

ENCOURAGING
WORDS
Book 15

TO REVIEW
FOR STRENGTHENING

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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INTRODUCTION

This book contains bits and pieces of encouraging words I have received from the Lord directly to me personally, from the Bible, and through the writings of others. There are times when I need to review these encouraging words to strengthen me. Therefore, I offer them to you, the reader, to strengthen you also. You may wish to begin your own book of encouraging words the Lord gives you personally, from the Bible, and from others, to keep for your own re-viewing and re-strengthening.

(Words from the Lord are in blue italics)

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

JEREMIAH 30:2

This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you."

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A NEW LEVEL OF LISTENING

You need to transfer your quiet time from downstairs to up here, so you are ready to write what I tell you during that time. I will be giving you instructions for your new day that is just starting for you. And I may give you words for your two primary people you intercede for.

Listen a minute. I want you to write this down.

You are in a new level of listening now, Joan. I want you to know that. On this level I will tell you more and more things to know about what is coming, what is going on in the spiritual realm, what to pray. This will be different than what you've done previously, so don't expect to know what to do ahead of time.

You will need to listen moment by moment and follow inner promptings. You will not be as free to just go where you want to go and speak to whomever you want to speak to. I will guide that part of your life from now on. This is a commitment for the rest of your life. Are you willing to make that commitment?

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DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

I deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You, Jesus.

That's where I want you to be, Joan. That's where I ALWAYS want you to be. Denying yourself, taking up the cross/ministry I have for you, and ALWAYS following Me. That is My call to you today, Joan. Do you want to receive that call and commit to following it?

Yes, Lord. I say yes to that call AND to the commitment to follow You, Jesus, all the days of my life.

Ok, Joan, we're there. We are where I wanted to you BEFORE I started telling you what's coming. Now we are both ready to talk about today. Write down all I tell you so you can refer back to it as needed.

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DO NOT LET THE PROPHETS AMONG YOU DECEIVE YOU

The Lord led me to read Jeremiah 29 today when my Bible fell open to it. He stopped me when I got to Jeremiah 29:8-9. He brought to my mind to renounce a certain man's materials I had read and listened to and prayed. So I came out of agreement with all of that man's materials that were not from Him. Then the Lord guided me to renounce all things I ever read or heard previously not from God. I rendered them null and void and of no effect.

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:8-9)

Any more You want to share with me, Lord, about the prophets and diviners among us deceiving us...that are not sent from You?

Yes, daughter. There are others you have read or heard that are now rendered null and void due to your renunciation.

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KEEP ABIDING IN ME

I have a message to give you. Get ready to write. I want you to know I am with you, Joan. I have a plan for this particular day for you. I can tell you about it if you will listen carefully to Me.

Thank You. I want to hear it, Lord.

Ok. Keep listening. Don't let your fatigue get in the way. You are My precious child, Joan. Even though you didn't feel close to Me until just now when your prayer partner prayed through the shadow I said was over both of you, I was just as much with you then as I am now when you CAN feel My presence. But I know how very much it means to you both to feel My Presence near you. It is a precious gift I give you both, and it's nice to know you miss Me greatly when you don't feel that. I can use that strong desire to draw you closer to Me.

My prayer partner called on his way to work and I learned he also was feeling distant from the Lord. The Lord showed me it was a shadow over us, and not a shadow from Him. We needed to pierce through that shadow. As we sought the Lord together, He anointed my prayer partner in a prayer language of strong fast prayer, which pierced the shadow, and we both felt His Presence come to us. It was wonderful! Such a breakthrough! Thank You, Lord!

You needed to be drawn closer today, Joan, because you will need My Presence all throughout this day. So will your prayer partner. So I used this to draw you nearer. Now I will keep you safe under My true shadow, My protective shadow, that covers you as you abide in Me. Keep abiding in Me and I will reveal to you what is happening around you and what you are to do about that.

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THE TEST OF PRESSURE

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Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.—Job 5:7

Salvation does not exempt us from the everyday problems of life. Those who are fully committed to the Lord often find themselves entangled in ongoing difficulties. Finally, a release comes, only to find that another pressure has taken the place of the one that was resolved.

There is a reason for these difficulties. Therefore, we should view them as servants, placed in our circumstances to accomplish a higher purpose.

*Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, **with difficulties**, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. —II Corinthians 12:10*

Only as we refuse to allow these *seemingly* unending pressures and difficulties to hinder us, and instead rise above or overcome them, will we be able to successfully "press toward the mark" for the prize that our Lord has made available for us - our becoming His Bride.

*Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus... **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—**Philippians 3:12-14***

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **His Bride has made herself ready.**" And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. —**Revelation 19:7-8***

How We Can Make Ourselves Ready

We may ask, "How can we make ourselves ready?" This is accomplished as we respond appropriately to the circumstances, testings, and disciplines of obedience that we face, and **recognize them as the means to prepare us.** As we "press toward the mark for the prize," we are "making ourselves ready." Therefore, it is important that we respond in heart obedience, looking to the Lord for a way through these difficult times.

Those who have submitted the totality of their being to the Lord, and are seeking His highest, are "potentially" His Bride (that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended). Not one of us can say, "I am the Bride," as the Bridegroom chooses who will sit with Him on His throne, as His Bride. Our part is to make ourselves so desirable that we will be chosen in that day, having made ourselves ready for the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-8).

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind (**the ongoing pressures we face in our daily life experience**), and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus.—**Philippians 3:13-14 (comment added)***

Just as a young woman anticipates her wedding day and prepares herself, so also the Bride of our Lord Jesus Christ is to prepare for this day. She is to "clothe herself" in fine linen, clean and white. This speaks of the "righteous acts of the saints" in which she **actively faces and overcomes** the problems and pressures of life.

It is the "overcomer" who will sit with Jesus in His Throne, as His Bride.

*To him who overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.—**Revelation 3:21***

This process will be effective only when we accept the fact that these pressures have been placed in our daily life experience to "press" us into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ. A permanent press in our slacks requires both heat and pressure.

All the commandments which I command you this day you shall be watchful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall [earnestly] remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your [mind and] heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.—Deuteronomy 8:1-2

In foreknowledge, the Lord knows whether we will persevere to receive this prize of sitting with Him in His Throne, but this is not enough. We must respond and do our part. Therefore, He will take us through diverse experiences so we ourselves can make the necessary decisions to rise above and overcome these pressures.

We Must Recognize Our Dependence is to Be On the Lord Himself

The Lord may permit us to remain without satisfaction for a time, while our problems linger without an apparent solution. If we were quickly or easily released from these and given an uncluttered pathway, we would relax and feel that we had arrived. There would be little inner change or spiritual progress, as we would be resting in the blessings and provision that we received, rather than "pressing toward the mark for the prize" (our becoming His Bride).

Sometimes the Lord places us under a ministry that is less than we would wish. He may even cause a spiritually mature and capable minister to appear to be "dumb" concerning our problems. Thus, we will be forced to seek the Lord.

For example, I approached Walter Beuttler concerning a very troublesome problem. I became confused, because although he had an outstanding walk with the Lord, he was unable to help me. Later, as I sought the Lord under extreme pressure, the Word began to expose my true need, rather than giving me what I wanted - a pat on the back and a rebuke for the other person involved.

And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know...—Deuteronomy 8:3

Only then could I truly recognize my dependence was to be on the Lord Himself.

"For Whom the Lord Loves He Chastens, and Scourges Every Son Whom He Receives"

*And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."—**Hebrews 12:5-6***

We are chastened when we do something that we should not be doing, and as a concerned Father, the Lord deals with us. Whenever I am spiritually spanked and corrected, I rejoice, as the Word says, "Whom the Lord **loves**, He corrects."

The Lord is hindered in chastening us when we have not surrendered to Him the right to all that we are and have. In the Garden of Eden, Adam gave up his dependence on the Lord and chose to become independent by eating from the tree of (self) knowledge. Later, an animal was slain and Adam was covered with its skin. He was forgiven, but he had eaten, and now the "right to choose for himself" was within him.

Although we are forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, we also still have within us the right to our own lives, as we also "ate" of the tree of self-knowledge.

When I saw this, I carefully gave back to the Lord the right to do as I please. Jesus is my Savior, but now He is more than this - He has become my Lord. Therefore, I can place myself under His headship and ask Him to chasten me, that I might enter into and possess all that He has for me.

As we rightly respond to the process of being tested and corrected, we grow spiritually and enter into our spiritual identity as a mature son. Now we are ready to be scourged, which is beyond our being chastened, as the Word tells us that "every son whom the Lord receives, He scourges" (**Hebrews 12:6**).

I am chastened when I do something wrong. Our being scourged has nothing to do with any wrongdoing. Rather, it has to do with the reduction of our independence and is an indication that we are doing everything right (every son He receives). Scourging reaches into the very depth of our being and crucifies our self-life (our right to our own ways), and removes our propensity toward all self-sufficiency.

A spirited horse has to be broken before it can be ridden. This is done, not because the horse has done something wrong, but so it can become productive. **Likewise, scourging has to do with our becoming a yielded vessel in the hand of the Lord.**

John W. Follette once said that there are few who minister out of a broken spirit. This is because there are few who are willing to go through the process of being reduced, through scourging.

We may feel that we do not deserve the problems that we find in our pathway, and this is true. **But they are there because the Lord is seeking to make us far more capable and useful to Him in the outworking of His purposes.**

Only then can the Lord trust us with receiving an impartation of His glory and the end-time authority, which is about to be released.

And to him who overcomes and obeys My commands to the very end, I will give authority over the nations of the earth. And he shall be their shepherd, ruling them with a rod of iron, just as earthenware jars are broken to pieces; and his power over them shall be like that which I Myself have received from My Father.—Revelation 2:26-27 WEY

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WE ARE FIGHTING HIS BATTLES

Father, do you want to show us where this attack is coming from?

Yes, I want to tell you where the attack is coming from, who is involved in it, what you can expect to happen, AND how you can respond to it when it comes. I will give you all the help and information you need. Just keep asking Me. Remember I WANT to take care of you.

It is not My desire to put you “out there” without weapons, information, strategy and defenses. I know all that is coming, and I am ready and wanting to supply all you want and need to fight MY battles for Me. For that is what you are doing, you know, is fighting My battles. I won the authority over the enemy and now you go out in My authority and fight for Me in My Name. We will win this together. So, ask all you want to know and think to ask Me – and I WILL answer you.

So where is the attack coming from, Lord?

Actually it is coming from two fronts:

Someone from OCF will attack his righteousness - his right standing and right thinking with Me. Why? Because this causes them to come under conviction when they are near him or when he speaks - unless they are also willing and desiring to be clean. This may come in the form of the person speaking against him behind his back, not to his face. Others may share this information with him.

What should he do about it? Pray for those who persecute you. Bless this person. And don't receive it. Brush it off and go on.

And from his job... The attack from work will be of a different nature. It will come out of jealousy primarily, (although he may see it in different forms - like unwillingness to help him, unwillingness to credit him for good work), or by offenses people take at his righteousness and cleanness, which makes them feel unclean and dirty (which they are).

What should he do about it? Seek Me and I will give him My strategy for this situation.

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THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

When I prayed for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, He said:

You and your prayer partner are now "In My Kingdom" and in a mature position of ruling and reigning with Me. I want you to now see yourself in that position. For those who are in this position I provide everything they need and they use My authority (it becomes their authority) and they rule for Me in that kingdom. That will happen in the Millennium, Joan, but that has already begun now in this time just before My full Kingdom comes and My will is done on earth as it is in heaven. See yourselves as ruling and reigning with Me every day of your lives.

You win because I have already won the victory. You have the authority and power, now, within yourselves, in that place where your spirit and My Spirit dwell together, in that Secret Place, in that Shelter of the Most High in Psalm 91:1.

And that's where you are right now. And that's where I want you to see yourself every morning when you come to Me and we connect in this Secret Place of the Most High. I

will remind you of this morning by morning, Joan. That is My pledge to you – that I will remind you of this each morning as you seek Me and find Me in this Secret Place of the Most High.

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BECOMING LIKE HIM

What will You touch in his heart?

It's the place in his heart of love and compassion. I will be testing it to see if he will remain in love and compassion even when sorely tested.

I want him to have My heart of love and compassion to take with him as his mightiest weapon against the enemy as he goes out in My name to overcome evil. Love is the greatest weapon there is on earth, Joan, and it will always win. Love overcomes all evil. It conquers all. But it must be tested to see how strong and true it really is.

That is the great testing he will be going through next.

How does he go through that test and win, Lord? What does he need to do to allow Your love to conquer all evil that comes against him?

He needs to count it all loss except for his relationship with Me. Nothing else is greater than his relationship with Me. What does it say in Philippians 3:8? "I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"?

But whatever was to me profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:7-11)

That is how he will overcome evil...count everything else as loss except for the surpassing greatness of knowing Me and My resurrection power that comes from placing Me as the highest goal of his life. That's where resurrection power comes from, Joan. It comes from dying to everything else but his relationship with Me so he can become like Me.

I gave up everything else so I could become, in earthly form as a man, like My Father in Heaven (“nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done”). I showed how to do this with My earthly life.

He will find resurrection power to minister for Me by giving up everything else on earth as loss, so he can become like Me.

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FOCUS ON THE LORD RATHER THAN ON THE ISSUES

The Lord taught me a lesson this morning. I awoke early, around 3:00 a.m., and stayed in that half asleep, half awake stage for about an hour or so. I wanted to pray, but wasn't able to get close enough to feel like I was truly in the Lord's presence, so I wasn't to pray. I finally got up about 4:00 a.m. and got myself completely awake, and then spent time seeking Him in praise and prayer until I was “dwelling in the Secret Place of the Most High and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty.” (See Psalm 91:1)

He taught me that I had been dealing in my mind with the various prayer issues and was focusing on *them* rather than on *Him*. He doesn't want that. If I prayed outside of focusing on Him, then I might pray from my soul, and not be praying His prayers for the people involved. So He didn't give me freedom to pray in closeness to Him until my focus was truly on Him.

Thank You, Lord, for this lesson. Please keep it fresh in my mind and bring it to my remembrance every time it's needed.

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REVELATION OF THE LORD'S DESIRE THAT WE PRAY FOR JUSTICE

It came to me just moments ago, as I thought about how the Lord has been having us pray for justice in many situations recently, that during this end time era we are now living in the Lord IS pouring out His justice on the earth and its people. And He might want our prayers for justice to be done so He can then carry it out. That was a revelation! He therefore might be asking us to pray prayers more and more for His justice to be done.

TAKING CONTROL OVER THE WORLD AROUND YOU

As I read this section of Dutch Sheets' book *Authority in Prayer* (p. 9-11) I felt I should type the quote into this journal as it may pertain to our situations. It is about governing your world.

God began dealing with me a few years back about governing my world....

I was about to break out in hives I was so tense. It was during a prayer tour to all fifty states that Chuck Pierce and I conducted in 2003-2004....As I stood in the long "no preferential treatment" line [at the airport], things became chaotic by the minute.

I was already running a bit late, and after waiting twenty minutes with the line not moving, I was getting pretty uptight.

Then in great desperation but no real faith, I decided to pray. "Lord, do something to stop this chaos and get me on my flight," I whispered.

As clearly as I have ever heard Him, the Holy Spirit responded, *"You know this is all about you, don't you?"*

"I didn't do anything," I replied in surprise. "Don't blame me!"

"This is all about Satan trying to hinder your assignment," I heard.

Remembering 1 Thess. 2:18: **"We wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet Satan hindered us,"** I realized the possibility.

All this confusion and anxiety is about me and my assignment? I thought. *No way.*

Yet I knew I was hearing the Spirit as He said, *Yes, it is.*

"Well, do something about it," I quietly whispered.

But He was trying to teach me something. *No, you do something about it. Move in the authority I have given you and command the demonic hindrances of your assignment to be ineffective. Declare that you have favor and will get to your meeting on time.*

I did as instructed and then heard, "Now, go over to your right, to the end of the counter, and wait." This ticket counter was on the end of a row next to a wide thoroughfare. I stood at the end of the counter which, naturally, ticketing agents didn't even use.

Almost immediately though, an agent walked over and said kindly, "Can I help you, sir?"

"Yes, I'm on flight number so and so." I handed her my driver's license, she checked my luggage, gave me a boarding pass, and I was off to my gate—where I was immediately upgraded to first-class!

I was pretty pumped. “Whatever you’re teaching me, I sure do want to learn it,” I told the Lord. “This is nice.”

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THE DIVINE SHIFT

(From book by Dutch Sheets: *Authority in Prayer* page 34-35)

I recall the prayer assignment the Lord gave me in January 2000. For three years I had been going in and out of D. C. to pray. Before this visit, however, God began to show me that we, the body of Christ, had made great progress in our prayers for America. “I am now going to begin a new phase of changing the spiritual climate over America,” He said to me. It was in this meeting, in fact, that God gave me a powerful new revelation and teaching I called “The Divine Shift.”

This time, I was not only praying but also speaking in a conference. Before my session, I again heard the Spirit speak: “I want you to change the atmosphere for Me, over this city and nation. Command it to shift!”

I was somewhat stunned. I remember the intimidation I felt standing to the side, waiting to be introduced. Finally, in my insecurity, I said to the Lord, “I sure hope I don’t mess this up.”

As clearly as I have ever heard God speak, I heard Him that day.. “You would have to try real hard to mess this up. Unless you totally rebel against My leadership and refuse to do what I’ve instructed you, I’m going to do this! You don’t have to say or do things perfectly. Just do what I’ve asked you to and I’ll do the rest. I need your voice, not your perfection”

Those were some of the most comforting words I’ve ever heard. I knew God had full authority to do this, and I knew He was authorizing me to be His instrument. I told those present what God had said, made the decree, and what happened next is impossible to fully grasp if you weren’t there. God’s power *filled* the room! None of the six-to-seven-hundred present doubted it. *And we could literally feel the atmosphere around us change!* It was one of the most profound experiences of my life.....

We must be convinced that Christ has all authority over the earth and can use us to release it through governmental intercession! This will release us into a dimension of prayer that most of us have never dreamed of.

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A SPIRIT OF ABIDING

My prayer partner is now being led to ask the Lord to “appropriate the Spirit of Abiding in Jesus’ name. And of truth too.”

Lord, is there a Spirit of Abiding?

Yes.

Ok. I didn’t know. May I pray that for my prayer partner and me now?

Yes. I want you to know that there is such a Spirit. It is a quality of My Holy Spirit. You may ask for the Spirit of Abiding to rest on you both whenever I bring it to your remembrance.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 KJV)

I am the vine, you are the branches He who abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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HIS LAST GREAT PLAN PRE-MILLENNIUM

Today the Lord said:

I will soon execute My last great plan pre-millennium

- 1. Harvest with My Bride [doing the work]*
- 2. Take out My Bride*
- 3. Pour out My wrath*
- 4. Cleanse the earth*
- 5. Install My kingdom*

That’s My desire, hopes, dreams. Pray for all of it.

HIDDEN CHAMPIONS

God Says, "I Have Many Hidden Champions"

Paul Keith Davis:

"I have many hidden champions living quietly in obscurity who have Heaven's attention." That is a statement I heard from the Lord in a dream while in Tucson, Arizona during our, "Sons, Taught of the Lord" conference.

On the second morning of our conference I had a powerfully vivid dream that provided a very encouraging message. In it, I found myself in a horse stable with the great racing champion, Secretariat. I was thrilled to observe firsthand Secretariat's beauty and strength; his mere presence was awe-inspiring.

While admiring this incredible champion I was also reminded of the revelatory messages I have brought since 2002 involving Secretariat as a prophetic picture of God's last day champions; **men and women of valor with enlarged hearts for God and increased capacity for His Kingdom.** I've written about this in, "Books of Destiny" and shared it in numerous spoken messages.

At that moment a gentleman walked into the stable that I intuitively recognized as the foremost authority on horses. He watched for a moment as I admired Secretariat, then spoke saying, "**Secretariat was a great champion—but there were many more just as great as he was who also had enlarged hearts and great capacity.**" I was somewhat startled at that statement and argued slightly saying, "Secretariat was the single greatest champion ever. There was no horse greater than Secretariat."

With that statement the man gently stated that he begged to differ. He went on to explain there were many great champions just like Secretariat who also had enlarged hearts and great capacity, but they lived in secret and in obscurity. I then realized that I was not speaking with a mere authority on horses, it was the Lord! I was receiving a much-needed lesson on a Kingdom mystery.

Many More Hidden

The Lord was letting me know for every celebrated champion known in a public forum, there are also many others just as great who are satisfied to live covertly

and never widely known. Even so, they have Heaven's attention and win great victories in His name and release considerable authority in the Earth.

Our Great Redeemer is going to touch His people and amplify our desperation for Him and His Spirit. We will be so filled with Kingdom there will simply be no room for anything else such as doubt, unbelief or the spirit of this world.

The end-of-the-age Bridal Company/Sons of the Kingdom will have increased capacity for God. The eternal truth of **2 Chronicles 16:9** is directly applicable saying:

For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...

He let me know that many of these will experience profound increase and expansion and be given a public forum and ministry with various media outlets to promote the Kingdom's message; but for every one of those there are many others that are strategically hidden. I knew that was a message for this hour.

Special Grace for the Hidden

There is a grace and anointing for those living in secret places whose "life is hidden with Christ in God." **Maybe they do not have a public platform, but there are many grandmas, grandpas, stay at home moms and others who have great capacity for God with vital roles in His plan.** There is going to be a pronounced grace and favor placed upon their intercession and revelation that will have considerable Kingdom impact.

While sharing that in Tucson I was also reminded of another experience. It was the instance of having received a profound revelation that I had never read in a book nor heard someone preach. **A revelation dealing with divine justice and its relevance in the last days.**

I felt the Lord had perhaps extended His scepter to me and had directly given me this wonderful breakthrough revelation of Biblical truth. However, sometime after that I went into a vision and I watched a little granny who lived alone spending her hours interceding and praying for the revelation of the Kingdom. She literally bombarded Heaven with her prayers until the Heavens opened. It was as though she came directly before the Lord Himself and He extended His scepter to her like Esther. I watched as the Lord gave her the very revelation that I had subsequently received. I then watched as she began to decree and proclaim that revelation.

I was experiencing a parabolic picture of how revelatory insight is often gathered and released in the Earth. **As she prophesied the revelation it was as though that message went forth from her mouth and broadcasted into the Spirit realm.** It was a scene similar to that in ***Isaiah 51:16*** saying:

I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, "You are My people."

She did not prophesy it to a crowd of people nor a corporate body, but privately under a powerful canopy of God's anointing. I watched that message go forth from her mouth into the heavenly realm like a radio signal. I then observed myself enter my prayer closet and put up my "revelatory antenna" and spiritually discern or tune into the very revelation she had received and decreed into the Spirit. I then began to formulate that truth into written and spoken messages. **I saw how the orchestration of Heaven involves us all in His plans and purposes and the fruit goes into all our heavenly accounts accordingly.**

She actually received the breakthrough revelation and prophesied it into the Spirit. There are many key individuals who do not have a public forum or a large platform to share their revelation, but that is the way the Lord intended it. There are the "Simeons and Annas" that we discover in Luke 2 that live in obscurity but with a promise from God.

The Annas and Simeons

The prophetess Anna spent the vast majority of her adult life in the Temple praying, fasting and waiting for the Redemption of Israel. Simeon had an individual promise from God that he would not taste death until he had seen the "Consolation of Israel." There you have these two individuals living in obscurity but with God's promises.

They were satisfied to live hidden while contending for the realization of the promise. It was given to them with an incredible fulfillment by holding in their hands the Salvation of Israel, the Messiah, and Redeemer of the world. What a privilege!

The prophetic message and word of encouragement for these hidden champions is that grace is being granted for you to go into that place of prayer, intercession and birthing. The Lord has shown me these are humble and contrite individuals that do not demand a lot of attention or a large platform, but are satisfied having God's attention; saints who know God and when they pray the heavens shake.

I want to encourage you in that destiny and responsibility. Continue to prophesy your revelations into Spirit realm. Though you may not be required to stand before a company of people, many of the most profound decrees and proclamations will go forth in a very intimate setting. Even so, that word will go into the realm of the Spirit and will not return void without accomplishing its purpose; that is, to make way for the Kingdom of Heaven to bring forth a Bridal Company/Sons of the Kingdom that will transform this generation.

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RESURRECTION POWER

**For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
(Philippians 2:21)**

Lord, I want to look out for Your interests. What is Your interest that You want me to look out for, Lord?

Yes, My child. I do have things I want you to seek for Me and do for Me. First of all, seek to know Me better.

Ok, Lord. Please tell me how to do that. How do I know You better?

Ask Me to tell you what I am like. Ask Me to explain how I think and what I desire and what My hopes and dreams are – just as you might ask your prayer partner.

Oh, Lord, I ask You to tell me what You are like!

I will, and I will give you scriptures to look up that will also tell you. This will be fun, Joan. I am looking forward to this. We'll keep working on this project until I say it is enough. Then I will take you to another project that I want you to do. Is that ok with you?

Oh, yes! I like this too. Thank You, Lord! This brings tears to my eyes as I talk with You about this, so I know You are in this and anointing this.

I ask You to tell me, Lord, what You are like. I ask You to tell me what You think and desire, and what are Your hopes and dreams.

What am I like? Look up Philippians 3:11

“I am resurrected from the dead.” What does that mean? How does that show you what I am like?

It means I am He who purchased you with My life and death. I am He who has resurrection power now and I can give that resurrection power to whomever I choose. I am in an eternal position before God that no one else is in or ever can be in. I am above all, and King and Ruler of the Universe. AND it means I love with a greater love than you have ever experienced or can ever understand while on earth.

That shows you some of what I am like. I'll be telling you more and you can put the information together in a separate folder and call it “What Jesus is like” into a folder named JESUS. This is a big project so we will work on it for a long time and you can keep adding files to this folder. Today's file can be titled “resurrection power.”

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NAMES OF CHRIST

Adam (the second) – 1 Corinthians 15:45

Advocate – 1 John 2:1

Alpha and Omega – Revelation 1:8; 22:13

Amen – Revelation 3:14

Angel of the Lord – Exodus 3:2; Judges 13:15-18

Branch – Jeremiah 23:5

Bread of Life – John 6:35, 48

Chief cornerstone – Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6

Chief Shepherd – 1 Peter 5:4

Counselor – Isaiah 9:6

Dayspring – Luke 1:78

Deliverer – Romans 11:26

Door – John 10:7

Immanuel – Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23

Eternal Life – 1 John 1:2; 5:20

Everlasting Father – Isaiah 9:6

Faithful Witness – Revelation 1:5; 3:14

First and Last – Revelation 1:17; 2:8

God – Isaiah 40:9; John 20:28

Good Shepherd – John 10:14
Great High Priest – Hebrews 4:14
Holy One – Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27; 3:14
I Am – Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
Jehovah – Isaiah 26:4 (KJV)
Jesus – Matthew 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10
Just One – Acts 7:52
King – Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5
Lamb of God – John 1:29, 36
Life – John 14:6; Colossians 3:4
Light of the Word – John 8:12
Lion of Judah – Revelation 5:5
Lord God Almighty – Revelation 15:3
Lord of Glory – 1 Corinthians 2:8
Messiah – Daniel 9:25; John 1:41
Mighty God – Isaiah 9:6
Morning Star – Revelation 22:16
Nazarene – Matthew 2:23
Our Passover – 1 Corinthians 5:7
Prince of Life – Acts 3:15
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
Prophet – Luke 24:19; John 7:40
Redeemer – Isaiah 59:20; 60:16
Resurrection and Life – John 11:25
Rock – 1 Corinthians 10:4
Savior – 2 Peter 2:20; 3:18
Servant – Isaiah 42:1; 52:13
Son of God – Luke 1:35; John 1:49
Son of Man – John 5:27; 6:27
Sun of Righteousness – Malachi 4:2
True God – 1 John 5:20
True Light – John 1:9
True Vine – John 15:1
Truth – John 14:6
Way – John 14:6
Witness – Isaiah 55:4
Wonderful – Isaiah 28:29; 9:6
Word – John 1:1
Word of God – Revelation 19:13
Word of Life – 1 John 1:1

WHOM BIBLE WRITERS SAY JESUS IS

- An advocate who pleads our case before the Father – 1John 2:1
- The sacrifice that atones for our sins – 1 John 2:2
- Alpha and Omega, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty – Revelation 1:8
- I am coming soon, bringing my rewards with me to repay all people according to their deeds – Revelation 22:12
- What he opens, no one can close and what he closes, no one can open – Revelation 3:7

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SCRIPTURES ON "YOU ARE"

(Who God Is To Me)

You are my strength (Exodus 15:2 song of Moses) (Philippians 4:13)

You are my song (Exodus 15:2)

You are my fortress that I run into and am safe (Psalm 18:2)

You are my rock (Psalm 18:2) (Psalm 19:14)

You are my deliverer (Psalm 18:2)

You are my shield (Psalm 18:2)

You are my guide (Isaiah 58:11)

You are my instructor (Psalm 32:8)

You are my teacher (Psalm 32:8)

You are my counselor (Psalm 32:8)

You are the One who watches over me (Psalm 32:8)

You are the One who directs my path (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You are my joy (Psalm 43:4)

You are my delight (Psalm 43:4)

You are my life (John 14:6)

You are my way (John 14:6)

You are my truth (John 14:6)

You are my secret place and shelter (Psalm 91:1)

You are the One who never leaves me or forsakes me (Hebrews 13:5)

You are the One whose love endures forever (2 Chronicles 5:13)

You are the light of the world (John 8:12)

You are the Bright Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)

You are the One who strengthens those whose hearts are fully committed to You (2 Chron. 16:9)

You are the Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6)

You are the Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)
You are Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6)
You are the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)
You are Jesus (Luke 1:31)
You are the Christ the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16)
You are Immanuel - God with us (Isaiah 7:14)
You are my peace (Romans 5:1)
You are my salvation (Exodus 15:2)
You are the LORD God of hosts (Psalm 46:11 NKJV)
You are the Lord, the spring of living water (Jeremiah 17:13)
You are my refuge in the day of disaster (Jeremiah 17:17)
You are the God of Jacob who is our refuge. (Psalm 46:11 NKJV)
You are my hope and anchor (Hebrews 6:19)
You are the one who keeps me from all harm. (Psalm 121:7)
You are the Lord who watches over my coming and going. (Psalm 121:8)
You are a warrior (Exodus 15:3)
You are the One who lives inside of me (John 14:20) (1 Corinthians 3:16) (Galatians 2:20)
You are the One who loves me (John 15:9) (Romans 1:7)
You are the One I belong to (John 17:9)
You are the One who protects me (John 17:15)
You are my glory (John 17:22)
You are my rear guard (Isaiah 58:8)
You are the One who forgives my sins (Acts 13:38)
You are the One who calls me (Romans 1:6)
You are the One who saves me from God's wrath (Romans 5:9)
You are the One who makes me righteous (Romans 5:19)
You are my Father (Romans 8:16)
You are the One who gives me faith (Romans 12:3)
You are the One who gives me gifts (Romans 12:6)
You are the One who gives me grace (Romans 12:6)
You are the One I belong to (Romans 14:8)
You are the One who calls me into fellowship (1 Corinthians 1:9)
You are my deliverer (2 Corinthians 1:10)
You are the One who chose me (Ephesians 1:4)
You are the One who adopted me as Your son (Ephesians 1:5)
You are the One who works in me to will and act according to Your good purpose (Phil. 2:13)
You are the One who meets all my needs (Philippians 4:19)
You are the one who rescued me from darkness (Colossians 1:13)
You are my High Priest (Hebrews 4:15)
You are the One who disciplines me (Hebrews 12:10)
You are the One who is able to keep me from falling (Jude 24)
You are my light (Isaiah 60:1-2)
You are my glory (Isaiah 60:1-2)
You are the seven spirits of God. (Isaiah 11:2)
You are my redeemer (Psalm 19:14)
You are my Lord (Psalm 19:14)

You are my kinsman redeemer (Leviticus 25:49) (Ruth 3:9)
You are the One who draws near to me (James 4:8)
You are the Messiah of Israel (John 1:41 and 4:25-26)
You are the Bread of Life (John 6:35)
You are the One who renews me day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16)
You are my atoning sacrifice (1 John 2:2)
You are the One I love (Psalm 18:1)
You are the One I choose (Joshua 24:15)
You are the One I believe (John 11:27)
You are my healer (Exodus 15:26)

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PASSOVER

From Elijah List 4-27-11

Doug Addison:

The Power of a "Spiritual Passover"

Passover, which was just celebrated, is a Jewish festival that reminds us of God's greatness when He gave instructions to the Israelites in Egypt that would cause the spirit of death to "pass over" their houses (Exodus 11–12). The spiritual aspect of "Passover" is still available to us today.

When bad things happen and it appears to be judgment or tragedy in any form – whether economic, spiritual, environmental, or whatever – **God will most often let His people know how to avoid it or at least how to suffer minimal damage.** In some cases, God will even show His people how to profit during a downturn (Genesis 41). **The key is to listen to God's voice as He speaks to us and follow the instructions that He gives.**

My Dream of a Bad Storm

I had a dream earlier last year that a fierce storm (maybe the worst ever) was coming to the west coast of the U.S. It appeared that we were going to suffer great losses and maybe even die. Everyone was panicking and running to take cover. **Faith rose up in me and I felt an anointing from God to stand and watch this storm.** I saw a consuming fire in the storm and, just as it approached my house, it passed over and immediately it was a bright sunny day with a rainbow in the sky. I was amazed that there was no damage at all to my property or my loved ones.

I awoke from the dream realizing that we need to stand in the midst of the storms coming against us personally and as a nation. God will give us instructions on what to do and when to do it. **The key is to remain at peace and do not be afraid.** We need to understand that the principle of disaster passing over is still available to us today.

With all the tragedies and uncertain events happening in the U.S. and the world right now, we need to ask for God's glory to be released in greater measure. Ask God to cause the bad things to *pass over you*, and pray that God reveals strategies from Heaven. **It is a great time to be alive!**

Blessings,

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THE VIOLENT TAKE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BY FORCE

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt. 6:10)

As I was praying the Lord's prayer, I came to this part about His kingdom coming. He brought to my mind this scripture about the violent taking His kingdom by force.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (Matthew 11:12 KJV)

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. (Matt 11:12 NIV)

Every time you and your prayer partner win a battle like last Sunday morning and Sunday night overnight, My kingdom advances and "comes" more upon the earth.

Every time he feels something hitting him and you two break it off, My kingdom comes more upon the earth.

Daily My kingdom is advancing and coming more and more, piece by piece, step by step.

And you two are working with Me to help bring that about.

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MY KINSMAN REDEEMER

Recently I heard about someone being a kinsman-redeemer. I looked that up in Ruth 3:9 and in the *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*. According to it, a Kinsman-Redeemer-Avenger is: a near-blood relative and always male. He had a duty to **protect** his weaker relatives. He had to **redeem property** belonging to relatives when they had to sell land or goods and **even their persons when they had sold themselves into slavery**. He was duty bound to come to the **defense or aid of a relative in either a legal or an actual struggle**. The near-relative might also act as **an avenger**, the avenger of blood being guiltless when executing the killer of a relative. It was his duty to **take the side of his relative in a court action**.

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HOW TO BUILD AN IMMUNITY TO THE NEGATIVE

(This is a quote from *God's Generals* by Roberts Lairdon, page 412)

What does it take [to be successful in your calling]?

Stay in your call.

Don't venture out to satisfy a suggestion of someone else or the personal desire of your own and don't allow persecution and criticism to push you into a corner. What else does it take?

Begin to build an immunity to the things that affect you negatively.

How? Guard your heart; let God lead you with His Word until there is no trace of withdrawal or self-propulsion within you; and soon, the persecution in that area of your life will not even affect you.

Then if you begin to feel another "hit," or something begins to bother you, start building the immunity in that particular area as well. Find Scriptures that pertain to that area, according to your call. Then, speak them over your heart until it saturates your being and becomes a part of you; that's how you develop an immunity.

Then, when that thing tries to capture you, you will walk right through it, and the Word will guard your heart. You will have built a spiritual strength in that area.

Be daily filled with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to impart the oil of joy and gladness into your life. His joy is what gives you the strength to succeed.

Don't try to stand alone

Keep yourself surrounded with people who know your call and are filled with the strength of the Word and the Spirit. If you don't have this operating in your life and ministry, then ask God to bring you those divine connections and relationships. These aren't "yes men" who pamper and encourage you in every decision you make, right or wrong, but are divine relationships with people who know how to stand strong in the Spirit because of their personal experience. If they keep themselves clean, they will be equipped to speak into your life and help you when a crisis comes your way.

What God taught me about building an immunity to the negative

I have something I want to show you about getting free from negativity.

It's like there's nothing for the negative (which is from Satan) to attach to if you have built an IMMUNITY to the negative. How do you do that? Keep asking Me. I want to teach you that next.

That's why Jesus could "walk right through the crowd" and no one dared to touch Him. He was immune to what they were carrying. He had nothing negative in Him. He saw things only from My viewpoint which is from the positive. So He had an immunity to them.

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A MEASURE IN TIME

During the evening last night B and I watched the School of the Spirit meeting from Alabama with Paul Keith Davis. His message was about "A Measure in Time." His message proclaimed that the juncture in time called "after that time" and "afterwards" is now here or just about to arrive.

This morning I have been awake since before 4:00 am thinking through some things and talking with the Lord. He was ready to talk to me, so I got up and got ready to type out what He said.

Yes, I am here My child, in My fullness, in My fullness, on this VERY IMPORTANT DAY! What is "very important" about today? That is what I want to talk to you about.

It is 5-4-11. Five for My grace. Four for ruling and reigning with Me. And 11 for transitioning time into that.

Remember what Paul Keith Davis talked about last night? He talked about a time coming that is “after that time” or “afterwards,” etc. when the final fullness of Myself is poured out on My people and they become the final fullness revelation of Me on the earth.

Yes. This IS THAT TIME. It truly IS the “fullness” of time juncture now that he told you about. Yes. THIS IS IT – NOW – TODAY.

You, My people, are now IN that “measure of time” he talked about. It began last night with his announcement about it. I showed it to him previous to its arrival; he proclaimed it forth by live web streaming last night, and today it begins.

THIS IS that measure of time for the final harvest, the final display of My glory upon the earth - before the wrath is poured out.

He was “right on” in his prophecy. And I am confirming that prophecy’s accuracy to you this morning.

Yes, that juncture in time that you have been waiting for NOW IS! I gave My friend, Paul Keith Davis the privilege of proclaiming it because he has been faithfully proclaiming its forthcoming for many months ahead of time.

This is GOOD NEWS! I want you to know this now! Bless you, My children. I love you so much!

Lord, do You have more You want to say?

Yes. Listen.

I know this is an exciting time and it is a bit scary too. I DO NOT want you to be afraid, Joan. You have no need to be afraid because you are one who is ready for this spiritually, emotionally and in every way. You are IN FAITH, and that is the place I want you to be to go into this new time period.

You are also looking to Me for providing all you need, in every way you have needs, during this new time period. So YOU ARE READY. So is your prayer partner. And you both will fare well.

You both will be used mightily by Me to minister for Me, in the name of Jesus, during this time. All you have to do is listen to Me and follow Me. It’s that simple. Listen to Me and follow Me – and that is My word for EVERYTHING during this new time period.

So – REST IN ME, My child. Rest in Me. Abide in Me. Trust in Me. Live in Me. Abide in Me. Walk in Me. Talk in Me. Minister in Me. I am everything for you now.

To all who mourn in Israel he will give: Beauty for ashes; Joy instead of mourning; Praise instead of heaviness. For God has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory. (Isaiah 61:3 TLB)

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day. (Psalm 71:8 KJV)

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EL SHADDAI

This morning I noticed my book by Kay Arthur about the names of God and felt a strong pull to read it and learn more about who God is and what He is like. Today I picked El Shaddai to read about.

El Shaddai – the All Sufficient One

Yes, I AM the All Sufficient One, Joan. I am All in all. I am Everything you need or ever will need. I am Perfect. I am Complete. I am everything that is good, healthy, whole, well, full, complete, vibrant. I am LIFE. That's what Life is, Joan...everything that I am.

I, Jesus, am all of that. I, Father, am all of that. I, Holy Spirit, am all of that. And I am One even while made up of these three. I know you don't understand that, but you will someday.

And, you know what? You are one with us. We are joined together in a mysterious supernatural way that you don't comprehend while on earth (where everything is separated into individual parts) but you will comprehend it when you come up here and live forever with Me.

And it is good – what we are all together – it is good. You will belong here and will never again feel separate or lonely or unconnected. You will forever be your own unique part of our Whole...our Oneness.

I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through Me. (John 14:6)

I am the Way. Walk with Me on "The Way," Joan. My way is the right way – always. If ever in doubt as to which way to go, seek for My way, because it is always the right way.

I am the Truth. You know how long and hard you searched for "The Truth" about life and what was the truth about it. And then you found Me and learned that I am the Truth. If you

ever need to know what is really the truth, seek Me, for I am that. And I will always show you the truth in any situation. So ask Me for the truth in any and all situations.

I am the Lord, Joan. Life is what I am. Life is a whole lot more than just physical being or existence like you think of. It is so much greater! It is eternal and extended out beyond all you can see, know, or comprehend while in this physical body you now have. You used to be up here with Me and knew yourself as part of that Life. And you will return up here with Me and again know yourself as part of that Life that I am. Seek Me for Life, Joan. It is a lot more than you know now.

So ask Me for all three – the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I especially want to seek You today, Lord, for the Truth. I ask You to show me the truth about who I am, why I am here, what situation or position I am in right now, and where I am to go as my destiny and purpose.

I seek You for the truth about my bodily ailments, and why they are here, what I can do about them, and what You want to do about them.

I seek You for the truth about my relationship with You, Lord, and what it really is, and what You are changing it to be daily...what You want it to be.

I seek You for the truth about where I am spiritually, and where You want me to be, and how to get from here to there.

I seek You for the truth about my earthly relationships and what they really are, what You want them to be, and how You want me to get there.

I seek You for the truth about what ministry You want me to be involving myself in, and how I am already prepared for that, and what I still need to grow in to do that ministry.

You ARE the Truth. I seek You, Truth!

I know you do. You know why? Because I put that strong desire for Me as Truth in you today - in your mind, will, and emotions. Because I wanted you to seek Me as Truth today. Because I want to talk to you today and teach you today about Me as Truth, and about you as being united with that Truth. I want us together to assess where you are and where we will go together next. Then you will not be surprised at some of the things I do in your life to get you to the next place or level of what I want you to be now.

I feel a sense of “not knowing” right now. I want very much to hear what You will teach me about this. I want to be in the right place – the just-right place You have for me. And I am not sure what that is now. Please teach me.

There is more...I want you to grow closer to Me and get to know Me better. Do you want that? I know you do. But I still wanted to ask that. This search (to know Me better) will

occupy more and more of your time from now on. It is also PRIMARY in your life from now on.

I will take you there. I will show you the way. Just keep seeking Me and following Me each day. Think about this when you get up in the morning and when you go to bed each night, and all the hours in between...how do you get to know Me better.

There are many ways:

Reading My Word

Talking to Me

Writing for Me

Coming up here with Me

Learning from others' experiences

Listening, listening, listening

Follow these ways. They are good ways. They will keep you open to Me all the time.

That is your assignment from now on.

Yes, you WILL get to “come up here” with Me even while in this earth body, and it will be soon. Be expecting it. You will learn to know Me much more and better when you experience that.

And yes, you will start now to receive the healings you have been asking Me for in the past years which I have told you to wait for – that they were set for some appointed time. That time is starting now, today, a significant day in your life.

You have overcome a lot already, Joan, and there is more overcoming yet to do. And YOU WILL DO IT TOO. I know you have desired to be an overcomer for many, many years. It has been happening and it is still happening, and there is more yet to come. There is a lot of life left for you, Joan – the very best part is even still to come.

Yes, getting to know Me better is the VERY BEST PART!

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PLANTING THE WORD IN YOUR HEART AND MIND

The Word of God is like a seed you plant in your heart as you read it and speak it. As you water and feed that Word, it grows in you and produces a harvest of righteousness - right thinking, and right attitudes. Read these scriptures out loud each morning after awakening, and each evening

before going to sleep. Be sure to read them out loud because "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation...This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:14,24)

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! (Isaiah 26:3)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 55:22)

He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4b)

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

The righteous will live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4b)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE

**I tell you the truth,
whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me
has eternal life and
will not be condemned;
he has crossed over
from death to life.
(John 5:24)**

The Lord impressed on my mind to look up the “law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.” I found it in Romans 8:1-2. It is explained throughout chapter 8.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:5)

If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. (Romans 8:9b)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Romans 6:12-13)

The Lord spent a long with me talking to me about Life and death. Life is Jesus. Death is Satan. All things that are in Jesus are life-giving. All things that are in Satan are death-giving.

Then I looked up 1 John to read where it says we have *passed from death to life* (like it also does in Romans 6:13).

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. (1 John 3:14)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (1 John 3:16)

Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. (1 John 3:21-24)

And that is the ministry I have for you now, Joan. To love your brothers.

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RAILROAD TRACKS

My prayer partner shared with me about a tee-shirt he saw with railroad tracks going in two directions – one to the left and one to the right. The Lord gave him a vision about what that meant. In the vision he heard drums and saw God’s people marching to that drumbeat. He also heard a different drumbeat and saw those who rejected Christ marching to that drumbeat. Then he was reminded of the two railroad tracks and “saw” God’s people going on the track to the left, and those who weren’t God’s people going on the track to the right.

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THE GIFT OF THE POWER OF ANGELIC PROTECTION

As I sat before the Lord in communion tonight, He began to explain to me something we have wondered and discussed – basically how did Jesus, when taken by the crowd out to the top of a cliff to be thrown over it, just “walk through the crowd.” I had wondered if He had the ability to make himself disappear or be unseen by the crowd.

As this came to my mind tonight, the Lord explained this.

Jesus was always surrounded by God's angels. When needed, those angels would enclose him so no one could even touch him. The angels would walk with Him enclosed among them and they would push away anyone who came close to Him. He could activate them instantly when He needed to with a thought in His mind. So, when the people were trying to push Him off that cliff, the angels kept people back from Him and He was free to walk through the crowd unharmed.

The angels have the power to keep bullets or swords or fists or other weapons from striking Him also. They can keep guns from firing if needed. They can keep poison from working. They can keep snakes from biting, etc.

In this coming "fullness of time" season, this kind of angelic protection will be available around those who are fully committed to Him and who go out in ministry for Him. That's why they are protected completely even when attacked as they go. It's angelic protection, which will be given to His ministers who go out in the "fullness" of who Jesus is.

He is calling this the "gift of the power of angelic protection."

He is telling me that we may have, and already have, this protection. We are to now know about that, and ask for it, and expect it, and walk in the assurance of it.

He says this:

He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Joan. As long as you dwell in My secret place you will be "under My shadow." Being "under My shadow" means being under everything that I am. That includes My angels. So as you keep learning to "dwell in the secret place with Me" you come under more and more of My total protection which Jesus dwelt under all the time...just like He did. THAT'S why I have been calling you to learn to dwell in the secret place with Me continually. Keep cultivating that virtue, Joan. It is very important in these days that are coming and that are now here.

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THE SUBSTANCE OF PRAYER

I read chapter 12 "The Substance of Prayer" in Dutch Sheets' book *Intercessory Prayer*, page 195 during my Quiet Time. It had a profound effect on me! Here are some of the ideas and quotes from it that impacted me today:

The Substance of Prayer

(pg. 195) Our prayers release the power of the Holy Spirit from us to accomplish things by such things as: praying in the Spirit, speaking the Word as a sword, general declarations or commands, or laying on of hands.

There is a literal power from the Holy Spirit which can be released from us. We are now the “holy of Holies,” the dwelling place of God upon the earth. When He moves to release power upon the earth – it comes from His people where His Spirit dwells upon the earth. It is done through speaking, touching, laying hands on, declaration, worship.

Genesis 15:16 shows there are measurable degrees of sin...”the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

Measurable power – there are cumulative amounts of it (and almost any spiritual substance such as faith, righteousness, sin, grace, love, power of God). I am to ask for greater measure of those underlined - Also confidence and boldness.

(pg. 201) He, inside of us, releases a river to flow into that person, and they are now anointed and appointed by God. When He wants to bring forth the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation and life, He does not echo it from the heavens. He speaks it through us. God’s life, the literal power and energy of God flows out of our mouths and penetrates the hearts of unbelievers, and they are born again.

(pg. 203) My point is simply that the aspects of the spirit realm are very tangible and real. The anointing is real. Power is real. We do not see it, but it is there. There are measurable, cumulative amounts that exist in the realm of the spirit. Certain amounts of this power or river or life must be released in the realm of the spirit to accomplish certain things. Different amounts are required for different things.

(pg. 204) Usually it is not just a matter of asking the Father to do something, but rather a matter of releasing enough power in the spirit to get the job done...the truth is that enough power has finally been released through prayer to accomplish it.

(pg. 205) If it was God’s will, timing and idea, then why did Elijah have to pray seven different times until the rain came? The most reasonable explanation to me is that it was necessary to persevere until he had completed enough prayer—until enough power had been released through his intercession to go up into the heavens and get the job done.

(pg.206) Why did it take Jesus three hours in the Garden to break through? ... Power was being released in the spirit to cause the breakthrough.

I am not speaking to you about vain repetition. I am not talking about asking God again and again and again. I am talking about understanding the ways and principles of God enough to know how to release the river in order to give birth to things out of your spiritual womb. When we intercede cooperating with the Spirit of God, it releases Him to go out from us and hover over a situation, releasing His life-birthing energies until that which we are asking for comes forth.

(pg. 208) You must release the power of God inside of you on a consistent basis. James 5:16 says “A prayer of a righteous person is able to do much as it – the prayer – operates.”

We have the power inside of us that created the world. We have the same power in us that went into the depths of the earth and took the keys from the kingdom of darkness. We must release it. Release the river! Release the power! Release it and release it and release it and release it some more! Again and again and again!

(pg.209) According to these verses (Revelation 5:8; 8:3-5), either He knows it is the right time to do something or when enough prayer has accumulated to get the job done, He releases power. He takes the bowl and mixes it with fire from the altar.

I want you to picture this. He takes the same fire that fell on Sinai, the same fire that burned the sacrifice consuming the rocks and water and everything else when Elijah was on the mountain, the same fire that fell at Pentecost, the same fire that destroys His enemies, the very fire of almighty God, and He mixes your bowl of prayers with His fire! Then He pours it upon the earth...lightning starts to flash, thunder crashes, the earth quakes. Something awesome happens in the realm of the spirit which then affects the natural realm.

Recently, I believe the Lord showed me what sometimes happens when we come to Him with a need, asking Him to accomplish what He says in His Word. In answer to our requests, He sends His angels to get our bowls of prayer to mix with the fire of the altar. But *there isn't enough in our bowls to meet the need!* We might blame God or think it's not His will or that His Word must not really mean what it says. The reality of it is that sometimes He cannot do what we've asked because we have not given Him enough power in our prayer times to get it done. He has poured out all there was to pour and it wasn't enough! It's not just a faith issue, but also a power issue.

(pg.210) Every time I spoke the name above every name, every time I prayed in the Spirit, every time I laid hold of His Word and promises, every tear I shed was put in a bottle or a bowl and God was just watching until finally it was full.

Go into your child's room if he or she is not born again and, preferably when they're not there, put prayer power—substance—in everything they touch. This power can go into clothing or handkerchiefs and minister to people.

(pg. 211) And that's the way it is many times with prayer. Victory goes to the persistent, not to the angry; to the dedicated, not to those who can provide great demonstrations of emotion and energy. We need committed, determined, systematic prayer, not once in awhile fireworks.

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MY SHELTER

This morning the Lord taught me about my “shelter” and “secret place” that is in Psalm 91:1. It includes meeting all our needs as we ask Him to do in the Lord's Prayer when we say, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Our daily bread includes all the provision we need for food, shelter, strength, passion, love, comfort, peace, righteousness, goodness, and all our needs for living on this earth.

He gave me three pictures of the secret place for me: under a willow tree branches, under His wings, and inside the bubble He put me in many years ago and where I still am. It is also like the “shield of faith” which we use too.

He who dwells in the shelter [secret place] of the Most High will rest [abide] in the shadow of the Almighty [Shaddai]. (Psalm 91:1)

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:1-6)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. (Psalm 34:9)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

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ASCENDING THE HILL OF THE LORD

This caught my attention this morning. I am ascending the hill of the Lord to come into His presence and stand in His holy place. I come after taking communion and anointing myself, so I have clean hands and a pure heart. Then I can ascend the hill of the Lord and come into His presence. Then He blesses me and vindicates me. This is a group of people who are called “the generation of those who seek Him” in this scripture.

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. (Psalm 24:3-6)

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RIGHTEOUS ANGER

This morning I was thinking about the great struggle some people I know are going through now in their marriage. I was thinking about the anger that was involved. I was reminded that the Lord said, "Vengeance is Mine." Then I heard Him say to me:

Anger is vengeance. The only anger that isn't vengeance is righteous anger, which is given by Me in which a person carries out the execution of My anger with a situation. That's what I gave the Israelites when I sent them into the Promised Land to kill the inhabitants.

I send people to execute My anger, like I sent Jesus to execute My anger in the temple against the money changers. That was righteous anger.

Sometimes it's hard for humans to tell the difference between human anger and righteous anger from Me. So it's good to ask Me when you sense anger welling up inside you.

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DEPLETED

Today I am feeling depleted and rather unenthusiastic. I feel like I need refueling and renewing and replenishing.

What do you need, Joan? You need My light shed abroad in your life right now. My light and My love are synonymous.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future he has called you to share. (Eph. 1:18a TLB)

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HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011

GREETINGS IN THE PRECIOUS NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS

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The following word was given to me by the Holy Spirit. It is for those who need an answer to prayer, who need help in a time of trouble, and who are ready and willing to move God's heart according to his Word:

1. Lay hold of the covenant promise in Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The phrase "very present" means always available, immediately accessible. Faith must rest in the assurance that God's Spirit abides in you all hours of the day and night, continually. And because he took up a habitation in you, he listens to your every prayerful thought and cry. We know that if he hears us, he will grant our petitions. Indeed, the Holy Spirit will move heaven and earth for any child of God who takes time to pour out his heart to the Father with unrushed, unhurried time in his presence.

2. Read and believe Psalm 62:5-7. This is the prayer of David that touched God's heart. David said, in essence, "Wait on God only. Expect help from no other source. He alone must be your provision, your only hope and defense. Only he can supply you with the strength to keep going until your answer comes." When you become wholly dependent on the Lord alone – when you stop looking to man for help, and trust God for the supernatural – nothing will be able to shake you. Nothing can move you into fits of despair. David declared, "I shall not be moved" (Psalm 62:6).

3. Here is the heart of it all, the secret to prevailing prayer that every saint throughout history has learned: THE POURING OUT OF THE HEART BEFORE THE LORD. "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:8). Hannah is our example. Desperate for a child, she "poured out" her soul to the Lord. And, Scripture says, "Her countenance was no more sad" (1 Samuel 1:18). God will hear and answer you when he sees you're willing to shut off all worldly voices for a season. Cry out the contents of your heart, pour out your soul before him, and trust he will respond. The time has come for brokenness before the Lord, for a faith born out of contrite intercession. Follow these scriptural ways, and God will hear and answer.

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THE LORD IS A WARRIOR

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name....Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. (Exodus 15:3, 6-7)

Yes, Joan. I AM a warrior. I have been warring against Satan and his angels since they fell from righteousness. They have been against Me and been fighting Me ever since then. So, you are right, I look for those who will be My fighting men for Me, My warriors. And

then I show them what to do and train them to be My army on earth to defeat My enemy. You are part of that army, Joan. I have many army members all over the world. I am pleased with them. I am not unhappy. I am rejoicing for all those who love Me and fight for Me.

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STANDING WATCH WITH THE LORD

Thank you, My children, for standing watch with Me last night. I will have you do that more and more from now on.

Now, what is the alert for? It is just as you thought awhile ago – from satanic prayers being offered to their god - Satan. They are busy today praying against all Christians – especially with Pentecost being celebrated tomorrow. It is a very important day and somehow they know it and are praying against it.

Now, how do I want you and your prayer partner to pray regarding this?

- 1. First pray that My kingdom come and My will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- 2. Second bind all satanic prayers from having any effect and render them ineffective, null, void, and useless and that they all fall to the ground.*
- 3. Third ask Me to send out My angels to fight all the battles against My people today.*
- 4. And fourth ask Me to give you both a special anointing to hear Me and discern Me and where I am working today and then join Me in what I am doing.*

And remember, I am watching to see that My Word is fulfilled, so send out My Word whenever I guide you to do that. Speak it forth into the heavens loudly and clearly.

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SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)

QUIET TIME NOTES

The Holy Spirit is the power source of the Trinity.

My daily prayers are forever. They don't diminish or fade out. They stay alive and active. I renew and recharge them daily for my sake and as I have need to do so.

There is a "piece" of God in each of us. We choose whether to activate that when we believe in Jesus, and He does it, and we become the new creation we were intended to be. The Holy Spirit is the One who enters and activates God in us, Christ in us, when we by faith believe in Jesus and what He did for us. That is the Good News.

I taught you in your sleep and in your dreams, Joan. That's what I was doing the last 2 nights and many other nights – teaching you.

Thank You, Lord. Keep teaching me.

I am and I will.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" is the song that came to me this morning, and I reviewed the words again.

(A song)

Sweet hour or prayer, sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
That bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

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SCRIPTURES ON SOUL LONGING (THIRSTING) FOR THE LORD

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul.

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 27:8

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Psalm 28:1

To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, ask I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Psalm 34:4-5

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant.

Psalm 34:15, 17

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 42:7

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls, all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Isaiah 55:10

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 31:25

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 13:16-17

Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

John 4:14

But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 7:37-39

On the last great day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

2 Corinthians 5:2, 8

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling...We... would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:8

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Revelation 7:16

Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

THE SEVEN RAPTURES OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION

By Maurice Sklarr

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 15-16)

“...Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...”(Revelation 19:7-9a)

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called, Faithful and True...And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.” (Revelation 19:9a)

“But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of the Messiah (Christ), and shall reign with him a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:5-6)

For the past three years, the Holy Spirit has had me in meditation in the book of Revelation. As I have done with the sermon on the mount, the book of Proverbs, and all the Epistles of the New Testament, I read it prayerfully through fifty times while praying in other tongues. I started this practice of meditation of books of the Bible about 15 years ago under the ministry of Pastor Dave Roberson. The Lord has always blessed me and rewarded me by feeding each book into my spirit with tremendous revelation. I highly recommend this way of “eating the Word of God.”

The book of Revelation, however, was much more challenging for me and took the most time of all. I just couldn't go quickly. Sometimes I waited several months on the Lord in between readings. By God's grace, He has always visited me in a supernatural way during these times of waiting upon Him in meditation. After my 34th time through Revelation last summer in August, I was allowed to visit heaven, which I documented and wrote about in on my website. But, since then, I have had to wait for the Holy Spirit to release me to write on this subject. Two weeks ago, while ministering in Kansas, I finally finished my fiftieth reading. Then “she dawned”! The question that I had was finally made clear in my spirit.

What was the question? It was this: Why is there so much confusion and contrary teachings in the Body of Messiah concerning the rapture(s) (catching away of the Bride of Messiah and the Tribulation saints to come to heaven)? Who is right? What is “rapture” anyway?

Now, I refused to read any commentaries or teachings on this subject. I wanted the Holy Spirit to show me. After all, isn't He the Teacher sent to lead us into all truth?

Of course, I do not claim any infallibility. I am only sharing what I have gleaned. You, dear brothers and sisters, must judge for yourself.

So, hear is what He revealed to me:

There are seven instances of people being “caught up” to heaven while still living (what is called being “raptured” by some) in the Bible.

The **first** is found in Genesis 5:24:

“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”

Now Enoch is an interesting figure. He actually has an ancient book attributed to him. In Jewish writings from the beginning of our history, as well as in the days of Yeshua and the early church, it was considered by many Jewish scholars and Rabbis to be a part of the canon of scripture. The letter of Jude (quoted above) is actually from this book of Enoch. I tried to read it, but found it to be difficult to understand and confusing. It is basically about angels, demons, fallen angels, and other prophecies about pre-Adamite history and also the end of the world. But, the important thing is this man Enoch was unique in all the men in ancient times before the flood. God took him to heaven in his body. This is the first man to be raptured to heaven in the scriptures. He did not die.

The **second** is found in 2 Kings 2:11:

“And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.”

The **third** is found in Acts 1:9-11:

“And when he (Yeshua, Jesus) had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

So our Lord Yeshua the Messiah ascended in His resurrection body to heaven. But notice the phrase, *“and a cloud received him out of their sight.”* This is an idiom that is found several times in the prophetic scriptures concerning rapture. I believe, in this instance, it refers to other Old Testament saints that go with Yeshua at the same time. That is why those watching were told that

He would come again *“in like manner”* as He ascended. Who is in the cloud? There were the Old Testament believers that were waiting for the coming of Messiah. Yeshua said that they were in a place called Paradise or Abraham’s bosom. They were waiting so they could be born again and go to heaven. Paradise is found in a place called “Sheol” which was an upper level above the abyss of hell found in the spiritual realm located in the center of the earth. When Yeshua rose from the dead, the scriptures say that he went and preached to “the spirits in prison”. (1Peter 3:19) The price had been paid for their full salvation and they were able to be born again spiritually. It is interesting to note that when Yeshua died on the cross – other Old Testament saints also came back from the dead, as it is written:

This is the **fourth** rapture: the Old Testament saints that ascend with Yeshua.

“And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Matthew 27:52-53)

Very likely, these actually rose with Jesus – not when He died, but three days later, when He rose from the dead. These all gave witness with Yeshua to His resurrection in Jerusalem. Yeshua also spent forty days after he arose appearing unto many and teaching them. (Acts 1:2-3) I believe that those resurrected saints arose with Yeshua when He ascended and perhaps all the other Old Testament saints with him. That is “the cloud” that received Him and went with Him to heaven.

The Apostle Paul calls the **fifth** rapture “a mystery” in 1Corinthians 15:51-54, as it is written:

“Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

A second witness in the letters of Paul is found in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18, as it is written:

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep (have died), that ye sorrow not, even as others, which have no hope. For if we believe that Yeshua (Jesus) died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

(Note: “The last trump” should not be confused with the seventh trumpet judgment in Revelation – these are two different shofar/trumpet blasts)

This is still awaiting us in the near future. This refers to the time when the **true church of Yeshua** the Messiah (Jesus Christ) will be instantly raptured to meet the Lord in the air. Paul says that all those that have died in faith, as true believers will first rise and then those that remain and are alive will not die, but go to heaven to be with the Lord during the last seven years of tribulation.

Now, Yeshua warned us repeatedly that we must “watch and pray” so that we will be ready when He comes in the midnight hour for His Bride. Not all professing Christians will be raptured at this time. Only those that are ready spiritually and are a part of the overcoming bride will be taken.

The Book of Revelation.

Here are some truths:

1. There are at least three raptures in the book of Revelation. The first one occurs between Revelation chapter 3 and chapter 4. That is the fifth rapture as written above. The second is the bodily ascension of the two witnesses along with their harvest of souls. The third occurs when the “man-child” of chapter twelve is caught up to heaven. There may be others that are not specified, but these three are clear. I will come back to this.
2. There are three witnesses of God during the Tribulation period. The first are the 144,000 Jewish men from the twelve tribes that are sealed and anointed after the fifth rapture. The second are the two witnesses, most likely Enoch and Elijah. The third is at the very end of the Tribulation when three angels fly across the earth in the atmosphere. The first angel preaches the gospel to all those that still remain on earth. The second warns of the fall and judgment of Babylon. The third warns of eternal damnation to all that receive the mark of the beast.
3. The book of Revelation has cycles of judgment and harvest of the souls on earth during the last seven years before Yeshua comes back and establishes his Kingdom. It goes back and forth from heaven to earth, showing and contrasting the events from God’s view and man’s. It is entirely possible that some or all of these could be other raptures. This is not specified. I am certain, however, that many millions will be killed/martyred and then come to heaven this way and are then given their resurrected bodies.
4. It is actually showing how merciful God is with sinful man. The Holy Spirit is NOT taken from the earth ever. In fact, it is God’s glory that brings judgment on the sin of Man. The fires of revival and glory will increase more and more until men will either fall on their faces and repent, or they will curse God and shake their fists at Him. One thing for sure, God and His glory will be clearly seen, recognized and experienced. He cannot be ignored. None shall be able to deny or escape. There will be millions and millions that will be saved during the Tribulation. Many will be martyred for their faith in Messiah. God will defend and save Israel and the Jewish people, gather them to the land of Israel, purify them, protect them, and reveal Messiah unto them. However, not every individual Jew will believe and be saved. Israel as a whole (the nation) will be.
5. Babylon will be destroyed by God Himself by fire. For an explanation of the six Babylons in the Bible, go to my teaching “The Wine of Babylon” and “Visions from the Dallas, Texas Revival 1985” on my web sight.

Note: I did receive additional revelation on the two “cities”: called Mystery Babylon and Babylon the Great. (Revelation chapters 17-18) I went to Italy last month to perform and minister for the first time. The last place I ministered in Italy was Rome. As we were being driven into the city, I had a vision. I saw the principality over Rome. It was like nothing I have ever seen before. It looked exactly like the woman described in Revelation chapter 17. I believe that there may be more than one city that God calls “Babylon” in the tribulation time. There is financial Babylon, which may be New York City, which Satan uses as his throne over the end time global economic system. The city of Rome might be the city/throne where Satan rules of the global religious system called “Mystery Babylon”. Finally, there may be a city that will be built over the ruins of ancient Babylon where the anti-Messiah will rule from. However, this is only conjecture, because the Bible, in my opinion, does not clearly show these cities. Perhaps there will be three different cities from which Satan will control the world. It does say that the antichrist will go to Jerusalem and enter the temple and proclaim he is God during the last half of the Tribulation. A “living and speaking” image, perhaps holographic, will be put there and those that take his mark will be forced to worship him.

6. In the immediate future, there will be a regional Middle-east war in which Israel will defeat radical Islam. This will happen directly surrounding the nation of Israel. Israel will be victorious, though damaged and hurt. Then after this, a Jewish temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem in its’ rightful place on the temple mount. The Jewish people will once again establish animal sacrifice, the Levitical priesthood, and will have total control of the temple mount for a short time – perhaps the first three years and a half of the Tribulation. However, I personally do not believe that God builds this temple. The Temple that he builds is found at the end of Ezekiel. It will be built at the start of the Messianic Kingdom and after the terrible tribulation period of seven years. Yeshua will rule and reign from there for a thousand years on the throne of David. All this must soon come to pass.

The **sixth** rapture is the most clear and open of all in the book of Revelation. It is found in Revelation chapter 11 concerning the two witnesses, as it is written:

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth...and when they have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them...And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

**And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.”
(Revelation 11:3,7,11-12)**

These two witnesses are not named, but I believe that they are Enoch and Elijah. I believe also that the phrase, “in a cloud” refers to all those who are alive that they have won to God through their ministry. They ascend with them. (Note: I do not think that the book of Revelation is entirely chronological. This may very well happen in the last 3 and half years. But, because it appears in chapter 11, I have put it as number six.)

The **seventh** rapture is found in Revelation 12:5, as it is written:

“And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.”

It took me a long time to see it, but on my 48th time through Revelation I finally saw it. Chapter 12 was a difficult chapter until the Holy Spirit illuminated my mind. Chapter 12 is the story of the woman who gives birth to a son who rules with a rod of iron over the nations. This is a dual prophetic reference. It is certainly referring to Yeshua as the Messiah, judging and ruling from His throne over all the nations with Torah during the thousand years, as it is written in Psalm 2. There is no question that the woman is the nation of Israel/the Jewish people if you recognize the imagery of the sun clothing her, the moon under her feet, and the crown of twelve stars. This is found in Genesis 37:9 in the dream of Joseph.

But, the problem is, that in the context of chapter 12, immediately following is two end time events of the Tribulation. One is describing the fall of Satan with his angels to the earth and being cast out of heaven. You see, Satan at the present time has access to the throne of God still and is accusing the saints before God in the court of heaven. But at this time he is finally thrown out and never allowed back into heaven. So he goes to try to destroy the Jews (what else is new?). They flee into Petra where God protects them for the last half of the Tribulation. This is also a dual prophetic reference. It does refer to the fall of Lucifer before the Adam and Eve with the third of the angels who fell with him. But, in the context it is most definitely speaking of this end time persecution of Israel. So, the “man child” cannot refer exclusively to Yeshua. It must also be during the tribulation. I believe that the Man Child of Revelation chapter 12 refers to the **144,000 Jewish believers** who win millions to the Lord during the first half of the Tribulation period.

When they have finished their ministry they are also raptured into heaven. We see them there in Revelation 14:1-5, singing before the throne of God and playing harps. In Revelation 15:2-4, as well as in Revelation 12:10-12, we see the harvest of souls from their ministry. They are also in heaven. Some will have died and been martyred, but I also believe that many that are still alive are also raptured to heaven with the 144,000 at the same time. So, if this is true, there is a “mid Tribulation rapture” after all! It is hidden though, and I would not preach it as doctrine, because it is only implied in the scriptures.

Finally, a great event takes place in heaven, as it is written in Revelation 19:7-9:

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...”

All of God’s people – the Old Testament believers, the believers of the church age, and the Tribulation saints are all gathered in heaven. At that time there is a great wedding in heaven. The heavenly Bridegroom now eternally marries his Bride. He prepares us to return to earth with Him which immediately follows, as it is written in Revelation 19:11-16. He returns on a white horse with all the saints following “as a cloud, or in a cloud” as it is perceived from earth. Yeshua destroys the ungodly armies gathered against Jerusalem from all nations with the sword of His mouth. He then sets up His eternal Kingdom upon earth, ruling forever and ever from Jerusalem.

There is an additional group of people that are alive and remain at His coming to the earth. Not all will be killed and damned to hell and the lake of fire. **Some will see Him at His second coming and**

will cry out for mercy. Even then, the Lord will hear and pardon them. They will be rescued at the very last moment. These will be those in their natural bodies that will populate the earth during the one thousand years' paradise and perfection on the earth. They will live and die at a very old age, have children, and live in a perfect world without evil. We will see what it should have been like if Adam hadn't fallen. This is the final seventh Day: the Day of the Lord...the Sabbath of rest for the entire earth. All of us that live in their resurrected bodies as His Bride will rule and reign with Messiah.

“But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years be finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Messiah and shall reign with him a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:5-6)

The first resurrection are all those that have been saved from Adam until the marriage supper of the Lamb. We shall be given our eternal bodies and we will rule and reign forever with our Messiah. Blessed be He forevermore!

May the Lord bless and keep you faithful in this midnight hour.

Shalom and love in our Messiah,

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HEARING HIS VOICE

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14)

The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10: 3-4)

The spirit of doubt doesn't speak the truth, Joan. That's one way you can recognize it. I always speak the truth. That's why it is important to read and know My Word, because that is the truth, and you can compare all other words to My Word to know if they are the truth. See, I am speaking the truth to you right now even as you write this.

I realized that all the other “philosophies” I had looked at (new age, unity, eastern) I did not receive as truth. It may have taken awhile to discern that, but eventually I did. And when I compared them to the Word, they showed up as non-truth.

I also realized that the “voice” of the Lord, which I hear, comes through my own thoughts/mind and so those all seem the same as far as HOW they sound. They don’t have different weights or pitches or sounds. So I don’t “know” His voice by that, but by whether the words I hear are the Truth. So the main factor is whether the words I hear are true to the Word of God...not whether the thoughts that come “sound” differently. But I have also learned over the years that the WAY the voice of the Lord comes to me is different than the way my own thoughts come to me.

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A NEW AND FRESH SURRENDER

That’s what I am doing now, today, in you. This IS a cross-over time for you to a new and fresh surrender. I know you can’t get there yourself. Your flesh cannot do this. I must do it with My Spirit. Ask My Spirit to come and accomplish all I want to do in you today.

Ok. Now rest and read My Word, and worship Me all through this day – and I will accomplish this fresh surrender in you which you cannot do yourself...one piece at a time – one step at a time. Read the scriptures I put in your mind to read as they will play a very important part in this process. Remember My Word is alive and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (Hebrews 4:12)

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RELINQUISHMENT

Another way God has led me is through relinquishing what I wanted very badly, and letting God decide the situation the way He knew best.

A difficult experience took place when I became pregnant in the fall of 1970. Previously I had not been able to have children, and we were blessed to be able to adopt our first daughter, K, in 1969. But in the fall of 1970 I became pregnant! We were excited about this and, as soon as it was verified, we began telling our family members at our annual Thanksgiving gathering.

But the day after Thanksgiving I started the process of miscarriage, and went to the hospital. After a week of observation in the hospital, I was sent home and told to stay off my feet for the rest of the pregnancy period.

God was really with me during that time. I was led to relinquish that baby into the Lord's care. I felt the prayer rising up within me to pray - if this baby was not right in some way, or there was some reason it was better for this baby not to be born, then it was ok if God took that baby to be with Him. And that is what happened. The miscarriage was completed after a day or two at home from the hospital.

I expect to meet that child someday in heaven along with my baby sister, V, who died (at about 1 year old) before I was born.

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HEAVENLY BANK ACCOUNT

The Lord tells me this morning that He has everything stored in heavenly bank accounts for my prayer partner and me that has everything we need to go through these next weeks while he is on assignment in Mozambique and I am on assignment in Indiana. All we need to do is ask Him for it as we need it.

The Lord says he will be fine and ok on his trip, that all will go well, and that he will return safely. And that is also true of the trip B and I are making to Indiana...which is sort of our missionary trip to our relatives to "let His light shine" through us.

He tells me it is such a privilege to get to live during this time of the end and of His return for His Bride. That's what we are experiencing now. It will be the greatest outpouring of His Spirit ever on the earth before His second coming to take over and rule during the Millennium.

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THE TRIP BEGINS

I place my prayer partner in Your care, Lord, for his mission trip to Mozambique.

I WILL take care of him My child. You will see and praise Me. I know all about the whole trip already and it is ALL provided for.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

You see, Joan, there is a lot more to this trip than his ministry to Africans. It is to strengthen him, and upgrade him in ministry gifts, and build new relationships which will be an important part of his future. I want you to pray for all this to be accomplished.

It is also to train you in how to pray for him as he goes out in ministry like this.

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YOU MEET NEW EVIL POWERS WHEN YOU GO INTO NEW TERRITORY

I felt led by the Lord to pray in tongues for a long time. He said He did not want to give me the interpretation at that time.

After hearing the Perry Stone DVD about angelic hedge of protection (and the one the devil puts around sinners so they can't hear your testimony) I prayed for an angelic hedge of protection around my prayer partner and his group. I also heard Perry tell about his daughter speaking to a storm. I felt I was to do that for my prayer partner, so I spoke to any storm or storms the enemy would try to bring against him and told that storm (s) to stop and not touch him or his group. Perry talked about how important intercession was, and it encouraged me to keep praying for him. Perry said don't ask the Lord "if You do this" but rather say "when You do this." He mentioned you meet new evil powers when you go into new territory.

So I now ask You, Lord, to protect my prayer partner when he meets the powers of the territory he is entering in Africa, and ask You, God, to give him supernatural revelation about how to overcome and defeat those powers - in Your name, Jesus, and by Your blood. Show Your power and glory, Lord, through him and his ministry team. Thank You for doing this, Lord. I praise You and worship You.

Ok, and now I will tell you what I had you pray for in tongues this morning, Joan. It was exactly these same things you just prayed for in English. I said them first through you into your spirit. They went down into your soul to your mind. Then I led you to watch that DVD and hear Perry teach on these things. Then I prayed through you exactly what I had already put in your spirit and mind to do through tongues.

So, the prayers have been prayed twice, once in tongues, and once in English out loud. So, it is done. These prayers have been heard and recorded in heaven by My heavenly recorders. AND even now I am sending out My angels to carry out the answers to these powerful prayers that originated from Me, went through you, and came back to Me for My angels to carry out. They are accomplished in My name and to My glory. Trust Me in this.

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PRAYERS TO PRAY OVER MY PRAYER PARTNER

These are the prayers I want to pray over my prayer partner while he is in Mozambique - on the basis of God's Word in James 5:16 and Ephesians 6:18, and Mark 11:24-25

Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph. 6:18)

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:24)

New strategy

Manna and Word from Him for each new day

Jesus' blood cleaning and filtering his blood and flowing in him

A triple shield, with the Word, Name, and Blood of Jesus on it

An angelic guard around him day and night connected with his shield

A bubble of God's protection covering him against all evil and harm 24/7

No weapon formed against him shall prosper

He will keep his eyes on the Lord

A greater measure of humility, faith, favor, grace, love, compassion, power of God, authority, confidence, and boldness

Fruit of Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

He will stomp on lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, pride of life

Jesus sprinkle His blood on him (heart, eyes, ears, mouth, mind, will, emotion, body, desires, affections) body, soul and spirit.

Purity and Light covering him
Rearguard – the Glory of the Lord as his rearguard
Protection from ungodly words and prayers
Protection over his sleep and dreams
Protection over his coming and going – all his travels
Spiritual armor – be strong in Lord and His mighty power, take his stand against the devil's schemes, able to stand his ground, after he has done everything to stand firm, be alert, pray in the Spirit on all occasions
Lord's prayer over the him and his family
A spirit of wisdom, revelation, knowledge and understanding
Walk in fullness of the Spirit
Cover with the blood of Jesus our cell phones, computers, land phones, texts, emails, words, and writing

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THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S

~ 5:00 am

I began to have lots of pain in my right lower back, hip, and down my right leg. I tossed and turned trying to sleep while in pain.

6:30 am

I got up and took aspirin (on top of Tylenol arthritis medication). Then I got up and started dealing with the pain in warfare prayer.

8:20 am

He had me write down these three questions He wanted to teach me the answers to through this encounter:

1. Why did You allow it on me?
2. What do You want me to learn from it?
3. What do I do to get it off of me?

This is a teaching day for you. I want you to learn this.

9:20 am

This is the way My intercessors function, Joan. They seek Me until I show them how I want to fight the particular battle (as Jehoshaphat). Then they do what I show them to do (i.e. command, bind, wait, praise, worship, etc.)

I read the writing in my journal about the battle with SP where the Lord took me to 2 Chronicles 20 and the story of Jehoshaphat where the Lord said he would fight this battle for him, and he was to

sing praises to Him. That's what He showed me was his plan for this battle this morning, so I called on Him to send his angels to fight this battle for me (I had tried all kinds of other things like commanding my body, pleading His blood, etc.).

This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's. (2 Chronicles 20:15)

9:30 am

My angels are all around you fighting with the high level commander and all his minions. We are winning and we will win. Wait patiently for Me...and read the new book I had you start today. (Penetrating the Darkness by Jack Hayford). I have much for you to learn today in this book.

10:09 am

It is better. The pain is reduced but not yet entirely gone. I spent time singing to Him and worshipping Him and saying the Lord's Prayer. And I am waiting as He finishes this battle.

8:36 pm

As far as the back pain I started out the day with, it got better gradually throughout the day as I allowed Him to bring healing and relief, and as I took aspirin. By tonight it is still somewhat painful but not nearly what it was this morning. PTL!

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A Newer and HIGHER Commitment

By Bob Jones

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The Investors

In the early morning hours of July 30th in a dream vision, I saw a man step out of the great cloud of witnesses of Hebrews 12:1:

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 says we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses - and down here on earth we are surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses and they are watching us. They have a right to observe us because they invested their lives in us while they were upon the earth. We are their investments.

This man that stepped out of the great cloud of witnesses had joy unspeakable and full of glory all over him. In Heaven, the Father had revealed to the Son a thing He was going to do shortly upon the earth. There's great joy in Heaven now yet Heaven has not revealed this to the earth but it will be revealed very shortly.

Make a Commitment

Heaven is waiting for us to make a commitment to Jesus so the Father can commit things to us. From what I was shown, we're on the verge of some of the greatest healings of all time. We're getting ready for joy and gladness to fall upon the dedicated Christians because there's such an abundance of blessings.

I believe this abundance of blessings will begin before the end of this year. So commit your life fully unto the Lord so this abundance of blessings can come upon you.

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VULNERABLE TO BEING WOUNDED

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3)

This morning He is teaching me about being vulnerable to being wounded by certain people. He says I have allowed those people to be “inside” my shield of protection - and that is ok, because I need to be extra sensitive to them and because we are bonded so closely in what we share with each other. But, that leaves me vulnerable to being deeply wounded by them at times. So, He says these things to help me with this:

- Ask Him for an “inner shield” to protect me from these people at specific times when that is needed. He will show me when that is needed, and will activate that special shield for me at that time
- I am to be careful to rebuke words either of them says to me which are not of the Lord and can wound me deeply. If I rebuke those words (i.e. “that puts pressure on me”) immediately and come out of agreement with them right away, it will keep me from letting those wounding words inside my heart.

FIGHTING SPIRITUAL WARFARE USING HIS WORD

I am led to read in Ruth Shinness' book *Prayer Strategy Resource Book*, which He led me to look in this morning, on pages 4 & 5, where she gives Scriptural instruction for prayer. As I read it, I believe He is highlighting these scriptures for us to follow in the strategy He is giving us to fight the enemy.

PART OF THE LORD'S STRATEGY FOR FIGHTING SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS GIVEN TO US IN HIS WORD

There is power of agreement and in saying the same thing.

Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. (Matt. 18:19-20 NIV)

We use the keys of the kingdom:

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19 NIV)

We are to bring our thoughts to align with what the Word says:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds:) casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of God. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5 AMP)

We are to say God's Word, which brings forth His desire and purpose:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return void, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV)

We are to remind God of his promises day and night:

I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, who will never hold their peace day or night; you who [are His servants and by your prayers] put the Lord in

remembrance [of His promises], keep not silence, and give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:6 AMP)

We are to seek Him for His will and the Word He wants proclaimed:

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15 NIV)

We hold the two-edged sword, which is the Word of God, before the Lord along with our praises to defeat the enemy.

May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands. (Psalm 149:6 NIV)

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

We give praise and glory to God:

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. (Romans 4:20-21 NIV)

Our strength is in the Lord:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:10-11 NIV)

Our struggle is against:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6: 12 NIV)

We must put on the armor of God to fight and stand:

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. (Ephesians 6:13)

Jesus is our armor we put on:

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:14-17)

The Lord will hear us and answer:

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. (Isaiah 58:8-9 NIV)

We also pray and proclaim these truths:

**Jehovah Jireh – the Lord my Provider
Jehovah Rophi – the Lord my Healer
Jehovah Nissi – the Lord my Banner
Jehovah Shalom – the Lord my Peace
Jehovah Roi – the Lord my Shepherd
Jehovah Tsidkenu – the Lord my Righteousness**

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SUPERNATURAL INTELLIGENCE

Reeni Mederos:

Help is on the Way

The Lord is saying, "Lift up your heads and receive your strength! I am giving you a new vigor and a new strategy. **There is a new dimension of strength, power and intelligence that I am releasing to My people in this hour.** A new way of thinking and a new view of your future. I have not left you helpless, for I am your help even in the extreme of circumstances. Take on the new mind and strength that I am giving to you today and wear it as a cloak of honor," says the Lord.

"Gaze upon the beauties of Heaven that belong to you, and be strengthened in your heart, and see My hand moving mightily in your midst. You are My move in the earth and I will move through you, each of you, even as I have heard your heart cry and distress. See what I will do for you. Supernatural strength and supernatural intelligence I desire to give you freely for the taking. Expect it and anticipate it. **Help is on the way.**"

God says in His Word in **Isaiah 55:9**, "*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.*" It also says in **Isaiah 55:6** to "*seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.*" This reveals God's

heart for us in two ways. First, God is calling us to seek Him out. Secondly, God is revealing that there is something to be found out by us. **There is something He wants to reveal to us.** There is something we don't know and have yet to discover, and it is His desire to reveal it.

God is calling us to go beyond our natural ability to find out what that something is. We can dare to tap into His "**higher intelligence**," because there are things we need to know that are vital for our future – and the only way to receive that kind of supernatural knowledge is to humble ourselves and fervently seek Him with all our hearts. It is in that place where we will receive the impartation of God's "supernatural intelligence" from His mind to ours.

He has given us the incredible opportunity to tap into the conversation of the Godhead and to listen in on the strategy of His heart and what He is thinking and planning for our lives when we genuinely come to the Lord to inquire of Him, of His heart, of His mind and His thoughts in the time of our extreme need. It is an invitation to come up higher in our "mental" and "spiritual" capacity, because He knows our human limitations but also knows what wonderful things we are capable of. He freely gives us His divine wisdom, direction and strength if we seek Him for it, realizing He is the ultimate intelligence we could ever obtain – and He knows exactly what we need. **He will not only cause us to be in sync with His ways and thoughts, but He will also position us to receive the answers to our petitions and situations that are seemingly impossible to the natural mind.**

Strength to Endure End Time Pressures

Something very different and very unusual is metamorphosing in the Body of Christ. There is a supernatural strength that God is gracing His people with to endure the "warfare pressures" of these end times. These "pressures" actually cause the human spirit and mental state to go to another level of capacity where you are compelled to draw upon God's supernatural intelligence, as well as His strength, that is beyond natural human ability.

This "supernatural intelligence" kicks into gear when you have given all that you have and God takes what you offer Him and transforms it into something other than what is natural for you. It is like a turbo blast of His grace and energy to your spirit that affects your physical and mental being where you have exhausted all your efforts, resources and ability. **It is the place where you come to the end of yourself and you know you are no longer in control and no longer operating on natural ability, but you realize there is something else that is going on inside of you, causing you to push beyond your natural limits and push beyond the extreme.**

The pressures of the economy, family situations, losing jobs and losing homes, have all contributed to this "press in the spirit" that forces you to your knees so that you can receive the help that you need. **It is a call to prayer, but it is also a call to relinquish human control and allow the Lord to take over to produce the desired results.**

One of the reasons many are experiencing phenomenal end time pressures is because it has to do with the times we are living in. The Bible says in [Habakkuk 2:14](#), "*For the earth will be*

filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." There is a manifestation of birthing in the spirit that is causing both good and bad pressures. God's knowledge is increasing and all of Hell is trembling. In the process, God's people are feeling and experiencing the birth pangs of those pressures in their personal lives. This can many times cause a person to be exhausted from the warfare and be emptied out of the sufficient strength needed to cope with the situation and move forward to advance.

Where the Scripture says, *"The earth will be filled,"* it means there has to first be an emptying out or a void that is present in order to receive that filling. **"Pressures" can cause the process of being emptied out because you are being exhausted of your natural ability, and when you are empty, you are ready to receive the fullness of what God has in store.** Pressure is not only something humans experience but is also manifested in creation itself. These "pressures" also manifest in earthquakes, unusual storms and an increase in demonic activity throughout the earth. But God promised to fill the earth with His knowledge and His glory and will eventually overtake anything contrary to that knowledge.

There is something built into the spirit of every Believer where God can cause a person to tap into what goes beyond natural ability. Because of the pressures of the end times and personal warfare of the Believer, it also causes each person to press into the Lord more than ever before by necessity. As a result, there is a higher intelligence that is manifested because those pressures push you to a deeper relationship with God if you allow God to do His work within you. There is also a pressure in the enemy's camp because his time is limited as he sends out his attacks against the people of God to try and stop the move of the Holy Spirit, which he cannot. In the process, God's people are experiencing extra warfare pressures as the end time onslaughts of the enemy are released.

We also see manifestations of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the natural realm through technology and the rapid growth rate and intelligence of each new generation. We also see heightened national security threats and increased hatred toward Christians through the tearing down of godly foundations in the schools and in the laws of the land. We know that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord is spreading everywhere as the Kingdom of God is aggressively advancing and causing tremendous havoc on the enemy.

It is the knowledge of the glory of the Lord that is a threat to the kingdom of darkness, causing it to manifest greater attacks. Because there is a greater release of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the earth, we also see an increase of the enemy's counterfeit knowledge to try to divert people's attention and focus off of the Lord through enticements and deceptions. It is no wonder the enemy of our souls is working overtime against us.

There is a broad spectrum of "increase" that is growing in the realm of "knowledge" as we endure the "press" of daily pressures, which are actually good for us and not something to be afraid of if our hearts are synchronized with the Lord's heart. God doesn't cause the warfare, but many times He allows it to cause us to be strengthened for the battle. There is just something about "pressure" that brings about another level of capacity that we would not otherwise realize and experience if it were not for that pressure being present and pushing us to the limit. It is a type of "spiritual muscle building" that involves not only the muscle of spiritual

exercise, but also involves the supernatural exercise of our brain, as it is affected beyond natural limits causing us to think "higher" as we obtain the divine knowledge and strategies we need from the Lord.

God Wants to Step into the Driver's Seat

God made the human spirit to be very enduring and many of us have gone through hardships where we can say, "**That experience caused me to grow and made me into what I am today.**" Even painful situations cause us to grow on a level where "easy going pleasures" cannot. It has a way to "press" and "squeeze" the anointing out of you as every outer shell is crushed to pieces. Eventually it will cause you to break, and it is at that breaking point where you are spilled out before the Lord. It is the place where you give up control and He then takes complete control. This dynamic is really a natural process of faith having its perfect work, but sometimes we don't like it because it doesn't feel so good when we are going through it, but the Lord is saying:

"Hold on! I have graced you and equipped you for the battle, and though the battle is not yet over, I have already declared that **you have won.** I did not create you for defeat, but on the contrary, I have designed you for endurance, for grace, for expansion and for success. I will cause new measures of creativity to flow out of you to help you in your personal need but also to be a blessing to others in times of their need. **I have given you everything you need to walk out your breakthrough. I will not leave you helpless or hopeless.** I am walking with you every step of the way and you will begin to experience a supernatural grace upon you as never before. It is tangible and it is real and **I have ordained it for you to receive this day,**" says the Lord.

God is bringing us to new "pressure points" in our personal lives so that He can step into the driver's seat and then thrust us into that "turbo" mode that goes beyond ourselves. If God thinks higher than us and His ways are higher than ours, then there are obviously things that go on beyond our natural understanding and mental capacity that we just can't figure out on our own, and we must tap into the conversation of the Godhead to find the strategy of the Lord. The only choice we have is to trust God and to flow with His thoughts and His ways, no matter how uncomfortable it may be. He knows exactly what we need, when we need it. **It is all part of God's effort to bless us in the end, but He has to allow us to go through a process of the "press" before all the "goodies" can be poured out.**

One of the hardest things for the human nature is to learn how to yield and relinquish control to God. It is human nature to want to be in control, but God is asking us to give the control over to Him. He basically wants to get the glory for all He does in our lives so that **we will know that it was totally God and could not happen any other way than through His sovereign assistance.** It is God's pleasure to give us the Kingdom, and part of enjoying the pleasures of the Kingdom of God is to "let go and let God" where we can experience righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost and God can have His complete work in us.

God Hears Our Hearts

There are many in the Body of Christ going through the "pressure cooker of life," especially because of the economy and many other situations, but the encouragement from the Lord is similar to the help that was on the way for Daniel (Daniel 10:10-21). Daniel prayed for 21 days and his prayers were heard from his first utterance to seek out understanding from the Lord, but there was resistance and warfare in the heavenlies that occurred before he finally got his divine message supernaturally delivered to him.

In **Daniel 10:12**, the angel messenger said to Daniel, *"Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them."* Daniel had "set his mind" to "gain understanding." He knew it was beyond his natural ability to produce the knowledge that he needed that would be the key in his time of need. He humbled himself and inquired of the Lord and sought out after God's supernatural intelligence to be imparted to him, Spirit to spirit. God heard his heart cry from the first day he made the decision to seek supernatural understanding, which could only come from God as he humbled himself and persevered without wavering. It was imperative for Daniel to seek out and gain this understanding because it affected his future.

In, **Daniel 10:14**, the angel says to him, *"Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."* As we each make the decision to seek the Lord and His supernatural wisdom for our situations, God many times reveals keys and secrets to our future. If we do not press in and press through the press, we may forfeit a part of our future, and that could also affect our families and ministry. **This is a time to welcome the "pressure" and to "press through the pressure" to receive the supernatural and divine intelligence we need to wage a good warfare in these last days.**

We have all cried out at some time or another to be the containers of the glory of God, and yet when God answers our prayer, we don't see that manifest in the way we expected it. We usually experience some kind of "warfare" or "pressure" before the manifestation of God's glory actually shows up on the scene. Sometimes we think God will give us goose bumps or we will have some spectacular supernatural experience. **But in reality, it is the "pressure" of that warfare that is needed to trigger us into a place of existing on a new level with God – and we witness the fruit of righteousness it produces that is eternal and rewarding if we don't give up.** So many people forfeit their blessing or supernatural strategy given from the Lord simply because they give up too soon or too easily. God is saying:

"Don't run away from the warfare, but run into it and press through the fire until the manifestation of your miracle is in your possession. I will release to you your healing, your miracle, your provision, your restoration and your breakthrough as you humble yourself, seek My face and inquire of Me with fervency, tenacity and absolute necessity."

In the End Something Bigger and Greater is Produced

Pressure really is good for us in the end because it produces something inside that is bigger and greater than what can be seen in the natural realm and has a way of building

a greater capacity of the mind and spirit to handle whatever situations that may come our way. It is part of the equipping package God endowed us with when we first enlisted in the army of God; it is the maturing process we all go through; but mostly it is the love of God reaching out as He waits patiently for each one of us to take His hand so that He can pull us out of whatever it is we are facing or have no answers for. Sometimes it is a simple change in our perspective to see from God's point of view what He is doing as His divine messages are sent to us by His Spirit.

This is a supernatural occurrence: to be given the mind of Christ for an impossible situation when we need it the most. God is ready and willing to give each person exactly what they need, and it is definitely not too difficult for God to make it happen where and when you need it the most.

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Strategy for warfare

Notes from Francis Frangipane's book *The Three Battlegrounds*

(p. 4) If we *tolerate* darkness through tolerance of sin, we leave ourselves vulnerable for satanic assault.

Satan has a legal access, given to him by God, to dwell in the domain of darkness. We must grasp this point: *The devil can traffic in any area of darkness, even the darkness that still exists in a Christian's heart.*

(p. 6) *Let us recognize before we do warfare, that the areas we hide in darkness are the very areas of our future defeat.* Often the battles we face will not cease until we discover and repent for the darkness that is within us.

(p. 7) The greatest defense you can have against the devil is to maintain an honest heart before God.

(p. 42) Worship of God is our first response in battle. Rest precedes rule. Peace precedes power.

(p 86) As the body of Christ on earth agrees with its Head in Heaven, the Spirit of Christ Himself displaces the powers of darkness in the heavenly places. In other words, when the church on earth is aggressive in its agreement with the Will and Word of God, then the Presence of God increases in the spiritual realm, proportionally displacing the influence of hell on earth.

(p. 87) In our war over who controls man's world, the singular weapon God has given the church is His Spirit-empowered Word.

(p 126) To defeat the rulers of darkness we must know their nature—what to expect, what their tactics are and how they apply those tactics against our weaknesses.

(p 127) “Unclean spirit” is a generic term used to draw a distinction between angelic spirits and evil spirits. But if you want to bring deliverance, you need to know the *nature* of a specific unclean spirit; that is, whether the unclean spirit is a spirit of fear or sexual lust, etc. You do not need to ask it any more questions once you know its nature.

Legion – many

Abaddon – destruction (could call it the spirit of destruction)

Apollyon – destroyer

How do we defeat the enemy? Victory begins with the name of Jesus on our lips; it is consummated by the nature of Jesus in our hearts.

It is very important to *not* charge ahead, attacking principalities in warfare without having strategies and without people praying for the protection of those doing warfare.

(p 128) Be very conscious and very careful to be followers of the Lord.

(Key idea we need to know) Your attack against the strongholds of hell will be in the areas of your knowledge. Satan, on the other hand, will counter-attack in the areas of your ignorance.

From Glossary at back of book

Demons:

(p 131) Demons are angels “who left their first estate”...fallen angels. Demons differ in degrees of wickedness. Everything from fairies and imps to principalities and powers can be categorized as demons when the term “demon” is used as a generic term. However, when “demon” is used as a specific term, it usually is a reference to any number of unclean spirits, such as deaf and dumb spirits, as well as spirits which masquerade as human thoughts.

Demons are the ground troops of hell. They are the most abundant of evil spirits and, evidently, God has given a legal right to demons to occupy any territory that exists in defiant rebellion to His will, including mankind. They are kept in eternal bonds of darkness. Darkness is a spiritual place of moral depravity.

The responsibility to cast out demons belongs to all believers.

Principality

(p 132) The word means “beginning, government, rule” and is used to describe a class of spirit-beings in the satanic hierarchy. Principalities rule over “Powers” as well as the more numerous subcategories of demons. Principalities influence countries, regions within countries, states, cities, and even churches. These are Governmental spirits in the system of hell and are the spiritual counterpart of “archangels” in Heaven. They issue assignments and direct local warfare against the church. In general, they are the “administrators of evil” throughout any given area.

The means through which the church successfully wars against Principalities is through Christ’s spiritual authority and the principle of displacement. Principalities are not “cast out,” for they do not dwell in people, they dwell in “heavenly places.” They are displaced in the spirit-realm by the ascendancy of Christ in the church and, through the church, into the community.

Powers

Working with Principalities, but in subjection to them. The energy of a Power is beamed outward from itself, broadcast like radio waves, over the territory. A Power is a major demonic spirit whose primary activity is to blanket a given area with the energy of its particular evil. They are the “powers of darkness.” They are the evil counterparts of the angelic class, Virtues. A church may have a particular Virtue ministering through it, such as Joy or Faith, the same way a Power of Fear or Depression may minister through a certain degenerate section of town.

Many people will struggle with the same unique problem. The source of this activity is often a particular Power influencing an area. Instead of dealing directly with each person, binding the Power over the area and then covering the people, spiritually, with the blood of Jesus causes the intensity of their battle to subside and victory to come.

Powers occupy a jurisdiction that is usually county-wide, although a Power may frequent the mind of an influential person or build a certain negative attitude within a church. Major Powers also influence the spirit realm over entire regions of countries. Different Powers will work together under the control of a Principality, but usually one or two will be the most influential, eventually affecting even the mannerisms of speech in that area.

As in the case with Principalities, the means through which the church successfully wars against Powers is through the administration of Christ’s spiritual authority and the principle of displacement. Powers are not “cast out.” They are *displaced* in the spirit-realm by the fullness of the reign of Christ in the church, and through the intercessory warfare of the saints in the region.

World Rulers of Darkness

(p 133) This is speaking with reference to a certain class of Principalities, a spiritual entity that, on a national scale, governs other Principalities, as well as the Powers under them. The scope of a

World Ruler's influence is world-wide. In Daniel, one such Principality was known as the "prince over Persia." The Archangel Michael is equivalent to the class of world ruler).

Satan

(p 133) The principle name of the devil. Slanderer of men to God and of God to men. Causes men to sin, thereby invoking the judgment of God against mankind. Our warfare against Satan is successful when we remain pure and invoke the judgment of God against the devil. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to bring God's judgment against the devil. He is the ultimate source of deception and lies, as well as acts of violence. Tempter. Accuser of the brethren. Steal, kill and destroy. Prince of this world and the god of this age. Francis Frangipane believes Satan reserves his assault for the Lord's anointed (Job, Christ, Peter). Scripturally speaking, Satan was rebuked, but not "cast out" in the manner of dealing with demons. The church successfully wars against Satan by submitting to God, living, speaking and holding fast to the Word of God, knowing the power of Christ's sacrificial blood, and living the crucified life.

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PROTOCOL

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. (Proverbs 25:2)

Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)

This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you." (Jeremiah 30:2)

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

"I will bring him near and he will come close to me, for who is he who will devote himself to be close to me?" declares the Lord. "So you will be my people, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 30:21b-22)

I will, Lord! I will devote myself to be close to You! I choose You for my life.

Yes, Lord, I call to You. I sense that today you want me to separate myself unto You and call to You, because You want to talk to me and share Your heart with me. I want that, Lord! So, I set myself apart unto You right now and call to You, Lord. What do You want to tell me, Lord?

Protocol.

Whenever I say that word to you, Joan, I want you to ask Me what protocol do I want you to follow at that moment. Then I will show you and tell you what to do to come into My Presence and to sustain My Presence with you, and to go deeper into intimate relationship with Me. Do you want that, Joan?

Yes, Lord, I surely do. Please tell me the protocol You want me to follow at this very moment to come into Your Presence the way you desire for me to come.

Ok. I will. Listen. Wait. Follow. Obey.

In listening to Me you will hear what I want you to do and think about. Today what I want you to do and think about is Me - My heart, My mind, My thoughts, My desires. I want to share them with you if you are willing to listen. Will you?

Yes, Lord, I choose to listen. Tell me.

My heart cries for all those people who love Me and look to Me, but don't discern My heart (like Brenda yesterday). When you listened to her you could discern what I wanted to do because you had already been through that lesson...about learning to depend entirely upon Me and not upon yourself to figure things out, provide for yourself, understand what was important to do in life.

There are many "Brendas" out there, Joan, who grope around in the dark. I have given B a heart for them, so don't be surprised if she wants to do this kind of ministry more and more. What I have taught her through her trials is now needed for her to share with others like she did with Brenda. Just encourage B in this "encouragement" ministry.

As to heavenly rewards, I know you desire to have the greatest level of rewards possible for you. And it is all right to desire that. I put that desire in you so you would seek to do and live the way I want you to. I chose you to be exactly who you are and like no one else. Keep looking to Me and following Me and I will get you to the heavenly rewards reserved already for you – by faith – just like how you live the rest of your life.

As for healing your body – the time is almost upon you for Me to completely heal your body so you don't have to deal with it and take time to medicate it and go to the doctor for it. That time is almost over. Be faithful to take care of your body each day, as you do, and soon the "bodily care" sessions in your training will be finished. Then you will be free of those medications, doctor visits, etc. You will be free indeed.

Also the time is very near when I will hold out my hand towards you and send My electrical power healing energy into you to take out to others. Know this will not come from healing gifting. This will be power and authority directly from Me to and through you. I will get all the glory. You know you do not have any healing gift. Then you will just follow Me to whomever I take you to and give them the healing power I have put in you.

But you must be careful not to give it in places and to people that I DON'T send you to. It is a precious gift of My power, and I want to be in charge of it and control where it is used. I have been waiting until the right time to give you this, and it is almost here. Know it will be very soon and recognize it when it comes. You will.

Listen to see if I am finished.

All day I want you to praise Me as you go about all the work that you do. I want to be a major part of your day. I will keep talking to you and instructing you and teaching you as you walk through each minute/moment of this day. It will be good, good, and very good because I will be with you – whatever the day brings.

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STEPS AND STAGES OF COMING CLOSER TO ME

This is the mantle I am putting on you today, Joan. A mantle of prayer, a mantle of seeking Me, a mantle of listening to Me and others as I lead you, a mantle of friendship and intimacy with Me. That's what I've called you for and to be in Me.

There may be a whole new level of understanding and relationship I want to reveal to you, Joan, but first you must go through these steps and stages of coming closer to Me, and listening to Me, and waiting on Me, and seeking Me. If you get tired of Me, or get restless to go do something else, then you may not get to the end place I want to take you to this day. That's why listening, waiting, following, and obeying is the protocol for today for you.

When you teach a child you give them all the teaching they may be able to handle that day or time, then you wait until later to add on to that teaching. That is what I do with you, My child, too. It takes time and patience. That is wisdom I am giving you today.

“Teach me your ways, so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.”

That is what I am doing as you wait on Me. I must know you are interested in Me enough to be patient and wait for Me to speak to you...not just interested in tickling your appetite for knowledge.

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS - THE PEACE OF GOD

STRATEGY FOR WARFARE

Excerpts from Rick Joyner's book *Breaking the Power of Evil*

(p.91) We cannot function properly as part of this great army that we are called to be until we are firmly established in the peace of God. One of the most powerful spiritual weapons that has been given to God's people is peace....When we abide in the peace of God, it's both a fortress and a weapon that the enemy has no power against.

If we abide in the peace of God in a situation, it unravels the enemy's power over that situation. That is why most attacks of the enemy upon believers are intended to first rob them of their peace. The peace of God is the linchpin fruit of the Spirit that must be in place in order to hold all the others in their places. Once we lose the peace of God, we quickly lose our patience, love, self-control, etc. This causes us to fall from our position of abiding in Christ. If we are truly abiding in Christ, the fruit of the Spirit will always demonstrate it.

(p.72) We destroy the enemy's power of destruction by standing in and imparting peace.

(p.74) It is through abiding in His peace that we will be able to crush every manifestation of the enemy in our life. Peace itself is the victory.

(p.97) After years of inquiring of the Lord to know what we could do as a ministry for Israel, I was told to send "missionaries of peace" to live there. Their main calling is to walk in the peace and rest of God so that their joy and peace in the midst of the stress would stand out as an oasis in contrast to the spirit now prevailing over that nation.

True peace is the condition of heart that trusts God regardless of the circumstances. When this happens we are close to receiving the marching orders for the greatest army of God that will ever have been released upon the earth.

When Jesus was tempted by the devil, He answered every temptation with Scripture. The Word of God is stronger than any power that we will ever be faced with. If we will abide in His peace, we will prevail against any fortress the evil one can build.

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. (Psalm 27:11)

Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a straight path (Your path of righteousness) because of my oppressors. Lord, this says to me that if I am walking in a “straight path” which means a path with You in righteousness, then my oppressors will have no place to be in me and will have no legal place to oppress me. So, I again ask that You teach me Your way and lead me in a straight path, Your path, for this day and forevermore.

Something the Holy Spirit was talking about to me this morning is this idea:

When people refuse to give glory to God, He gives them over to blindness and deception. That includes acknowledging and giving glory to Holy Spirit. (See similar idea in Romans 1:18-32))

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)

Yet they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and he himself fought against them. (Isaiah 63:10)

The one sin that will not be forgiven...attributing to Satan what God has done through His Spirit.

And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. (Matthew 12:31-32)

Another idea the Holy Spirit talked to me about:

Words are planted into our minds when spoken by others or we read them, etc. If you agree with those words, then they are planted in you. The results of those words allow them to be fulfilled. If those words are not right, then they allow the enemy access to come into you and work there. In order to change that, you must come out of agreement with those words.

SCRIPTURES ABOUT WHO GOD IS

Scriptures to speak forth about who God is in the Bible.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD." Exodus 6:2

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you. 2 Thess. 1:6

Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created. (Revelation 4:11)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) [Elohim]

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure. (Isaiah 46:9-12) [El Elyon, God Most High]

For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths. (Proverbs 5:21) [El Roi, the God who sees]

Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life. (John 4:14) [El Shaddai, the All-Sufficient One]

I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless. (Genesis 17:2) [El Shaddai]

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? (Romans 6:16) [Adonai, the Lord] (Lord, Master, Owner)

(What good does it do to form the word *Lord* with your lips when your knees don't bend in acknowledgment of His Lordship and your feet turn away from His chosen paths? Pg.51 *The Peace and Power of Knowing God's Name* by Kay Arthur)

Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the LORD, and there is no savior besides Me. (Isaiah 43:10-11) [Jehovah, The Self-Existent One]

And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19) [Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord will provide]

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves...Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. (1 Corinthians 4:7, 16) [Jehovah-Rapha, the Lord who heals]

I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer. (Exodus 15:22-26) [Jehovah-Rapha]

Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. That Thy beloved may be delivered, save with Thy right hand, and answer us! (Psalm 60:4-5) [Jehovah-Nissi, the Lord my Banner]

I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. (Exodus 19:4) [Jehovah-Mekoddishkem, the Lord who sanctifies you] McKedish

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33) [Jehovah-Shalom, the Lord is peace]

The Lord of Hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened; and just as I have planned so it will stand." (Isaiah 14:24) [Jehovah-Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts]

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Psalm 46:7) [Jehovah-Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts]

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. (Psalm 95:6-7) [Jehovah-Raah, the Lord my Shepherd] [Jehovah Roi]

Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me...He will bring me out to the light, and I will see His righteousness. (Micah 7:8-9) [Jehovah-Tsidkenu, the Lord our Righteousness]

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:25-26) [Jehovah-Shammah, the Lord is there]

Jesus is the Son of God. Matt. 12:46, 49
Jesus is the Bread of life. John 6:25, 59
Jesus is the Son of Man. Matt 8:20
Jesus is the Lamb of God. John 1:29, 36
Jesus is the Light. I John 5:20
Jesus is the Wisdom of God. Matt 13:53, 58
Jesus is the Way. John 14:6
Jesus is the Truth. John 14:6
Jesus is the Life. John 14:6
Jesus is the eternal Word of God. John 1:1
Jesus is Savior. Matt 1:18-25
Jesus is Lord. Luke 1:5, 23
Jesus is the Redeemer. Matt 20:28
Jesus is our High Priest. Heb. 2:17
Jesus is our Hope. Col 1:27
Jesus is the Son of David. Matt 12:23-28
Jesus is Judge. Matt. 3;11; 10:32-42
Jesus is King. Mark 15:12-19
Jesus is our Intercessor. Luke 21:15

God is holy.
God is eternal
God is Spirit. John 4:24
God is creator
God is judge
God is Father
God is love
God is righteous
God is good
God is faithful
God has all power

Holy Spirit fills Christians
Holy Spirit convicts sinners
Holy Spirit regenerates believers
Holy Spirit indwells the saved
Holy Spirit protects the endangered
Holy Spirit give security
Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers
Holy Spirit guides believers
Holy Spirit intercedes in prayer for the believer

A STORY ABOUT PUSHING A STONE

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared.

The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin.

The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might...

So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might!

Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's weary mind. (He will do it every time!)

"You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure.

These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort, and that will be good enough."

That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in Your Service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked.

Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done.

Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push.

And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself.

Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock.

But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom.

That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock.."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God Who moves the mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....Just P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people don't do as you think they should.....Just P.U.S.H.

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you.....Just P.U.S.H.

P = Pray

U = Until

S = Something

H = Happens

Pass this on to all your loved ones and friends who may need it,
they may get it just in time.

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have
trouble remembering how to fly.

May God Bless You.

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TRUE LOVE

(Quote from John Beveré's book *Driven By Eternity*, page 252)

True love originates from the heart.

When we love, we will be patient and kind with others. We'll not envy others' success because it will be our passion to see them win. We'll never boast of ourselves and refrain from all

haughtiness and pride. We'll not demand our own way. We will not be irritable because of our impatient attitude. We'll keep no record of when we've been wronged but choose to forgive and release any debts. We'll never smile upon injustice, but our passion will be for mercy and truth. We'll never give up on people or lose faith, and we will always hope and believe the best. We'll always see others innocent unless proven guilty, and even then we will remain hopeful for repentance and restoration. We will be full of hope and endure any hardship for the benefit of the kingdom or another's well-being. Bottom line: We will live for the godly edification of others, which is only found in their conformity to Christ and fulfilling His will in their lives.

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THINGS THAT STRUCK ME AS I READ EXODUS 33

The first thing that is highlighted to me is 33:3 where it says,

But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.

I now am reminded that the devil likes to get people to sin and then the Lord must judge them.

Next thing that hit me was 33:5

For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'"

They were not clean. They were greatly contaminated with Egypt. They were uncircumcised. They didn't yet have the priestly covering through Aaron set up, so they were uncovered. Therefore I would have to destroy them due to their great sin.

The next thing that caught my attention was 33:7:

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting."

Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. What hit me was that ANYONE could go to the tent of meeting. People watched Moses go there, but did they go themselves?

I also noticed that when Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. Then the people worshiped when they saw the cloud.

This also stands out to me: 33:14:

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

It's His Presence that give us rest! It's also His presence that distinguishes us from all the other people on the face of the earth!

I am again impressed with 33:19b which says,

I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

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WHAT THE LORD MEANS WHEN HE SAYS TO LOVE

What do You mean, Lord, when You tell us to love?

I want you to look up the word "love" in your concordance and read the scriptures I show you to read, and then apply them.

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:44)

Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 19:19)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. (Luke 6:32)

Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him." (Luke 20:13)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

If you love me, keep my commands. (John 14:15)

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

This is my command: Love each other (John 15:17)

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7 NIV)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)

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MY MANNA WORD FOR TODAY

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” (John 6:29)

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)

Is that for me, Lord? Does that mean physical bread and drink as well as spiritual bread and drink?

Yes, My child. That is what it means and more. It means I will always provide WHATEVER you need, all the days of your life on earth, if you believe in Me. Know that I can and will provide that for you. That is My promise to you today and every day of your life.

~ 64 ~

TAKING AUTHORITY OVER YOUR OWN BODY

The Lord is teaching me to take authority over my own body and to declare things to it as He leads me. I read about this in Dutch Sheets’ book *Authority in Prayer* pg.152-3 where he talks about how the Lord taught him this after many times of asking the Lord to heal him of warts on his hands. He said this:

One day the Lord spoke to my heart very clearly: “I am never going to heal your hands based upon someone else’s prayer or faith. You must fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of this healing yourself. I have taught you well—you have sat under tremendous teaching for years. To whom much is given, much is required, and I am requiring you to do this.” This was not cruel or unkind. He was doing what any loving parent would do—helping me, even requiring me, to grow up. Our Father does not want us to remain spiritual babies.

I began to put into practice what God had taught me. Primarily I used Mark 11:23-24: We can speak to a mountain of adversity and command it to be removed. I did this for approximately thirty days, several times daily. I would look at my hands and say, “According to the Word of God, which tells me that Jesus bore stripes for my healing and that I have authority to rebuke these warts and command them to leave, I now command you warts to leave my hands in Jesus’ name.” Did it seem foolish? Of course. Many spiritual practices and guidelines seem foolish to our natural minds (1 Corinthians 2:14). But I did it anyway, and the outcome speaks for itself.

(He tells next about the creative miracle that took place on his hands.)

My point in sharing this story is simply to illustrate that no one has more authority to pray for you or lay hold of God’s promises for you than *you!* And at times God will actually require us to use that authority, refusing to do some things for us based on another individual’s prayers and faith.

I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, “Go, throw yourself into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (Mark 11:23-24)

By his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

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A PICTURE OF MY WALKING DOWN A GREAT HALL TOWARDS THE KING

This morning the Lord brought back to my remembrance a picture that has been in my mind off and on for many, many years. In this picture I am in a great hall. The King is on a raised platform on a throne (or standing) at one end of the room. I am just about to walk down the long center section of the room to where the King is. On either side of where I am to walk there are people lined up watching me.

Today He shows me that those people standing watching me are the “great cloud of witnesses” in heaven who are watching to see us currently on earth live out our short period of earth-life time...like they did previously. They are watching to see the results of what they did play out currently, and what is yet to come.

Walking down the center aisle represents “time on earth now” for me. I do it before the throne of God and He is watching. I am walking closer and closer to Him as I live longer on earth.

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DAY OF ATONEMENT

I want to get clean, Lord, for this is the Day of Atonement.

But you do every day as you take communion. Each day is a Day of Atonement - when I am your atonement, and you partake of Me – My body and My blood. This is your Day of Atonement, Joan, so take communion today – and tomorrow – and the next day – and the next...

~ 67 ~

TRUST IN ME WITHOUT HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

I asked the Lord where I don't love Him with all my heart. I heard this:

Any place you love yourself more than Me.

Do You want to tell me where I love myself more than You, Lord?

Yes. We can take that question up tomorrow after you awake.

As far as not leaning on your own understanding...remember what Perry Stone said tonight about not questioning Me about things I allow to happen, because if you start to question, you will keep on questioning.

Well, when things happen you don't understand, just affirm that I am in charge, and affirm that you will not DOUBT what I am doing...in other words, you will not QUESTION what

I am doing. In that way you don't lean on YOUR OWN understanding, but trust in Me without human understanding.

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ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH

(Quote from *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, pg 115)

"According to your faith let it be done to you" (Matthew 9:29)

"Praying through" something might be defined as follows: "Praying your way into full faith; coming to the point of assurance, while still praying, that your prayer has been accepted and heard; and in advance of the event, with confident anticipation, actually becoming aware of having received what you ask."

Let us remember that no earthly circumstances can hinder the fulfillment of God's Word. We must look steadfastly at His immutable Word and not at the uncertainty of this ever-changing world. God desires for us to believe His Word without other evidence, *and then* He is ready to do for us "according to [our] faith."

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THE REST OF THE LORD

I shared with my prayer partner about seeking to understand what "the rest of the Lord" is, and that this rest is in the Kingdom. He said that just last night he noticed those words "the rest of the Lord" in his Bible and asked the Lord what that means. We think we are to both seek revelation about what that means for us and share it with each other.

"The Rest of the Lord" is what Kevin says is written on the sword Jesus carries. It is on the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. I desire to learn more about what that rest means. Kevin says it is the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Lord has secrets there He wants to reveal to us to use. (From the book *The Sword of the Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

Is that what You want us to do, Lord?

Yes. That is exactly what I want you both to do. Seek Me for revelation and seek My Word for revelation, and then share with each other. Take this as a challenge from Me. I will be with you as you do this as it is from Me.

SCRIPTURES ON THE REST OF THE LORD

For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. (Exodus 31:15)

It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested. (Exodus 31:17)

The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14)

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. (Psalm 23:2-3)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34)

This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

He replied, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. (Matthew 13:11)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (Philippians 4:12)

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. (Hebrews 4:1)

Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said. (Hebrews 4:3)

There remains then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:10)

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PRAYER TIME

- Invite the Lord into the conversation and asked Him to cover us with His blood.
- Sound proof our rooms
- Ask the Lord to forgive us of any sins.
- Ask for refilling with Him.
- Bind anything which comes to us that needs to be cleansed off and loose what He gives us to loose.
- Hide ourselves in Him by staying in humility – the place of hiding.
- Ask Jesus to put His armor on us. Therefore we can stand. This includes the rearguard prayer.
- Ask the Father to send out His angels to fight this battle.
- Declare Jesus' victory over the devil.
- Declare our victory, and that we are more than conquerors in Jesus.

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I WILL ALWAYS DO WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU

Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. (Ephesians 6:10)

I am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will ALWAYS show you the way to go. So trust in Me at all times, in all things. I am trustworthy. I love you with a greater love than you can fathom while on this earth. Just receive it all by faith, knowing who I am and how much I love you.

I will always do what is best for you, and I will always protect you from the enemy... every day of your lives. That is My promise to you today. And that promise is true and trustworthy. I know who I am and what My power and authority is. You know that too on a limited basis. So let Me fill you with more and more faith to know and receive Me, and who I am, and what power and authority I have on earth.

List here those covenant names of Me and what they mean for you.

Jehovah Jirah, my Provider
Jehovah Nissi, my Banner
Jehovah Rophe, my Healer
Jehovah Tsidkenu, my Righteousness
Jehovah Shalom, my Peace
Jehovah Rohi, my Shepherd

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ABOUT WHAT IS COMING

The Lord talked with me a long time this morning about what is coming:

- He is separating out those who are *for* Him and those who are *against* Him.
- Some people think they are ok and for Him, but they don't know what is truly in their hearts.
- He will be bringing that into the light, and they will act on their true motives, and those motives will be revealed.
- Then, at the judgment, all will see that He judges rightly. They cannot dispute that.
- He is getting us ready and prepared to work together with Him in the Millennium. We will be serving Him there.
- He is bringing all unrighteousness into the light now and exposing it so it can be judged.
- It will be judged when He takes out His Bride and leaves the unrighteous ones on earth.
- It will be exposed during the Tribulation when people make choices whether they will follow the Lord or the anti-Christ.
- He will take all those who follow the anti-Christ to hell when He returns in His advent.
- Those who are left after that judgment time, who get to go "into the kingdom prepared for you," will repopulate the earth, which He will cleanse then. They will still have the sin

nature born into them through Adam, so they will have the potential to live for Jesus or themselves. So will their children, grandchildren, etc.

- Some, who follow the sin nature, will perish during the Millennium. Some will be judged at the end of the 1000 years when Satan is released for a short time to draw all sinners to himself to rebel against the Lord. They will all be sent to hell.
- Then will come the great white throne judgment.
- Then He will destroy this old earth and create a new heaven and new earth, which is clean and pure where all of those who belong to Him may live and enjoy it.
- He looks at us now in light of where He sees us in this future pattern, and He is preparing us for our role in it.

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PRIDE

Spiritual wickedness in high places

About pride I heard: Anytime you encounter pride, it's from spiritual wickedness in high places. What am I to do about it?

Know that it's there, and ask Me each time.

It's rampant in the world.

Pride will not allow Me to speak into their lives. That's why I have to break that pride in order to give them a way to hear Me.

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YOUR TREASURE

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

You are my treasure, Jesus. Your blood is my treasure, Jesus.

Now you are ready to read that book on The Blood by Bob Sorge. Start that today at the beginning and read it all the way through. Then you will understand My blood and what it means much, much better than you do now. You revere it now, and you use it to be clean,

and that is good. I want you to now learn more about it and what it does and what it means. That's My newest reading project for you.

Yes, Lord. I'd like that, Lord. I want to learn more about what Your blood does, and what it means for us, and how to appropriate it rightly. Thank You again for giving Your blood for me, Jesus.

I want you to go now and start reading that book I mentioned. This is a good day to get a big start on reading it.

Today is YOUR special time of being with Me. Enjoy it as you have had your own special time used by others quite often lately. So today you get to have your own special teaching/learning time with Me.

Yes, Lord, I like that! Thank You. I have missed that.

I know.

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

In regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer. (John 16:10)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

As my prayer partner and I talked about John 16:10, he thought the Lord wanted to give me a greater measure of righteousness, so I received that word and agreed with it. I ask You for that, Lord.

And I say yes to your request, Joan. That IS giving you a greater measure of Me, like you said you were asking for. I and My righteousness are one.

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THE WICKED

During church this morning the Lord brought Psalm 26:10 to my mind two different times. This is what it says:

**In whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.
(Psalm 26:10)**

I wondered what it meant. I felt He would tell me later, not during that church service.

The next day, when I asked what the Lord wanted to talk about, He said Psalm 37:10 and added 11 when I read it. Here is what it says:

**A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.
(Psalm 37:10-11)**

Then I read the next verse (12) and think it may be the answer to the scripture the Lord gave me during church yesterday (Psalm 26:10)....

The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. (Psalm 37:12)

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A PROMISE

The Lord told me to go to John 6:10 after I took communion and got cleansed.

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. (John 6:10-11)

HE told me this was a promise for me, and He had me date it and underline it in my NIV Scofield Study Bible. He said it was my birthday gift for today – as I had noticed my birthday numbers on the clock earlier (8:36 am). It is a promise He will always provide what we need. Thank You, Lord, for this wonderful promise. I believe it and I receive it!

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PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

From Perry Stone's book: *Purging Your House, Pruning Your Family Tree*

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A scripture for *angelic protection*—Psalm 34:7

A scripture for *health and healing*—1 Peter 2:24

A scripture for *family salvation*—Acts 16:31

A scripture for *prosperity*—3 John 2

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When a believer has suddenly been assaulted by a physical sickness, he must turn to Scriptures, which give hope and promise for healing. These passages include, but are certainly not limited to, the following. Notice these numerous scriptures can be combined to form a paragraph prayer.

Lord, according to Exodus 15:26, You are the Lord who heals Your covenant people. You revealed to the prophet David that You forgive all my iniquities and You heal all of my diseases (Psalm 103:3). Father, I can receive my healing because Christ was wounded for my transgressions and bruised for my iniquities, and with His precious stripes I am healed (Isa. 53:5). I thank You that Christ Himself took my infirmities and carried my sicknesses through His atoning work (Matt. 8:17).

(Here is another good prayer from the same book, pg 189)

Father, in Isaiah 26:3 You have given me the promise that You would keep me in perfect peace if my mind would remain upon You. Today I am thinking about Your goodness toward me. Christ promised in John 14:27 that He would leave His peace with me, and His peace He would give me, and by faith I receive the peace He promised for my thoughts and my mind. I am also thankful, Father, that in 2 Timothy 1:7 You tell me that You have not given me a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and a sound mind.

P. 217 Some tips from Perry about lessons he learned:

The Holy Spirit told him "Satan will use what you see and what you hear against you."

He read from Smith Wigglesworth, "I am not moved by what I see. I am not moved by what I feel. I am moved by what I believe."

He also learned that God will be faithful to deliver you if you will be faithful to believe Him.

1. God is not moved by your feelings but by your faith. (Heb. 11:6)
2. God is not moved by your circumstances but by His Word. (Jer. 1:12)
3. God will deliver you from the attack if you will remain steadfast. (1 Cor. 10:13)

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I HAVE PREPARED YOU FOR THIS DAY ALL YOUR LIFE

Good morning, Lord! I love You, Lord! Thank You for this beautiful day!

Good morning to you, My child. I think this is a beautiful day too. I'm glad you agree with Me. You have prepared for this day all your life, Joan, did you know that? I have picked you, and trained you, and loved you, and chosen you to be exactly who you are and what you are. It is My delight to do this and to fellowship with you all day, every day. Isn't it great?

~ 80 ~

KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS

While I was talking to the Lord this morning, I felt drawn to the Scriptures about how keeping His commands shows that we love Him. So, I looked some of them up and wrote here some of my favorites:

This is how we know that we love the children of God; by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. (1 John 5:2-3)

Keeping God's commands is what counts. (1 Corinthians 7:19)

If you love me, you will obey what I command...whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. (John 14:15, 21)

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands... (Daniel 9:4)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him" but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made

complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. (1 John 2:3-6)

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DIVINE PROTECTION

I began reading the book *The Divine Antidote* (by Francis Frangipane) this morning about the legal protection we have in Christ. He said this on page 11:

When Jesus died for our sins, the “ruler of this world” was judged; our debts were nailed to Christ’s cross and cancelled; and the principalities and powers were disarmed (John 16:11; Col 2:13-15). Because of Jesus, we have a legal right not only to be protected from our enemy but to triumph over him. The sacrifice of Christ was so complete, and the judicial decision from God against Satan so decisive, that divine protection, enough to cover even the entire church in a city, has been granted (see Rev. 3:10).

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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S DELAYS

The Lord had me take the book (*The Divine Antidote* by Francis Frangipane) and begin reading where I had left off earlier. I began reading on page 13 about “Understanding God’s Delays”

The Lord incorporates delays into His overall plan: They work perseverance in us. So crucial is endurance to our character development that God is willing to delay even important answers to prayer to facilitate our transformation.

Delays are tools to perfect our faith. Christ is looking to find a tenacity in our faith that prevails in spite of delays and setbacks. He seeks to create a perseverance within us that outlasts the test of time, a resolve that actually grows stronger during delays. When the Father sees this quality of persistence in our faith, it so touches His heart that He grants “legal protection” to His people.

It is significant that Jesus compare His elect to a widow harassed by an enemy....She had legitimate reasons to quit, but instead she prevails....How did a common widow gain such strength of character? We can imagine that there must have been a time when, under the relentless pressure of her adversary, she became desperate – and desperation worked to her advantage. Desperation is God’s hammer: It demolishes the stronghold of fear and shatters the chains of our excuses. When desperation exceeds our fears, progress begins.

REPENTANCE PRECEDES REVIVAL

Francis Frangipane: *The Divine Antidote* chapter 3 on “Repentance Precedes Revival:

1. Too often, ministries today seek to deliver people who are unwilling to repent of sins, who have not cried in their heart to God for help. The effect is that those prayed for may receive limited relief, but they soon fall back into sin and oppression. The key to successful deliverance is to discern if an individual is *ready* and *willing* to be released before we minister deliverance. Are they repentant? Have they put away their idols? Is their heart truly turning toward God?
2. Deliverance, according to Scripture, is the last stage of a process that began when a person’s abhorrence for his present condition led him to cry to God for help.
3. No repentance; no deliverance.
4. Where once the people enjoyed the blessing of God, now despair and misery dwelt upon the land.
5. *The time it takes will always be longer than we expect.* The determining factor is the acknowledgement of sin and the return to God.
6. We must not hurry this process, nor be frustrated if our prayers do not immediately activate divine intervention. The Lord is waiting for the nation to break beneath the weight of its rebellion.
7. While Israel tumbled deeper into sin, God waited for the burden and consequences of Israel’s sin to humble their souls. He waited to bring them back to Himself.
8. The misery and desperation of Israel readied them for God.
9. It was not merely their prayers which God heard; he heard their cries. It is one thing to pray about a need; quite another to weep over it.
10. If the duration of time required to bring change can stop us, it is obvious that the preparatory work in our hearts is not deep enough to draw divine intervention.

SCRIPTURES ON ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. (Psalm 23:1)

He who dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)

To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ. (Jude 1)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30 NIV)

What shall we say then? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31 NIV)

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A CARRIER OF HIS PRESENCE

You are a "carrier of My Presence," Joan, everywhere you go.

Come like this (sitting in my Quiet Time chair) into My Presence every day, even if for only 5 minutes and even if afternoon or evening.

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THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT

As I was reading *Unmasking The Jezebel Spirit* by John Paul Jackson, I was strongly impressed by this idea from page 39....

Once you recognize the Jezebel spirit you must remove yourself from the soul tie. "Often the soul tie makes them feel guilty for not maintaining the relationship. Jezebel manipulatively uses this ploy."

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IT TAKES BOTH THE WORD AND THE POWER OF GOD TO CHANGE THE INNER MAN

This section of Rick Joyner's book *Overcoming Evil In The Last Days* really struck me today as I read it on pages 104-105:

True Christianity is the true Word of God verified by the true power of God. Jesus went about to "do and teach" (Acts 1:1). He usually performed miracles *before* He taught. He knew that people who had an undeniable encounter with God would be far more open to what He said to them. The power Jesus and His apostles demonstrated was used to confirm and illuminate their teachings.

The same is still true. The demonstration of God's power transforms intellectual concepts into a true faith in the teaching of the Lord. **It takes both the Word and the power of God to change the inner man. Without both, we may change our outward behavior, but our hearts remain untouched.** It is the spiritual void in the heart that must be filled by a true fellowship with God if we are going to be free from the spiritual influence and power of the enemy.

Because witchcraft is counterfeit spiritual authority, we will only be completely free from the power of witchcraft when we are completely submitted to the authority of God. If the spiritual void that is in us is not filled with the real power and authority of God, we will become subject to witchcraft in some form as we draw closer to the end of the age. **The Battle of Armageddon is fought in the "valley of decision" (Joel 3:14);** everyone on earth will be brought to the place of making a decision. It is a power confrontation, and the choice will be made concerning issues of power and authority. We will choose either the power and authority of God, or the power and authority of the evil one—but we will all choose.

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THE MINISTRY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

What does that mean, Lord?the ministry of Mary mother of Jesus?

What did Mary do for Jesus, Joan? Think about it. She allowed the Holy Spirit to birth in her what God chose her to carry. She yielded herself completely to Him to do as He chose. She took the rebuff of people around her for being pregnant with what God gave her to carry. She humbly carried My Son for Me and delivered Him forth so others could see

Him too. She nurtured My Son and took care of Him and helped Him and protected Him as He grow up. She did all this in love and humble service for Me. Then she watched as I was humiliated and beaten and crucified by the people I came to help. She never complained or cried out that she didn't want what I had given her to carry. That was her ministry, Joan...to love Me and serve Me the way I chose her for.

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IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)

Psalm 27:14 was the scripture the Lord brought to my attention this morning as He gave me the words in my mind during Quiet Time. As I looked up Psalm 27, then He directed me to memorize verse 5 as He indicated I would need to know that by memory in days to come and quote them and stand on them.

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CARRYING YOUR CROSS

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26-27)

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23)

What does “carrying your cross” mean, Joan?

Is it not what I give you to do for Me...just like My Father gave Me a cross to carry out His plan for Me?

What do I want people to give up to carry that cross (which is My plan for them)?

All your life and all your rights.

What does that mean – all your rights?

Your right to a spouse and children? Your right to a nice home? Your right to be respected and understood? Your right to be comfortable in life? Your right to be listened to and believed? What other rights do you believe are yours?

What if you have to give up your spouse and children?

What if you have to give up your nice home?

What if you have to give up being respected and understood?

What if you have to give up your right to be comfortable in life?

What if you have to give up your right to be listened to and believed?

What if you have to give up any other rights you think of?

Do you then still want to take up your cross and follow Me?

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THE GREAT HARVEST IS SOON!

I saw an article on Elijah List by John Kilpatrick. I want to quote part of it here which I felt fit with what the Lord has been telling me regarding His coming to rapture His people soon - perhaps on Rosh Hashanah of this year.

**A YEAR OF FULFILLED PROMISES AND GREAT HARVEST!
MANY NEW DOORS ARE OPENING TO THE CHURCH!**

By John Kilpatrick
Feb 8, 2017

A Midnight Interruption

One night recently I went to bed at 9:00pm, which is very unusual for me. I was very tired from traveling and had a busy schedule. I was awakened by the Spirit of the Lord speaking with a strong expression, and He said, "*At midnight, a cry was made, 'Behold the Bridegroom comes, go out to meet Him.'* Then they arose, both the wise and the foolish. They awoke from slumber."

I sat straight up in my bed and looked at my digital clock. It read 12:00 midnight! It was a very sobering moment for me.

Holy Spirit revealed to me that His people have indeed awakened from slumber! Many things were weighed in the balances, but the people of God rose up, and God heard their cry.

The Lord says, *"Therefore, I have set before My people open doors - not just a door, but many doors. I am opening doors of opportunity that have not been opened to you before. Because there has been a great change of heart, I have hastened to answer. Many have awakened, but they have not arisen. My word now is, 'Arise!' Do not return to slumber as in times past, because there will be many opportunities that I am opening to this nation, and very effectual doors that I am opening to My Church.*

"These doors will lead to greater resources than you have known. It is important not to be timid, intimidated or fearful. This is not one of the four seasons I have established in the earth, but this is a special season. It is a time of My choosing. As the men of Issachar had understanding of the times to know what to do, so I will give you that very same insight if you will ask of Me. I will direct you and show you."

Other excerpts;

"I am going to cause the news of a fresh visitation to spread quickly - God is visiting His people once again!

"I am going to move mightily in closed nations and closed societies.

"My Spirit will spread like a fire through empires, dynasties, tribes, clans, and among the heathen as well. I will set My table before them, and they will taste of My goodness and experience My mercy.

"I tell you, many will believe this good news to be a rumor, but they will continue to hear the reports until they will come and see for themselves the wonders of the Lord. It will cause a great stir among the nations.

"I am going to open three doors:

1. *"I am going to **unseat powers and principalities** in those regions that have long deprived the people of My presence and of My Spirit. A brief, but widespread harvest will occur. A once closed society of unbelievers will now have the opportunity to hear and to believe upon the Lord Jesus.*

2. *"There will be a **movement of laborers**, those that I have chosen and called to work the fields of harvest. This is their time. This is what they have awaited, many since childhood. This is their time. They will bring their sickles and reaping tools, and they shall*

come rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them during this harvest. There will be great excitement!

3. *"There will also be a great commotion of **the leaders of the harvest taking their places. They shall direct the harvest** and place the laborers where they best fit. They are My apostolic leaders overseeing this last day harvest. They will know the mind of the Spirit. They will know who is to go where, and who is to do what. There will be resources and wealth to fund the harvest of the ages. The newcomer and the veteran soul winner will be paid the same wage in that day.*

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. In that day, the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea."

In the day of harvest, although brief, it will be said that it has never been so easy to preach, pray or prophesy. There will be no toil in leading the heathen to the wells of living water. The sick will be released. The bound will be easily delivered, and the lost will readily comprehend the way. This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then the end shall come...even so, Lord Jesus!

Most importantly, there will be along-awaited harvest that will begin in the land of Israel....this will surely be the beginning, but full salvation shall come at a later appointed time for the Jewish people alone, and Israel shall experience a rebirth in one day.

A GREAT shaking is coming to the Muslim nations. It will be sudden! It will be an unexpected and unexplained shaking that will define many Muslim nations and their leadership structures.

(underlining and bold is mine)

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