God is a big God.

Nothing is ever out of God’s control.

Nothing happening in your life is an accident.

The dictionary defines “accident” as an unforeseen event or one without apparent cause.
Hey Lisa. First let me start off by saying your bible study has helped me so much! I first started listening recently and you have helped me to open my heart to God. I’m 21 and my parents had a drug problem all my life. My father passed away leaving us with our mother and a few years later my mom committed suicide in front of my little sisters. They ended up moving in with me and I now have custody of them and I raise them. They moved in with me at 19 and I was so angry with god, and my parents I have to work a full time job to raise them and I literally have no social life no college life you know what normal typical 19 year olds get to do. So with that being said I started your bible study and I realized this is my purpose to make sure my sisters come to know god and have a loving home.
something we all didn’t have for a very long time. And I thank you so much for helping me. My life has changed tremendously.

Acts 5:40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of them - Jesus, and let them go.

Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Hebrews 13:5, , “I will never leave you nor forsake you

Acts 5:41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.
And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Their one purpose was getting the message of Jesus out.

They would need each other.
Presumed Hierarchy of God-Pleasers

Missionaries to Africa (big smile)
All other missionaries
Pastors of large churches
Pastors of medium sized churches (medium smile)
Pastors of small churches
Elders and deacons
Sunday school teachers
Successful businesspeople (Small smile)
People who work at secular jobs
Night watchmen, custodians, stay at home moms (no smile)

Matthew 3:17 – this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased –

Colossians 3:23–24
23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,
24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
1 Peter 2: 1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.  
2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,  
3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hebrews 5:12–14
12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Psalm 92:12–14
12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

2 Peter 1:5–8
5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 4:13–15
13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.
15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.