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Summer is fast approaching and things are becoming busy and overwhelming at times. As everything seems to be happening all at once and confusion sets in, I am reminded of this verse:

**“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,  
For those who love Him and called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28**

A great reminder of God’s perfect plan and how He is ultimately in control of all things comes to our hearts and minds as we reflect on Romans 8:28. We may not always know why certain things are happening...and sometimes it’s hard to see how all the pieces are going to fit together in the end. When we are overwhelmed and confused, we can cling to truth!

We serve a God who has created all things and knows all things. We don’t have to see the big picture to be faithful or to trust HIS faithfulness. We have the opportunity and choice to live in faith and in service where we are today. Faith teaches us to take it one day and one step at a time. Today may feel messy or it may really be messy, but in the end it’s going to be beautiful.

Another verse that comes to mind:

**“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord not for man. Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Jesus Christ.” - Colossians 3:23-24**

We were not created to please men on this earth. We were created in God’s own image and for His glory. In all that we do we are to glorify God with our thoughts and actions. Our eternal and intangible reward will be in Heaven. Please take a few moments to ponder on these truths when your heart feels overwhelmed and your life is crazy. My friend and brother, Evan Moon, had brain surgery on Monday and my grandmother has been very sick. When I consider the unexpected circumstances that life throws, I can remember that Jesus is good. We have been focusing on love this week and reading 1 John and John 15. We have hope. We have joy. We have the opportunity to give and receive love. The time is now.

Today I'm spending the day with my grandmother and my parents. On May 31, I'm flying to Zambia to serve with Kwathu Children's Home for a couple of weeks. Life is a vapor and I'm learning to appreciate all the little moments Jesus gives me with the people I love. I'm hugging the kids where I work a little tighter, soaking up the time I have with friends planting a garden, and remembering that my little moments are the true goodness that comprises my life. I'm alive today and I am choosing to live for Jesus and to scatter love wherever my todays find me.

In Christ,  
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**“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence singing!” - Psalm 100:2**