Dear Lexie,

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Upcoming Events

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This Sabbath:
August 29, 2015

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As the time got close for Brianah to leave home for college, the entire family began preparing for this major event, not only emotionally but also assisting with all the requirements that the university has prior to enrollment. As we said our goodbyes and gave our hugs, tears began to roll down our faces and the idea of missing our daughter began to weigh on the rest of us. This has been one of the most difficult times in my life. Leaving my baby at a place that is not jogging distance from home, knowing that she would be on her own and that our family unit would be without her for several months of the year was hard to take. I did let her know that no matter what, I was just a phone call or a text away.

I could not help thinking about how God must have felt when He had to put Adam and Eve out of Eden and into the place they would make their new home. Sin has put distance between God and us; it makes many feel like God is millions of miles away from them, and some even feel that He has no interest in them. The word of God tells us in Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” What a wonderful God we have! He assures us that He is with us no matter what we are going through. Even though sin has put a barrier between us and God, God has given us a barrier breaker in Jesus Christ!

I love what Paul tells us in Romans 8:38-39: “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” I am looking forward to seeing my daughter again during her Thanksgiving break. We are preparing for her to be with us again and planning what we are going to do once she is home. In the same manner we should anxiously be waiting to be reunited with Jesus. I always hold on to the promise that Jesus left his disciples and us when he ascended back to His Father: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3. One day we will not have to say good-bye to anyone. Rather, we will hear Jesus say, Welcome forever!