



Reflections by the Lake
Devotions for an Unordinary Time

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A Letter to Covid 19
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My Not So Dearest Covid 19,

You have successfully thrown the world a curveball! This global pandemic is scary & a killer. Fortunately for you, nothing can throw me into a pit quite like circumstances I can't control. It's that place where anxiety threatens to swallow me whole as my mind races through all of the fear-inducing what-ifs and unknowns.

Unfortunately for you, ugly Covid 19, in my initial darkness when I realized your evil, I called out to God. Initially my calls to God were not answered & He did not have voicemail. I went up to the mountain to see what I could see. In that darkness I began to see shimmers of light.

Those shimmers coming one or two at a time were God's way of helping me exit my eclipse. Yes, Balaam's donkey would have been quicker but God does things in His own time.

Thus far those shimmers have brought to me these gifts:

More time with my husband Andy & his patience when I "melt down"
FaceTime talking to & dancing with my daughter Ana Catherine & granddaughter Iris
Laughter with my siblings over the phone
Remaining connected to & working out with my clients via FaceTime
More free time to run & play with our pets
More free time to read, pull out my old sketchbook & paint again
Watching Mother Nature promise renewal with flowers, a new vegetable garden,
the parades of Mother ducks with ducklings & Goose Mothers with their goslings
Beautiful sunrises & sunsets
Virtual Worship on Sunday mornings in my soft clothes
Children playing outside & taking walks with their families
Making homemade bread, again
Many more to come, I'm sure!

I have faith that God will continue to be my Light, one shimmer at a time, during this evil pandemic you've caused, Covid 19. I will not succumb to your darkness!

Not yours truly,
Carol Barker

Heavenly Father, we thank you for being the Light of the World. We ask that you be with those working on the front lines of medical care and research. Thank you for other essential workers & their courage. Please be with those battling this virus or who have lost loved ones, offer them physical wellness and emotional peace. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord & Savior, Amen.

Luke 7:50 *The Message*

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."