

September 10, 2022
Destiny,

You are in our prayers as you walk through this most heartbreaking and challenging season. When one part of the body hurts, the entire body hurts. You can take that as an unfortunate truth or recognize the brilliant beauty of our Father's plan. You can be part of the Body of Christ that helps bring healing to those experiencing the most intense pain.

We need each other! We need to be reminded how loved we are by a great and wonderful God that can turn mountains into highways, ashes into beauty, and deserts into rivers! He can and will turn your mourning into dancing! Restored lives are one of the core values of Destiny! And He is *still* a God of restoration! You will make it through this, even if He has to carry you.

Please stop if the temptation comes to speculate and assume or give blame or shame in the days ahead. We want to remember the words of one of our favorite theologians, Liz Shoup (Shawn's mom): *"Push your love button, and speak life!"* Be a part of the body that brings healing, comfort, and encouragement to those around you. Point each other back to Jesus. His love and *amazing* plans for this *awesome* house have never changed! There is a time to cry and a time to grieve. There is a time to rejoice and a time to dream again.

Lastly, while God did not cause this, He will not waste this season of pressing and crushing. Out of this season, we believe, He will bring new wine and fresh oil for the days ahead.

We love you all dearly,
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