

A NOTE FROM



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He Holds all Things Together



DEAR FRIEND,

As I considered what my heart needed in this season, and how to anticipate the next year, I kept coming back again and again to this verse:

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:15-17

It’s not all up to you...

- ...to fix everything
- ...to make everyone happy
- ...to heal the hurt
- ...to make up for another’s mistakes
- ...to solve all the problems
- ...to pretend you’re okay
- ...to persuade with your point of view
- ...to be the best
- ...to hold all things together.
- ...to make sure your kids turn out perfect

This is the 2021 GraceLaced 3-in-1 Calendar theme. It’s our declaration, anchor, lifeline, and heartbeat in this season, and will continue to sustain us in 2021. Jesus tells us to keep our eyes on Him —to want **HIM** more than we want everything to “go back to normal.” **HE IS THE TREASURE** that makes what He provides, enough, even when we don’t have all the answers. We get to reorient our hearts again as we anticipate the new year, and lay our worries down. Even in a year of unknowns, Jesus has still been on the throne. In Christ, we are beloved children—cared for, and not overlooked. We’ve been given all we need for life and godliness and He’s even numbered our days. We can’t make today any better through worry, so trust in Him instead. You can rest secure, friend. He’s holding all things together, and he’s still holding you.

Because of grace,

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