

*Who is like You, Father? Your wisdom is immeasurable.*

*Your resources are limitless. Your love has no boundaries. You. Are. God.*

*Yet, today, Lord, I come before You in tears. Once there were dreams - now there is only debris.  
Days are filled with the loss and frustration created by the ruins of drugs in my loved one's life.*

*I search for solution. I seek truth and hope. I don't know what to do!*

*So - what do I know? Well, I know that I am Yours, LORD. You love me! I believe that the plans You have for me are good. I have a future of hope. But Father ~ it's just that I don't feel any of that now. So, God, please help me lean into the faith You give me to help me know that You are in control. I know that I live in a broken world ~ yet I also know You are totally sovereign. You restrain evil and influence good. Please fill me with Your strength to live with hope in my heart.*

*I need You, God. I need to believe that You are doing a good work.*

*I'm thankful that You listen to the loss felt in my heart.*

*Thank You for filling me with the Hope of Jesus. It's in His Name I pray ~ Amen*

We had dreams. Our hearts held expectations of graduations, grandbabies and greatness. Hope and joy. What happened? No one anticipated the invasion of loss driven by drugs. We've been caught up in a hideous campaign of devastation. Opportunities are trashed. Relationships lay in shambles.

Look at the jumble of feelings: Frustration. Indifference. Fear. Hope. Grief. Trust. This rollercoaster of emotions reflect the insanity of the circumstance. Where can we turn to get help? Why is this happening?

In “Grace Mail” - Pastor Mark Martin writes:

*When I come up to these walls where my understanding ceases, I have to fall back on what I do understand:*

- 1. I am God's child.**
- 2. God loves me.**
- 3. God is in control.**
- 4. His plans for me are good.**

*“Because I know this, I know that somehow, some way, even in this terrible thing that is happening now that God is working for my good. Nothing can happen to me that God hasn't allowed to happen. God controls the circumstances around me. If something happens to me then it is because God has allowed it to happen. There are no accidents.”*

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.*

**~ Romans 8:28 ~**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
says the LORD.*

*“They are plans for good and not for disaster,  
to give you a future and a hope.”*

**~ Jeremiah 29:11 ~**

*How fathomless the depths of  
God's resources, wisdom, and knowledge!*

*How unsearchable His decisions,  
and how \* mysterious His methods!*

*For who has ever understood  
the thoughts of the LORD,  
or has ever been His adviser?*

**~ Romans 11:33-34 ~**

William's Translation

[\*mysterious literally translates untraceable]