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Jesus does not just give us a get out of jail or get out of hell card; it is a get out of crazy, sick, messed up hopelessness card. It is a reason to love card.

Reflection Questions

- What events in the world steal, weaken, and deaden you?
- How would you describe the cards Jesus has given you throughout your life?
- What cards have you turned around and give to others yourself?
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A transcendent Valentine's Day card, the ultimate get well card, a life without death or even the shadow of death card. He has got more of them than we can count, and he has put them in our hands and asked us to give them away. These things are priceless.

I am worried sick about the world. There is too much dying: the literal kind involving bullets and bombs, and the inner kind involving fear, isolation, injustice, and hate. Jesus is the only cure I know. In Him is a life that death can't touch, a beautiful, free, powerful, graceful life. The church has been entrusted with this life. Let's use it, spend it, give it away as fast, as much, as often as we can.

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