

## A Word From the Publisher

I was so pleased with our Nassau County Superintendent and School Board in unanimously approving the back-to-school plan for our faculty and students. I'm also happy that, at this point, the board approved school for 5 days a week. Will it all be 'normal'? No, however, the students, whose parents have chosen for them to return, are resilient and can handle it. It's up to the parents to be encouraging and supportive of helping our children thrive. They long to be with their friends and I think they long to start learning and be in a disciplined environment. Believe it or not, children like discipline. I count this school decision as yet another small victory!

In today's world, small victories are a definite plus! We, as adults, must remember that. I had a conversation with my daughter concerning the future. I told her, right now plan one day at a time because each day things change. I found it much more calming to look at things that way. Our televisions have become stressful because all you see are the numbers today, how many tests were done, where we can get tested. Even the commercials are full of it. It is very stressful. Once again, I'm reminded that our God is in complete control and that thought brings my shoulders back down to where they should be.

It's easy to get overwhelmed by all of the information being thrown at us. But, I have a remote and can turn it to the DIY channel or Hallmark or better yet, turn it off. I know you must be tired of me talking about my devotionals each morning however, I don't really know what I would do without them. Talk about encouraging! These were written probably a year ago and my other one at least two years ago however, many of the daily scriptures sure coincide with what I'm dealing with today in my world. Isn't God amazing! Today's referred to dot and donut holes. A group was shown a piece of paper with a black dot on it. What do you see? Several responded, a dot. You're missing the biggest part...

the piece of paper. So many times we are so focused on the dot (small part) that we miss the blessing. The same goes with the donut. We wish the donut didn't have a hole so we could have more donut. Instead of focusing on small disappointments and letting them take over our lives let's focus on the many, many blessings of each day. We are so blessed.

Monday, while on my way home from work, I saw a beautiful rainbow. The colors were so bright. I don't think I've ever seen one quite like that. Of course, I



was amazed by its beauty and had to take a picture. Once again, God continues to show his majesty. So quickly, all my negative thoughts were gone and filled with God's creation. *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness,"* Lamentations 3:22-23. Never forget... our God is always faithful.

This past weekend, Roger and I were able to slip away for some relaxation to the beach. The beach has always been my sanctuary to completely unwind and just enjoy God's beauty and majesty. How He created that beautiful ocean with waves that just stop at the shore. It's just amazing to me. My sweet Roger has also learned to enjoy the peace it brings. We had a great time. It was so nice to see people just enjoying swimming, walking and children (and adults) playing in the water. The pool was full of laughter and friends and families were enjoying each other. Yes...it was normal! Loved it! I'm thankful that we have the opportunity, and take it, to get away and breathe. Sometimes it's just good to get in the truck and just ride somewhere different for a little while. Not only is it refreshing but again you can take advantage of the beauty that God has created for us to enjoy!

Let's not get so wrapped up in the bad parts of life but take time to enjoy the numerous blessings we have been given. Our God is faithful and continues to provide for our every need. He will see us through! I pray that you find enjoyment and blessings in each day!

Have a blessed week!



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