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## **May 5 – It's A Great Day! | A Message from Jim Everette**

I woke up to the happy sounds of birds chirping and wind chimes making melodious music as a cool morning breeze welcomed the rising sun, and I decided this is going to be a great day. I choose to celebrate the beauty of God's creation which includes the plants, flowers, nature and all the people with whom God surrounds me. Our Great Creator has painted us beautiful sunrises and sunsets and lots of clouds, trees, flowers, and sounds that we can admire when we take walks and look for the signs of life around us. I'm going to offer a kind word, albeit through a mask, of encouragement to the people I encounter in an effort to spread joy and hope while most of the news that is being shared involves disease and the number of people that are dying. I'm going to thank the person that delivers my mail and offer a cold drink to the men that collect the garbage I place by the road. I'm going to write a note to someone I have not seen in a long time to let them know I am thinking of them and praying for them. I'm going to sit on my front porch and offer words of encouragement to the children that are playing across the street and to the walkers and bikers that go by my house. And tonight, before I lay down to sleep, I'm going to take a walk around my yard and look up at the stars and moon and praise God for the majesty of who God is, the day God has given me, and all the ways God has walked with me through it.