

Story of Faith: Rainbows by Cheryl Gibson

The sight of a rainbow never ceases to amaze me! Rainbows display God's omniscience, omnipotence, and creative ingenuity. Yet, rainbows also remind me of God's glory and His faithfulness. In Ezekiel 1:28, Ezekiel says, "The appearance of the brilliant light all around was like that of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day. This was the appearance of the likeness of the LORD's glory." In Genesis 9:16, God told Noah, "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all the living creatures of every kind on the earth."

Three years ago, I lost my parents within months of each other. It was an extremely painful and difficult time for me. The emotions I felt were extremely overwhelming. I meditated on the Word and remained in constant prayer with my heavenly Father trying to make sense out of it all. Then on Father's Day, I witnessed the most beautiful double rainbow across the sky! It seemed to stretch the length of the sky! In that moment, I was so aware of God's presence. I realized that it was not my place to make sense of the circumstances, but to trust in His wisdom, plan, and purposes. My heart was filled with His comfort and joy. In my deepest sorrows, God has always touched my heart and made me deeply aware of His comforting presence. "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

God's faithfulness makes it possible for me to rest in His promises. During good and difficult times, God makes it clear that true peace is found when I have submitted every area of my life to Him. I only need to rest, let go, and trust Him to care for me. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)