

## Blessings

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Last week I was on vacation at a friend's mountain home in California. Not only do I adore her and her family, but I also fell in love with her home, situated on 15 acres in the Sierra Nevada mountains. During one trip down the mountain into town, I found myself thinking of my little box house in the middle of town, and coveting her beautiful surroundings. I'm usually very appreciative of the distinct beauty of my own Minnesota landscape, but my friend's view was so breathtaking that for a few minutes my place in the heartland seemed a little paltry.

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