  
designed  
for  
ALL  
my  
books:  
Being  
able  
to  
place  
my  
books  
in  
a  
classroom  
for  
students  
and  
teachers  
to  
read!

8. Putting  
on  
Devote,  
moving  
and  
setting  
up  
an  
entire  
classroom  
and  
moving  
to  
a  
new  
home:  
Reminds  
me  
of  
the  
million  
blessings  
that  
surround  
me  
every  
single  
day!  
I  
am

alive  
and  
breathing.  
He  
isn't  
through  
with  
me  
yet!

9. Berkley  
leaving  
Conestoga  
and  
one  
of  
the  
best  
teachers  
she  
has  
ever  
had:  
Knowing  
that  
God  
has  
a  
plan.  
“For  
I  
know  
the  
plans  
I  
have  
for  
you,”  
declares  
the  
Lord,  
“plans  
to  
prosper  
you  
and  
not  
to  
harm  
you,  
plans  
to  
give  
you  
hope  
and

a  
future.”  
Jeremiah  
29:11  
Also  
being  
100%  
thankful  
for  
the  
most  
wonderful  
years  
of  
my  
teaching  
career.  
I  
started  
there.  
I  
got  
married  
and  
had  
two  
babies  
with  
that  
school  
family  
surrounding  
me  
and  
supporting  
me  
and  
loving  
my  
children  
every  
single  
day.  
What  
an  
absolute  
blessing.

10. Not  
being  
able  
to  
go  
on  
a  
family



vacation  
somewhere  
because  
the  
world  
be  
crazy  
right  
now:  
Sitting  
on  
a  
friend's  
boat,  
the  
Wyoming  
sun  
burning  
my  
skin,  
the  
blue  
sky  
clear  
of  
any  
pesky  
clouds,  
country  
music  
blaring,  
kids  
laughing  
on  
tubes,  
former  
students  
talking  
like  
grown  
men  
and  
realizing  
you  
have  
everything  
you  
need  
right  
where  
you  
are.

My goodness we don't know what tomorrow will look like, or what the latest video will

be on IG or what depressing news story will continuously pop up on Facebook. However, what I do know is there is still good. Still good people. Still good news and good stories. There are still good friendships, good food, a good laugh waiting to happen. A good new song to download and...God. There was, is and always will be, God. He is the perfect silver lining.

*Silver lining:*  
*A sign of hope or a positive aspect in  
an otherwise negative situation.*

Every cloud has a silver lining.

*Love,*  
*Ashley Eischeid*

*Romans 8:28*

AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER  
FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

*Matthew 5:16*

IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY  
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.



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