

# AUG 26

SUNDAY | ORDINARY TIME

I really can't believe I'm here and in any kind of mental shape to enjoy this. Robin booked it b/c we (us & the adult kids) are really into the wonder, beauty, peacefulness and simplicity of Lake Tahoe. It is rest for body, soul & spirit. We are extremely fortunate to be able to stay here in "our" Cabin 83. It's like a dream or a chapter out of a book to sit on the balcony in the morning and look out over the glass-smooth lake. The sun is peeking over the eastern side of the lake and the place is coming alive. The lake and the mountains surrounding are restorative and lend to reflection and gratefulness. Tahoe was like a prize or a reward for working hard to get our family set in order. I feel like such the fool for leaving



RFK because I couldn't deal with a leader in training and going off to follow a manipulative fool. I left security, status and purpose for a year+ ministry position from hell. I was so arrogantly stupid. Now, neither place cares and I'm out in the cold. I totally deserve it. However, I'm here now. We've moved back to Santa Ana, Janae & Alan have a lower cost place to live with built in love & support. Robin is closer to her office and so happy to be in an old, historic house. And me, well... we'll just see what happens with me. Can God fix this? Can God redeem my recklessness? The saga continues. This week will be filled with rest, reading, laughter, great food and family laughter. The power of family to restore balance is amazing. How do people without family rebound and restore? It must be extremely hard and lonely. Matt & Fran came up with us yesterday, it was good to have them all to ourselves for a day. David, Ally, Janae & Alan are on their way and will be here this afternoon.

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God, thank you for his time, this place. Thank you for family.

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