God is in Control... and He is good!

1 Samuel 9: 1-6
1 There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. 2 He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites—a head taller than any of the others. 3 Now the donkeys belonging to Saul’s father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys." 4 So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them.

They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there. Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them.
5 When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let’s go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."
6 But the servant replied, "Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let’s go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take."

vs. 15-17
15 Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel: 16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me."
17 When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD said to him, “This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people.”

TRUTH #1
Chasing donkeys is sometimes more than chasing donkeys.

Jeremiah 29:11
“For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Acts 17:26
From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

Proverbs 16:9
In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

God is in control and He's still working like this in the world today... even in our lives.

What to you might be nothing more than chasing donkeys, may be a special work of God in your life.

TRUTH #2
Our failures and disappointments are God's opportunities.

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1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
God can turn your failure into his opportunity...

Psalm 34:18
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Isaiah 40:31
those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Romans 8:28
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.”

God knows, he’s in control, and he is good.
TRUTH #3
No life is beyond God’s transformational power.

1 Samuel 10: 9-11
9 As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul’s heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. 10 When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying. 11 When all those who had formerly known him saw him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, “What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?”

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2 Corinthians 5:17
if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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