**Donna Holmes, Bio**

God has taken me on an amazing journey. I am now retired from a long life in computer software and living life as a single professional. God has blessed my life and has directed me in each life phase. He is my husband and Lord. I love serving Him, hearing His word, and following His lead every day of my life.

***Through the years, God has taught me three main lessons:***

**LIFE LESSON #1**

All people have issues that need healing. If we did not, we would not need Jesus. If we stick with Jesus and His Word, Jesus can and will bring healing because He knows me and fearfully and wonderfully made me.
**Life verse: Psalm 139:13-14**
*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.*

**LIFE LESSON #2:**

God has a plan for my life, but my responsibility is to go forward, stand firm, and see Jesus deliver.

**Key verses:** **Jeremiah 29:11**

*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 hope and a future.*

**God gave me a lifelong promise 2 Chronicles 20:15,17**

*This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army (vast hurt, vast disadvantage, vast disappointment). For the battle is not yours, but God’s .... You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.’”*

**LIFE LESSON #3:**

God does not allow any area of our lives to go void. My life may have seemed worthless to me, but God can use every negative trial, failure, and disappointment and turn them into positive value as we testify to the good news of God’s grace.

**Key verse:** [**Acts 20:24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+20:24&version=NIV)
*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.*

My journey is not over, and I am excited to see how God will use my life and life lessons within the remainder of God's good years ahead for me.

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