

My dear Darleane,

When I look at you, I see a young woman full of adventure, passion and enthusiasm with a great desire to live. Joy fills my heart that you have chosen to give your life to God. I know how difficult this decision was for you. Amid the resistances, struggles and fights you put forth to God, your Yes to Jesus will be one you will never regret.

I know that you thought surrendering to God would be the end of your life, but this active choice leads to discovering greater strength and joy in God. There will be many opportunities to stretch deeper into God's strength. These stretches will be painful.

I assure you, life's road will be difficult. It will unfold with many obstacles, many unexpected turns and unforeseen circumstances; however you will not be hurt. You will feel pain but you will not be hurt in the Core of your being. The Core of your being is the intimate connection where your life-giving God resides. Suffering will come. Please don't run away from this. Befriend it and allow it to transform your heart and your way of being. You will discover a well of compassion that is rooted in a foundational rock, where nothing can crush its strength within your Being. You will have all the strength you need to live Life Fully. I encourage you to feel any pain that shows face, feel it and let it leave.

God will never leave your side. Try not to lose sight of God's love. Losing sight of God's immense love, risks the chance of losing perspective and focus in life's direction. I so want to protect you from this loss of sight, even though I know this will happen. You will fall and bruise, stand up, be gentle and be tall. God writes straight with crooked lines.

I invite you to listen deep within and follow ways you sense you are being led. Do not be afraid. Scary as it is, you will discover an adventure that will take you to places within yourself you would never imagine. It will lead you to be able to rise above and yet be deeply grounded.

Your life will move in all kinds of directions, be not afraid of any of them. God is very near, providing you with a peace that comes from within. Allow yourself to trust those who are presented on your path as a safe place. The intertwining of trust and love shared is what weaves the net that holds us. Times when you will need the listening of a human ear and heart, they will be there. If not, the most magnificent ears will always be available— the ears that come when you remember that you live and breathe in the Heart of God's Love . . . in the Presence of Jesus.

I love you, stand before you and whisper to you . . . Keep your heart soft and your mind open . . . Go Live, Laugh, Love, Risk, Give All – it is worth it.

Your Older Self, Darleane