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A hot furnace tests silver and gold, but the Lord tests hearts. Proverbs 17:3 (NCV)

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This past February I made several flights from Delmarva's Eastern Shore to visit my family in Indiana. It was a blessing to be able to receive release time from work as often as I did and to have a job that provided me with the income needed to make those flights. And, although it is the smallest airport I have ever seen, it was a blessing to be able to fly out of our local airport only 20 miles from where we live. But, with small airports come small planes; the kind that are driven by propellers and are not nearly large enough to reach the airport terminal's sheltered walkway. On one of these trips home as I was stepping off the plane for a connecting flight, I was met with less than ideal conditions. It was rainy and cloudy, but honestly I did not think much of it. I simply hurried to grab my valet bag and get inside so I could stay dry and reach my connecting flight.

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"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways." (Proverbs 4:25-26 NIV)

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At church we are currently doing a long series as we go through the book entitled *The Story*. If you are unfamiliar, *The Story* is an abbreviated narrative version of the Bible written by Max Lucado that is used to help readers develop their understanding of the historical significance behind the text we regularly study. Our preacher reminds us that the story of the Bible is God's one big story, while the smaller stories we read about specific people in a certain time are pieces to that larger story. As I look at the Bible in this way, whether it is the journey out of Egypt, the life of Joseph, or Daniel in the lion's den, it challenges me to look to God's plan in the midst of the relatively small trials I encounter. Indeed, the temporary trials of people in God's big story are only a step in the journey to God's much bigger plan.

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"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2 NIV)

Not long after entering the airport I was already boarding the next plane. Coffee and book in hand, I was ready to wait out the next two hours on the plane until I arrived at my final destination. Then something amazing happened. As we rose into the sky, we broke through the barrier of clouds that cast the gloom on the city below. Unlike the rain and overcast on the

ground, the brightness of the sun actually surprised me. After all, it was February and there had not been many sunny days where I live. Who knew that the sun was shining like this all along above the shadows? What an important reminder this is. Despite what we see, how we feel, or the conditions that we may have come to accept as normal, there is a bigger plan at work, and God is shining his light over it all.

“But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.” (Isaiah 43:1-2 NIV)

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