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Walk around the ashes and rubble where Rachel used to live, and of course you notice all that's gone. But even after the fire that destroyed Paradise, California, you'll notice Rachel's faith as she speaks of how she has seen God's hand in her life.

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Everyone who believes in God has seen His hand in this fire. You probably couldn't prove to somebody that there's a God because of one huge miracle, but God has brought about a million small miracles here in Paradise. If you believe in God, you can see His hand everywhere. Even though it's been challenging, it has also been miraculous. God has helped us learn exactly what we need to learn.

God has worked with me for years to prepare me for this situation. I've had other "disasters" in my life that have helped me know that God is beautifully guiding my life.

There's nothing hard I go through that doesn't have perfect and beautiful purpose and meaning. I've noticed that when I've allowed God to teach me, I've always learned from my challenges. God allows us to go through these challenges so we can come to trust Him and love Him. I know that when things get hard, He's always there.



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