

## *A Word From the Publisher*

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Just when we think things are getting back to, somewhat normal, we spoke too soon. These last few weeks have been challenging for so many including myself. I have heard of so much sadness, sickness and desperation from so many people. I think we are all looking for the answer. We're continually searching for what's right and what's wrong in a changing world. It seems everything around us is continually changing. I have learned NOT to say, "I've seen everything now" or "It can't get worse" because when I do, things change again. Much of the problem is not too many people like change anyway and now we have it all around us. Nothing really seems normal. A bit of good news... God never changes!

I wish to share that during what I thought was going to be complete turmoil for me these last few weeks, God really showed up. You know, He is always right beside me and all I have to do is ask. He filled me with such a peace and worked through me to accomplish what I needed to do. He completely stripped the fear from my mind and charged me to move forward, one day at a time. Our God remains the only normal in our lives. But it seems like some people would rather fret and worry and try to figure things out rather than enjoying the constant blessings that surround us each day.

In this world, one day at a time, is the only way to handle it. I can't help but start each day looking inside and outside of our home at what God has blessed me with. It's truly like a breath

of fresh air. Our God never changes. He is the same today, tomorrow and forever. He is the only hope for our lives. My complete trust and hope is in Jesus Christ. He took this simple lady and gives me courage and strength for each day to complete my task. Trust me, without Him I am nothing.

And prayer, oh my how prayer works. The cool thing is, all you have to do is ask. We must never forget that fear is a spirit of Satan (the devil). My mom recently shared that with me. It sure makes sense. I'm not sure if you have heard the song Fear He is a Liar by Zach Williams. If you haven't heard it the words are great. Maybe Google it to see the words printed out. All the words are great to me however just a few are: "Fear...he will take your breath, stop you in your steps, Fear he is a liar, he will rob your rest, steal your happiness." How many times can we truly say that fear has stolen our happiness...many times.

I know our world wants us to live in fear and be fearful of everything. Please remember, if you don't read anything else, God is in control! We must keep that in the forefront of our minds and hearts. Yes, God expects us to use common sense, but He certainly doesn't expect us to let fear rule our lives. This is a time to continue to pray for each other and our nation. God please help us!

Have a blessed week!

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