

One More Day
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Without a doubt, saying goodbye to someone we love is a very hard thing to do. Shortly after the tragedy of September 11, 2001 a song by Diamond Rio rose to the top of the charts. It was titled, *One More Day*.

It is a beautiful song that talks about how this person would love to have just a little more time with the person who is gone. Whenever I have to say goodbye to someone I love and care about, I think of this song. When you have to say goodbye, what helps you?

This weekend at church we are saying goodbye to Jennifer Niemiec. It will be difficult. Jennifer and her family are relocating to Houston. They will all be missed.

Jennifer has done such a terrific job as our Director of Youth Ministries. She has loved, cared about and invested in our youth and their families. She has touched lives and helped our youth connect with God. She has helped our youth grow in faith. She has shown us that you can have a great time in life and be serious about your faith as well. For all of this I am extremely grateful.

I hope you will be able to join us in worship this weekend to say "thank you" to Jennifer. Following Saturday evening worship and between services on Sunday, we will be holding a reception in Jennifer's honor. Please come and join us to say thank you to Jennifer.

As I think about Jennifer and her ministry here, not only am I grateful, but it brings to mind others who I care about, who have touched my life toward God. I think God gives us each other so we can not only learn to love and care for each other, I think God gives us to each other so we can learn how to be better people. That is a part of what it means to be in community.

It is about welcoming new people into our midst. It is about loving and communicating. It is about caring and helping. And yes, it even means, sometimes, saying goodbye.

In the midst of it all, God is with us. God is drawing us to God's very self. The love we can experience with those who become a part of our life remind us of the love God gives to us. This weekend, we will thank God for the gift of love shared with us, through the ministry of Jennifer Niemiec.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

In the hope Jesus offers us,
Rev. Scott Carlson

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through spiritual growth, through fellowship and through service to others.