

Moments of Beauty Week 7 - Earth

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Canyon in Montana. Photo credit: Debbie Wenner

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling; "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40:1-5

When we back up far enough, this river looks like a small ribbon laying down below. Perspective is important. This scene is beautiful because we can see all of the pieces and parts. But if we were down in the raging river we might not think it so beautiful. Life is like that. When we are in the raging river of a tumultuous season of life, we struggle. We wonder when it will end and how we will survive. God says, "comfort, comfort...your hard service has been completed." God is with you. This season will end. But while we are encountering it, the important thing is to notice the people, circumstances and inspirations that come to us. That is what will keep us afloat. It will give us hope to recognize God's presence in the midst of the trouble. If this is a time of trouble for you, pull back a bit and notice God's presence. If not, remember a time that was difficult for you and how God said, "comfort, comfort, I am with you."

This ends our week of beauty in earth. Next week: Visual Art