

Dear Way of Grace Family,

In the words of Paul the apostle, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I miss you all terribly during these times of illness and panic. I pray that you are all doing well and staying healthy. I wanted to give you all an update since it has been a while since I last spoke with my church family in Arizona. First and foremost, I want to thank you all for your prayers for me during this move. You all mean so much to me. Your love for the Lord is so evident in your lives and it's an amazing example to follow. I look forward to the day when I will see you all again and I update you in person.

Since moving not a whole lot has happened. About a week after moving the state of Utah declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. Stores and shops started to shut down as well as most photographers who were looking to hire freelance hair and makeup artists. I was planning on working as one with the help of my father's wife who works in the industry. As the weeks went by the work became less and less. I started working for Sephora, a makeup store, part time with the hopes of getting hired on at Ulta to do hair (also part time). I was all set to do a technical interview for Ulta when I received word the Sephora and Ulta (and everything in the beauty industry) have closed down until further notice. This, as you can imagine, has really devastated me as I am living off my savings and sleeping on my sister's couch until I can afford a place of my own. I am trying to find a job not beauty related, but as that is most of my experience, I am anxious to start something completely new. However, God works everything together for those that love Him and that are called according to His purpose. I have faith that He will provide me work during this time of uncertainty. I ask for prayers of provision and that I have the courage to work in a field that I have never worked in. Also pray that I am an example of God's love to my future colleagues.

Alright, now onto some good news. I have found a church to attend! It reminds me so much of Way of Grace that I feel right at home. Again, thank you so much for your prayers! Through that church I have met a dear sister in Christ who has a similar past to mine. We have decided to do a Bible study that helped me draw closer to God and be freed from the burden of unforgiveness. I am a little nervous since I have never led a bible study before.

Due to the virus, my brother Garrett was sent home early from his Mormon mission with six months left. He is currently under quarantine for two weeks and might be sent back out to complete his two years here in the US. However, he might not, since the LDS church brought back all of their missionaries that were abroad. There might be too many to send out all of them. I pray that, Lord willing, he is not sent back out. Not only for safety but as we have had many lengthy conversations about faith and I would hate to stop now. However, if he is sent back out I pray that God brings another strong brother or sister in Christ to challenge him and his faith in the LDS church. He and I have challenged each other. I have challenged him to read the New Testament as if he has never read it before and he has challenged me to read the Book of Mormon. Please pray that God reveals the truth of the gospel to him. I know His word is alive and active. Please pray that during this time of me reading the Book of Mormon that I would learn how to better minister to the LDS people. Please pray that the spirit of blindness be broken

within the Cole family. My father is an active member of the LDS church however it is hard talking about faith with him. He is more of a blind follower and sees doubt as a sin. Please pray that God softens his hard heart and that more opportunities arise to talk about the true God. My sister, who I am living with, is on the opposite end of the spectrum. She hates organized religion and any mention of God or the gospel she completely shuts down and doesn't listen. Please pray that God softens her hard heart to receive His love. I know that me being here has brought spiritual warfare into her home and she feels it as much as I do.

Last but not least please continue to pray for me. I am trying to be as spiritually sensitive to the people around me as I possibly can. I pray that I am like Jesus and know when I have said enough and to just let the Spirit work. I pray that my pride and self don't get in the way as I tell others about the one true God. I pray that I stay humble and to not get emotional when things seem to not go as planned, to just trust Him and be at peace, and that God reminds me that He is in control of not only the world around me but the people and their spiritual condition. I am reminded that they are His. Once again, thank you all so much for your prayers. It means the world to me that you would go before God on my behalf. I'm so grateful for all of you!

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" 2 Cor. 13:14.

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