

## Tuesday - March 21

*“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills  
before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap  
their hands...”*

*Isaiah 55:12 (ESV)*

My husband and I love to travel! We have been to 49 states (Alaska awaits us) and seven countries. Some of our favorite places to visit are the US National Parks. We have admired the awesomeness of the Grand Canyon, stood next to giant Sequoia trees in Sequoia N.P. and Kings Canyon, gazed at the wonders of hot springs, waterfalls and geysers in Yellowstone and drove along age old glaciers in Glacier N.P. in Montana. We often feel a special connection to God as we are surrounded by amazing beauty that He has created. It was in Acadia N.P. in Maine, as we were walking a dirt path leading to a mountain hike, that I realized I had lost my cross necklace that was once my mom's. We had walked quite a distance and I had no idea how long it had been missing. I stopped before we ascended the mountain and said a prayer in hope of finding it. We hiked up the mountain and felt a sense of accomplishment (it was a rather difficult climb) and a sense of wonder as we gazed down at a lake that reflected the surrounding mountains. We returned back the way we came in hopes of “getting lucky” and finding my cross necklace. As we walked back along the trail, I saw the cross, shining brightly in the dirt and I was overwhelmed with gratitude. Not only in finding my necklace that was important to me but in being reminded, once again, of God's presence. I think that is a big part of what we love about traveling- we have the opportunity to slow down and reconnect to God. We then return home to the business of “life” but try to remember that God is always with us. It may not be as obvious as the bright, shiny cross in the dirt path, we might have to look a little harder, but He is truly everywhere.

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**Prayer:** Thank you God for all that You have created. Thank you for Your promise that You are always with us, guiding us and leading us. Amen.