

ENCOURAGING  
WORDS  
Book 16

TO REVIEW  
FOR STRENGTHENING

By Joan Royer

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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."**

## A DREAM OF BOOKS COVERED BY THE LORD WITH GOLD, SILVER, WHITE, AND CLEAR

In this dream I was given some books. As I gave each book to the Lord, He placed a wrap or covering around it. One was gold, one was silver, one was white/snow, and one was clear.

- Gold: glory, truth, glory of God, enduring capacity of the believer as overcomer, holy
- Silver: knowledge of God, understanding, Words of God, promises of God, very precious to God
- White: pure, righteousness, purity that dispels the darkness, associated with light, holy power
- Clear: transparent
- Books: record, heart of man, preparation

The books represent a record of the heart of man and the preparation given to him. So, these books represent a record of my heart and all that the Lord has done in me to prepare me for Him and His Kingdom work. This is what the Lord gave me in this dream.

Then He took each book and wrapped it in something special. First, He wrapped one book in gold. This means it shows the glory of God, holiness, truth, and the enduring capacity of the believer as an overcomer. Second was silver, which means the knowledge of God, understanding, the Words of God, the promises of God, and something very precious to God. Third was white, which represents purity, righteousness, purity that dispels the darkness, holy power, and is associated with light. Fourth was clear, which represents transparency.

Lord, do You want to tell me something about this dream?

*Yes, My child (you know, you will ALWAYS be My child), I am showing you something NEW in this dream. I am showing you yourself as I now see you, but also I am showing you yourself as the world will eventually see you...those who have eyes to see you as you really are in Me.*

*AND these books represent My records in heaven of your life on earth. These records are kept for all of eternity for others to read and see. It is your eternal record. They are covered/wrapped in gold, silver, purity/white, and clear/transparency. This is good, Joan, and is My BEST for you. Rejoice in this dream!*

# THE GLORY TRAIN

I Hear the Train a Comin'  
by Kari Browning  
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Recently, I interviewed Bob Jones at his home in North Carolina. Bob is a seasoned prophet, whose prophecies have spanned four decades. Like Daniel in the Bible, he has not only interpreted dreams but has on numerous occasions told people the dreams they dreamed. He has an amazing track record, even predicting a comet that that would come on May 7, 1983, unpredicted by scientists, on the day a 21-day fast and city prayer meeting began in Kansas City to pray for revival. The sign was given to encourage the intercessors and to confirm the prophetic promise that revival would surely come to America. After the 21-day fast in 1983, Bob Jones had a dream and told Mike Bickle that revival was not going to break out immediately as they thought but there was an "appointed time" for America, and when God said, "It's time," it would not be one day late.

Many prophetic voices, including Bob Jones, are proclaiming "The appointed time has come."

## The Glory Train

In September 2009, Bob Jones had a revelatory encounter where he was sitting on a train. He asked the conductor, "What is this train?" The conductor said it was the "Glory Train" and he gave Bob a capsule that was shaped like an egg.

The egg had new life in it. It had the beginning and end of time in it. He asked the conductor, "When can I open this egg and when will this train arrive?" He said the time was within the egg and the egg will be opened in 2012! The time capsule had the wisdom of the ages in it; from the beginning to the new beginning.

Bob said that we've come to the end of the old and the birthing of the new in 2012, and the glory of God will fall upon the churches.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the LORD Almighty. "The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine," declares the Lord Almighty. "The glory of this present house will be greater than the former house," says the LORD Almighty. Haggai 2:6-9

## Ancient Wells of Revival Being Uncapped

There have been several prophetic affirmations that ancient wells of revival are soon to be uncapped. One of those wells that I believe will be uncapped is that of the Latter Rain Revival and the Voice of Healing of the 1950s. That revival saw many miraculous healings and huge tent meetings. William Branham, Paul Cain, Oral Roberts, A.A. Allen, Jack Coe, T.L. Osborne, Gordon Lindsay, and many others, were used greatly during that era of time.

A friend of mine recently had a dream with the late Jill Austin in it. Jill was a traveling minister who loved the Holy Spirit and had an accurate prophetic ministry. In the dream, Jill was passionately trying to get a message to those in the dream, but the dreamer could not hear the message that

Jill was trying to convey. Around the same time, another intercessor saw a vision of Jill Austin. In this vision, Jill was passionately trying to get a message to the Church, but the intercessor could not hear the words.

After learning of these two experiences involving Jill Austin, I was doing research on uncapping wells of revival on the internet when I came across a transcript of a prophecy that Jill had given in 2004. I believe this is the message that she would want us to remember at this time. The following is an excerpt from that transcript:

All of a sudden, what I kept seeing was these tents. And the Lord said, "Tent of glory! Tent of meeting!" He says, "I am going to tabernacle. I am going to tabernacle." What I saw was this tent of glory! Tent of glory! Tent of glory! And I kept seeing like a tent city.

I kept seeing a warehouse over this tent and this warehouse had body parts in it. This warehouse had body parts! It was body parts of the miraculous! Body parts of the miraculous! What I kept seeing was new hearts coming down. I kept seeing new hearts coming down. I kept seeing new legs coming down. The Lord says that you are even going to be seeing crippling diseases being healed. He says, "I am going to open blind eyes. I am going to open deaf ears. I am going to deal with MS. I am going to deal with insanities."

But I also feel like the Lord said, "Get ready! I'm going to release profound new kinds of visitations! I am going to take you into that smoky, black realm of God." What I kept seeing is the fear of the Lord!

What I kept seeing was this warehouse, this warehouse of miracles. But then what I kept seeing was radical realms of visitation. What I kept seeing was also a releasing, where it's almost like the Lord says, "You are going to go back and uncap ancient wells of tent revivals." Tent revivals. What I saw was The Voice of Healing.

What I saw was tent meetings. And the other thing I kept seeing was circuit riders. I felt like the Lord is going to [set apart] a group of men and women and they are going to catch the fire and they are going to go into beachheads; they are going to set up tents out on fields. People are going to come because there is going to be so much healing; it's going to be like the old time healing days. It is going to be sparked. There is going to be a catalytic spark.

He is going to start to birth it. The Lord says, "There is a new anointing, and its tabernacling." It's an anointing of the "Tent of the Meeting." It's an anointing of Houses of Prayer on the move. It's going to be wheels of revelation moving with the glory. It's like a moving throne. It's like a moving place of glory. I feel like the Lord says, "I'm on the move. My glory is on the move. It's going to look very different. I want you to be hungry. But I want you to be ones that go into whole communities."

### The Glory and the Great End Time Harvest

I believe that 2012 will be a year when we will begin to experience the glory realm and the great end time harvest will begin. Believers will begin to "shine" after experiencing the glory of God manifesting in their midst.

*Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3*

Apostolic preaching, with signs confirming the spoken Word, will cause many to turn to Jesus. I believe what we will experience will even surpass what was experienced in the Latter Rain Revival and the Voice of Healing era.

*LORD, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2*

Our promised day of visitation is at hand. All the pain, difficulty and hardships of this past season were preparing us for this new season. Out of our brokenness will come fullness. God is going to turn it all around and make everything beautiful in His time. It's time to get ready to board the glory train. I hear the train a comin'.

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## **FIGHTING THE BATTLE - THE BATTLE PLAN**

My prayer partner called and we fought a battle together with the Lord:

*This is a major battle. My troops are arrayed in proper order and strength to win this battle. All I want from you both is your words for Me.*

*Speak the words.*

What are the words You want us to speak?

*Like Jehoshaphat, go forth with praises of Me and I will fight this battle for you.*

*It is time; it is time; it is time.*

*Speak My words as I give them to you.*

We spoke His words

*Your part is done. I am doing it now. Just keep your positions in Me.*

*The golden trumpet has sounded.*

*It is a call to war.*

*Speak peace into your hearts.*

**2 Chronicles 20:30 and the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.**

*I want you to just keep praising Me the rest of the evening.*

He brought to my mind this Scripture from Isaiah 55:12

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace. (Isaiah 55:12)**

*Trust Me.*

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## **THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH**

The Lord led me to read and meditate on the story of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13.

**At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.**

**At midnight the cry rang out "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"**

**Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, our lamps are going out."**

**"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."**

**But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.**

**Later the others also came. "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!"**

**But he replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you."**

**Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:1-13)**

The virgins who were ready went in with Him to the wedding banquet.

The difference between the wise and foolish virgins was - the wise took oil (Holy Spirit) and the foolish did not.

The thought that comes to me is that spending time with the Lord daily, communing with Him, getting close to Him, and getting to "know" each other, is what put the Holy Spirit oil into the wise virgins. They had plenty of the oil to carry with them on the journey and during the time of waiting for the return of the Lord.

The foolish didn't do that, so they didn't have enough oil to get them to heaven when the Bridegroom returned.

The Scofield Study Bible references Matthew 7:21-23 regarding not everyone who says to Him "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven but only those who do the will of His Father.

As I read that, I noticed Matthew 7:24-27, the story of those who built their house on the Rock and those who did not (they didn't hear these words of Mine and put them into practice). Those who did not were also called "foolish" and their house didn't stand when the storms came.

*The virgins are waking up right now, Joan. That's why I had you ponder this story today - again. Those who are wise have been spending time with Me and getting their container (themselves) filled with daily oil and keeping their jar full. The foolish have been frittering away their time with earthly things, to their own detriment, and have not renewed or refilled themselves with oil daily. So their lamps are slowly going out. They are about to run out of oil and will eventually realize that.*

*But they cannot get oil from the wise virgins because the oil must be "purchased" individually by each person who comes to Me for salvation. You cannot give your oil to someone else. They must get it for themselves. And the purchase comes on a daily basis as the wise virgin seeks Me daily and spends time with Me.*

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

**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)**



# HOLY SPIRIT FIRE

End-Time Baptism in Holy Spirit Fire  
by Wade Taylor  
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Progression in What the Lord Desires to Say

**And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8**

It was not "while they were walking" that Adam and Eve heard the voice of the Lord. Rather, they heard "the voice walking." This profound statement reveals two things:

First, the fact that they "heard" the voice tells us that the Lord desires to communicate with us.

**Who has ears to hear, let him hear! Matthew 13:9**

Secondly, the fact that He is "walking" tells us that there is a progression in what the Lord desires to say, beyond all that He said yesterday, and is saying today.

**I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. John 16:12-13**

Tomorrow, the Lord will speak beyond that which He has already spoken.

**After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in Heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, "Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." Revelation 4:1**

The Lord's Prophetic Calendar

Creation was accomplished in six days, and the Lord rested the seventh day. Peter tells us that these segments of time can be understood as being "one thousand year days." These days can be divided as four Old Testament days, two New Testament days, and the seventh, as the Millennial, thousand-year day.

This is prophetic time, not necessarily calendar time. The following Scripture can be understood in this way:

**And He said unto them, "Go ye, and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow [Church Age] and the third day [Millennial Age] I shall be perfected.'" Luke 13:32**

Near the end of each of these six "thousand-year days" of human history, there was a direct intervention of the Lord in which He revealed Himself to an individual, who, as a result of this act of divine intervention, was able to greatly affect the conditions of that day and time.

The Lord walked with mankind through the first "thousand year day," at the end of which the flood came and removed all from the earth, except Noah and his family. The Lord had visited Noah in order to prepare him for this event.

The Lord walked through the second "thousand-year day," and Abram was called out from Ur of the Chaldees. Through divine visitation, he became Abraham, the friend of God and the father of faith. A personal relationship was established between the Lord and a man, and Abraham reasoned with God concerning the judgment of the "Sodom and Gomorrah" of that day.

The Lord walked within Israel during the third "thousand-year day." At the height of this time, the Lord so revealed Himself to Solomon that he was able to record "The Song of Songs," and the Temple that he built was dedicated in a display of manifest glory.

During the fourth "thousand-year day," Israel gradually departed from the Lord. Toward the end of this day, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that God desired to use her body to bring His Son into this world. Mary submitted herself, and Jesus was born. Later, John the Baptist was called apart to become "the voice of One crying in the wilderness" who introduced Jesus as being "the Lamb of God."

At the beginning of the fifth "thousand-year day," redemption was accomplished for mankind through the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the one hundred and twenty who tarried in the upper room, and the Church was born. As the Holy Spirit descended, cloven tongues of fire rested upon each, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking forth the glory of the Lord in "tongues" that were unknown to them.

The Lord continued to walk in apostolic power through the fifth "thousand-year day, or the first "thousand-year day" of the Church Age, and the world of that day was greatly affected. Gradually, the Nicolaitans (those who rule over the laity) gained control and substituted religious form and ritual in place of the supernatural, which resulted in the "Dark Ages."

During this time, around 1150 AD, Bernard of Clairvaux received a revelation of grace. This beam of light continued to expand until it shone brightly within the life of Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest.

As the sixth "thousand-year day" of divine history, or the second "thousand-year day" of the Church Age began, the Lord continued to walk, and the light of redemption again began to shine in the darkened Church.

In order to raise money to build the Vatican, the Roman Church sold indulgences, by which it claimed an escape from "purgatory" could be obtained. Martin Luther received the understanding that "salvation was a free gift of grace that could not be purchased," and in 1517 nailed his theses on the door of the Church. This led to the restoration of true ["teachers"](#) who were burdened for the Church, and great persecution followed.

As the Word of God began to be printed and circulated during the 1600s, the Baptists received the revelation that "if we are freely justified by grace, we should communicate this to others who would be established in local fellowships." The ["pastor"](#) was restored to the Church, and again these were persecuted.

As the Lord continued to walk through the 1700s, the Wesley brothers received a revelation that "if we are declared to be righteous, there should be the visible evidence of a committed life." The revival that resulted continued through the 1800s, and the ["evangelist"](#) was restored to the Church.

On New Year's Eve in 1901, in a small Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, a young lady received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Others also began to receive this baptism, and soon this visitation spread to the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles. The revelation began to form that "if we are justified, sanctified, and communicating the Gospel, we should be empowered for this purpose."

Thus, Acts 1:8 became a present word.

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8**

As this Pentecostal visitation moved throughout the world, persecution again followed.

**But, as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Galatians 4:29**

It can be seen in the written Word and through Church history, that the recipients of each of these visitations had received revelations that were beyond that which was presently known and accepted. Because of this, those who had received the previous revelation became the persecutors of the next level of revelation and visitation.

This happened because they had become both satisfied and settled with their particular level of spiritual experience. Thus, there are still Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, and Pentecostals who have gone no further.

But the Lord continued His onward walk, and forty years later, during the "Latter Rain" visitation, a further revelation was received. "If we are empowered to communicate the Gospel, there should be supernatural gifts in operation with signs following." This resulted in the "prophet" and the "prophetic gifts" being restored to the Church.

Persecution again followed, as the Pentecostal movement rejected the "Latter Rain" visitation. But, there were those who were willing to pay the price of misunderstanding and rejection in order to continue in the gradual restoration of truth.

After another forty years, the "Charismatic" visitation brought the Baptism in the Holy Spirit into the main line denominational churches. So far, the teacher, pastor, evangelist, and prophet have been restored.

During the Charismatic visitation, the "apostle" should have been restored. John the Baptist spoke of a "Holy Spirit Fire Baptism." This Baptism did not happen when the Baptism in the Holy Spirit took place in the upper room, because this baptism in fire must specifically be invited to come within.

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:11-12**

#### End-Time Baptism in Holy Spirit Fire

We have experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues, along with empowered ministries and gifting. However, we have yet to come to this baptism in "Holy Spirit fire," which purges and purifies the individual in preparation for the restoration of the Apostolic office, and also an apostolic enabling with power within individual members of the Body of Christ. This will take the Church beyond all past and present attainments.

This end-time "apostolic" visitation will impart "Holy Spirit fire," which will prepare the way for the restoration of the Lord's shekinah (glory). This will result in a true purity of life and spiritual unity, in which the "creative word" will be spoken with authority.

**Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. II Corinthians 12:12**

The manifestation of the supernatural is an indication of a true apostolic ministry. This apostolic restoration of the creative word, in manifested glory, will again greatly affect the nations in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom to be established.

**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:1-3**

In transgression, Adam lost the "shekinah" as his covering, which then became an enemy – a flaming sword that prevented all from coming to the Tree of Life. However, on the day of Pentecost, as one hundred and twenty tarried in the upper room, this "shekinah fire" became a friend who returned and sat upon each of their heads.

**And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4**

Notice that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, but the "tongues of fire" sat and remained on their heads. Something more had to take place so this "fire" could come within.

In the progression of each of these visitations, which resulted in a gradual restoration of spiritual life and ministry, the "Charismatic" visitation should have brought the restoration of the apostolic.

Instead, this visitation remained a surface movement with an emphasis on gift ministries, especially healing and personal prophecy. Room was not made for the "fire" to come within and thoroughly purge individuals in preparation for the restoration of the "Apostolic Office" with apostolic anointing and power functioning within the Body of Christ.

Therefore, at this present time, the Charismatic visitation is fading. When some well-known leaders failed, their failure was an indication that the visitation, which they represented, had come short of the "fire," which would have so completely purged and cleansed that the failures that took place would not have been possible.

The fullness of the "apostolic" requires our seeing and being in the presence of the Lord. Only through an inner purging and cleansing will the Lord be able to come within His temple to restore the apostle to the same level of power (and greater), as in the early Church.

We are living in the time of the "parousia" of the Lord – His presencing, or appearing, to those who are being prepared to have a part in His end-time purposes. As Jesus appears to these, He will impart a true apostolic anointing with power and confirming signs.

Therefore, the present Word of the Lord is: "Because those who were bidden to the feast did not respond (denominational and charismatic ministries), the Holy Spirit is presently reaching out into the highways and by-ways, bidding ungifted individual members of the Body of Christ to enter and be clothed in apostolic anointing and power."

**And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, "Tell them which are bidden, 'Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.'" But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise... Then saith he to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go you therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. Matthew 22:3-10**

At this present time, the "spotlight" of divine activity is beginning to move from the pulpit into the pew. As those within the Body of Christ who have no "apparent" abilities or giftings respond, they are being quickened by the manifested presence of the Lord to prepare them to function in the restoration of the apostolic.

A new wave of apostolic authority will again greatly affect the nations as they are shaken by the power of God.

**And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron... Revelation 2:26-27**

The result will be the Kingdom of God established in righteousness and peace, and great joy will be manifest throughout the world, as Jesus is revealed as the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords.

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## **RESTITUTION**

We looked up restitution to read the definitions:

Restitution: 1. An act of restoring to the proper owner something taken away, lost, or surrendered. 2. An act of repaying or compensating for loss, damage, or injury, 3. A return to or restoration of a former state or position. (Webster's Dictionary)

Then we asked the Lord what He wanted to do.

*I want to restore you to the way Adam was before the fall. With complete dependence on Me and without dependence on the tree of knowledge of good and evil.*

*Ask Me to restore you to the original place in the garden.*

*If you want to receive this. let Me know and I will do it, and let you know how this is to be lived out. Ask Me, ask Me, ask Me.*

*This gift and position has worth without measure. It is beyond anything we can think of with value. Priceless.*

It's what Solomon asked from the Lord...wisdom

He then showed me an inner image in my mind's eye about the garden being planted and placed on the earth as a beautiful place of perfection in the midst of the earth (which was under the control of Satan - I hadn't thought about that before). He said it was like a beautiful seed planted there. And everything man needed was provided there by Him. And, if mankind had maintained purity and sinlessness, then that seed garden could have gotten larger and larger as children came into the family and eventually taken over the whole earth.

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## **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

The Lord has been emphasizing righteousness in my life. This morning these thoughts were coming about righteousness:

**He leads me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)**

**I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

**Garment of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10)**

**The kingdom of God is not meat nor drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 14:17)**

Righteousness is what Adam had before the fall. Jesus came and restored that righteousness to us who belong to Him.

I am to give up all rights and independence just like Adam and Eve before the fall – and depend completely on Him as to what to do and when.

I gave up my own rights and agreed to be His prisoner, servant, and partner.

*Do you want to be My partner, Joan?*

Yes, Lord.

*I know. And you are.*

Put Your desires in my heart, Lord, for all things You want me to do with You.

*And I WILL do that as you wait on Me and listen to Me. Then we will accomplish all I want to accomplish.*

*This is training for the Millennium. I am training you now in working together with Me and for Me.*

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## WHEN I FEEL ALONE AND DISCOURAGED

(Quote from *Experiencing Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost. p. 208)

When I am overwhelmed in my mind or emotions and cannot seem to get in touch with my spirit, that is when I stop everything, go into my study and put on some quiet, soothing music about Father's love. Then I lie on the floor before the Father and say to Him, "Dad, I am over here in my soul and can't seem to find You. Please help me."

I don't pray a deep, heavy prayer, but just admit to Him that I need His help and then surrender to His love: "Father, draw me back into my spirit. Draw me back to You. I have moved over into my own thoughts, emotions, insecurities and fears, and I feel alone and discouraged. I need Your fathering arms to embrace me. Run to me to give me the love and comfort that I need."

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# THE LORD'S GREAT END TIME ARMY AND TROOPS

## A DREAM ABOUT SEEING AIRPLANES AND PARATROOPERS OVERHEAD

I was outside, sitting in a lounge chair, which reclined enough that I was looking up at the sky. I was talking to someone on the phone. I began to see lots of airplanes flying above, all in the same direction, which seemed to be going towards the Columbia airport. That would have been northeast to southwest. I saw planes at different altitudes with some very high and some not so high. I could hear their noise and commented to the person I was talking to on the phone asking if he/she could hear them.

Then I began to see paratroopers coming down from the sky. They were coming to land so close to me that I had to protect myself from them by putting my hand up and propping them away from my head. It seemed like at least some were women. They were in a straight up and down position as they landed right near me.

**Airplane** – person or work, church, when flying = moved by the Spirit, ministering in the gifts of the Spirit, ministry flowing in spiritual or heavenly places, ministry on the move, high powered, war plane = warfare in the Spirit.

**Paratroopers** – (not listed in dream symbol book, so my interpretation) - people dropping out of those planes coming to do the fighting on the ground. They were standing upright, straight and tall, not curled up in a ball. They came so close I could touch them.

The airplanes picture many, many works of the Spirit now flying in the heavenlies. They are at different levels, but they are all going the same direction, so they are working together in relation to each other and coordinated by the Lord. The paratroopers are the people being carried in those planes who are coming down to the ground to do the one-on-one fighting for the Lord, ministering for Him. They stand straight and tall, not bending from their purpose.

The Lord is giving me a picture of this hidden scene because I am looking up at the sky and can see it. It is awesome to behold. The planes, the paratroopers, all are amazing for me to look at. It is exciting. I believe it is a prophetic picture of what is even now being raised up by the Lord.

Anything else, Lord?

*Yes. This IS a prophetic picture I have given you. It shows what is happening in the spiritual realm - in My kingdom work and preparations for things to come. You get to see it ahead of time and know it is real and there. You and your prayer partner are some of those planes. You are flying up high in the spiritual realms. The descent down, to do the ground work and individual ministry, will come soon. B will be involved too. This is to encourage you and to give you a prophetic picture of My great end time army and troops.*



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## GLORIFIED

In my private QT with the Lord today He taught me about how He works with those who are His as explained in Romans 8:28-30.

He started out by talking to me about how He protects me with His presence and His angels. I thought about what I heard John Paul Jackson say about the time when he challenged a witch to try any of his powers against him if he could then use the power he had on the witch. The witch's power didn't do anything to him or have any power over him. Then he got to use the power of God on the witch. He said something like this to the witch: "Ok. God, reveal Yourself to him," and the man yelled out and fell back against a wall and slid down the wall.

Then the Lord reminded me that His angels are with me all the time and He has two angels to every one the devil has. He reminded me of two times in my life when He protected me. And He now reminds me that: "Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world" (see 1 John 4:4)

He had me read in my NCV Bible near my QT chair Romans 8:28-30 to again know what He did to bring me to Him in this earthly life - and that He knew all of this *before he made the world!*

**And now 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)**

He also gave me the thought to look up the word "glorified" on BibleHub online and see what it means.

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## THE MIND OF CHRIST

A DREAM ABOUT WOMEN GETTING FREE WIGS  
THAT GAVE THEM THE MIND OF CHRIST

In this dream I was in a store like a department store and was watching a woman trying on a pair of shoes, which she would be given free if she wanted. She didn't need them, so I tried them on and they were too big for me.
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Then the clerk told us they were giving away free wigs and I noticed a lineup of women waiting to get their free wigs. I hadn't been in the line, but had just passed near the woman trying on shoes and talked with her. The clerk seemed to feel I should be eligible for a new wig and so got one for me. When a person put on the wig their thinking changed to fit the mind of Christ. They were open and desirous of becoming a Christian. I was amazed at this phenomenon.

When I awoke I asked the Lord if this dream was from Him and the answer was yes. I asked what the wigs meant, and He said it was like the "helmet of salvation." It was something that, when put on, gave you the mind of Christ and His way of looking at and thinking about things. He told me to write this dream in my journal.

Lord, what does this dream mean? And why did You give it to me?

*Yes, My child, this is a wonderful dream. I gave it to you and I want you to understand its meaning. As I said, that wig is like the helmet of salvation is for men. Only this wig was for women. If anyone put it on, they got My perspective in their thinking. And note – there was a long line of women waiting to get those free wigs.*

*In the dream I had you going through this store and watching someone trying on shoes which she could have for free if she wanted them. What does that mean? What do shoes stand for, Joan?*

**Shoes** – words; Gospel, covenant, preparation, new shoes = new ministry or way of life.

**Hair** – covering, covenant, wisdom and anointing

**Store** – reach people and give them something

*Ok, so that woman you saw trying on new shoes was trying on a new ministry. You tried them on and found they were "too big" to fit you. What does that mean? That what is the right sized ministry for one person may not be the right sized ministry for you. Does that make you think of certain women? Yes. What their ministry is, is not the right size for you to wear. I have your own ministry just for you, a ministry I have already prepared you for, and it fits you perfectly. It is the right size for you.*

*The clerk stands for Me and I determine who gets wigs and when is the right time for them to get them. When you get your wig, you have My mind. You are amazed. You realize there are many women "lined up and waiting" to get that too. Yet, you get your wig ahead of them. Why? Because I have given you My mind and prepared you for the special and precise ministry I have for you at just the timing I determine.*

*Yes, you can use that "wig ministry" to help other women get My mind. But primarily, right now, I gave you your wig before them so you could be ready to do just what I have currently called you to do with your prayer partner.*

*I told you yesterday that this ministry with your prayer partner is your ministry. It's what I've called you to. It is your job to do for Me. And it is first in your priorities. It comes*

*before the daily worldly things you want to do (i.e. laundry, mending, cooking, shopping, reading novels, doing puzzles, etc.) Those things are done in whatever time is left over after doing My ministry. If you don't have time to do them all, that is ok, because you will have done My ministry first and that is what has eternal value. Just cut out some of the worldly things and eliminate them.*

Is that why You gave the dream to me? To emphasize what you taught me yesterday? And to tell me not to judge the ministry of others by the ministry You have given me?

*Yes.*

Ok, thank You, Lord. I come out of agreement with any judgments I have ever made of others' ministries and repent of making those judgments, Lord. I repent for doing that and ask You to forgive me my sin for doing that.

*I forgive you, My daughter. You are now cleansed of those judgments and they are now wiped clean from your records.*

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## HEALING IN HIS TIME

Yesterday afternoon/evening I began having pains in my left lower intestinal area. It continued through the night and was still there this morning. It was pretty severe at times and not at other times. First the Lord had me go to the exercise bike and ride it for awhile to give my body some physical exercise. He wants me to continue to do that daily. Then He had me go to my Quiet Time chair and read His Word.

As I sat in the chair and prayed for healing this morning, the Lord guided me to place my right hand on the painful area and keep it there for "soaking healing" to go through my hand. He had me keep it there for a long time (maybe 30 minutes) while I read and prayed through Ephesians 1. He was teaching me who He is as God and Father. Several times hard pains went through my intestines. He said the enemy had placed a mass there and had me pray that it break up and dissolve and pass on through my body, so I did that. He had me place a shield of protection over myself

*You may pray that shield over yourself and your prayer partner and B every day, Joan. You may pray any part of the prayer list you desire to pray every day. It is good to put on those protective barriers every day over you three, so do that from now on. The enemy is trying very hard to take you three out, so this will protect you from him and his demons.*

*I know you wanted to ask your prayer partner to pray the pain away, but I didn't put that in his heart and mind. I did that for a purpose. I am teaching you to listen carefully to My instructions and follow them precisely. This is kingdom training, Joan, and is very, very*

*important. You MUST learn to follow My instructions precisely in order to be ready to rule and reign with Me in the Millennium. So, I am training you for that now, while in this life and this body, with many things coming against you.*

*I wanted to see if following My instructions was more important than asking your prayer partner to pray for you – and you proved it was...so I am very pleased with you. I want you to know this. Your relationship with Me is your number one priority while in this life and body on earth.*

*That is why (one reason) I sent you to earth...to test you and prove you and prepare you to work for Me for eternity. Those who can do that get to have a special place and relationship with Me – one that you want and have asked for. So, it is being worked out – and your perfect listening and obedience is a big part of that. So is your time spent with Me - listening to Me and receiving your instructions.*

*I need to bring about this healing prayer for you at just the right times, when you are ready, and he is ready, and it is My plan/desire. When all three come together, then I will cause it to happen and it will be effective.*

Is that why it hasn't been effective so far for my eyes when he prayed for them to be healed from the cataract and macular hole damage?

*When he prayed for those I added those to the prayers that you and others have prayed for your eyes, Joan. His prayers were powerful and effective, but it wasn't yet My time to heal your eyes. But the time will come and then it will happen. I have told you that many times. Then you will bring glory to Me at the time and place I want to use you to do that. It is for My purposes that I want to heal you, Joan. And in My timing. And you have agreed to that many times when I've asked you.*

Yes, I have, and I agree to it again, Lord.

*I know, and that is good. It will come. The moment in time will arrive when your eyes are healed of the cataract and macular hole damage. Count on it. Look forward to it. It will come.*

*And the pain in your left intestinal area will soon be healed, Joan, but it will be done in My time and way. Count on that too. You do NOT need to go to a doctor for healing. I will do it. In the meantime, keep thanking Me for doing it. I am using this to teach you something through it.*

# **Elect According to the Foreknowledge of God**

**by Wade Taylor  
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**Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience... I Peter 1:2**

"Elect...unto obedience." Our "election" is the result of the inner spiritual potential that the Lord sees to be within us. In "foreknowledge," He knows those who will respond to Him in submissive, willing obedience.

**If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1:19**

He then chooses, or "elects," those who, in foreknowledge, He sees to have the capacity and fortitude to fulfill the potential that is hidden deep within them.

The Lord is at work, preparing those who, with a pure heart toward Him, willingly "choose" to rise above all of the pressures and problems of their life circumstances. This requires of us a determined "set of spirit" and "heart obedience."

A Company of Horses in Pharaoh's Chariots

**For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Matthew 25:14-15**

Through "foreknowledge," the Lord knew before we were born the choices that we would make (to every man according to his several ability). Therefore, He quietly guides us accordingly toward His will and purpose for us.

**I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. Song of Solomon 1:9**

This becomes a very powerful and penetrating compliment when it is properly understood. Pharaoh was the greatest of the world's rulers at that time. His agents were sent throughout the known world to seek immature ponies with "potential." From among these, the horses that would pull Pharaoh's chariot were prepared through intense, progressive training and discipline.

Then at special times, these carefully chosen horses were harnessed to the chariot of Pharaoh, and in a resplendent demonstration of earthly beauty, power, and harmony, they brought forth the King into full view, displaying him in his regal glory.

So also, the Lord is preparing those whom He sees (foreknowledge) to have a potential to be "harnessed" to the chariot of the King of all kings, and then in a resplendent demonstration of heavenly beauty, power, and harmony, they will bring Him forth "in that Day" in all of His regal glory to be openly displayed before the nations.

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8**

Notice that this "witness" is not what we are doing, but rather, what we have become.

### My "Election"

#### **For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14**

In 1944, I entered a small chapel in an Army Camp west of Savannah, Georgia. When I was sure no one was there, I knelt and prayed, "God, if you will get me through this war alive, I will go into the ministry when I get out of the army."

This deeply affected me, as I had no intention of saying this, but when I left the chapel I felt that something tremendous had happened. I ran to the PX (Army base post exchange) to listen to the news, because I thought that maybe Hitler had surrendered. I was disappointed when there was nothing different.

I had no ability at that time to understand that something very important did happen. I had opened my life to the Lord and He responded. In "foreknowledge," He saw my life committed to Him and this article being written many years later.

While praying alone in this chapel, an "election" had taken place, and from that day, my life was altered and directed by the Lord even though I was not aware of it. The circumstances or things that could have frustrated or hindered His plan and purpose for my life were being channeled or altered by the Lord.

Through "foreknowledge," the Lord saw that I would choose Him and rightly respond, and therefore His "election" was established upon my life.

The Lord knows the intent of our heart (all that we desire to be and have), and "if" we will yield this to His higher purpose for us. Thus, His "election" is not an arbitrary choice that is made by Him, but rather, it is the result of the fact that He sees the end from the beginning in each of our lives. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1-2**

There is much that will be required of us, and the Lord knows whether we will rightly respond or not.

### "You Forgot, But I Didn't"

#### **To him that overcometh will I grant... Revelation 3:21**

For us to "overcome" means that we will rightly respond to the Lord and "rise above" all that could hinder our walk with Him.

**Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure to Me above all the people: for all the earth is Mine: and you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words...And all the people answered together, and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do..." Exodus 19:5-8**

The intention of the people was good, but they did not do as they had said. Good intentions are not enough. I had told the Lord that I would serve Him if He would protect my life. I was discharged from the Army in the fall of 1945, and hardly went to church for the next five years, totally forgetting the promise that I had made.

But today, I am serving the Lord, because He remembered what I had forgotten. Except for His foreknowledge and election, I would not be in the relationship to Him that I presently have.

### **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works... Ephesians 2:10**

I was now "His workmanship," and the Lord was very busy working deep within my life circumstances. I had come into the ownership of a very prosperous business, but somehow I was feeling that there must be something more to life. I began to feel a "tug" at my heart to sell this business, submit my life to the Lord, and go to Bible school.

The Lord had placed this desire within me, as He knew that when the right time came, I would give Him specific permission to break into my life and do as He pleases. He is the "workman," but He will not work within our personal lives unless we give Him permission to do so.

I had totally forgotten the commitment that I had made while in the army. But I had responded to His tug on my spirit and placed Him first in my life. The same day, after I sold the business, the Lord quickened my memory and said, "You forgot, but I didn't." In that day in the army chapel, the Lord saw that I would choose Him above a prosperous business.

Each one of us has a testimony as to how the Lord apprehended our lives and how His "election" brought us to where we are at this present time.

May our Lord's "election" upon your life have its full outworking, as you give Him permission to take you beyond your present spiritual experience, so you can have your part in being harnessed to the chariot of the King of all kings, to bring Him forth into open view, as every knee bows.

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## **SPEAK ONLY WHAT HE GIVES ME TO SPEAK**

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; *he will speak only what he hears* and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13) (emphasis mine)**

Today the Lord impressed me with this idea: He, Jesus, said He spoke only what He heard from His Father, and here Jesus says the Holy Spirit will speak only what He hears too. I was taught that Father is the One who tells each of them what to say; Father is the One who speaks, and they listen and speak what He tells them.

Then Father asked me if I would like the gift of doing this too. And I answered yes. He had me yield my tongue, my mind, and my thoughts to Him for His use. And I did that. Then He had me ask for the gift of speaking only what He speaks to me. And I asked for that. Then He reminded me about Luke 9:23 where Jesus says:

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

He reminded me that to speak only what He gives me to speak, then I must deny myself, meaning deny the things I might think with my own mind and want to speak from my own thoughts.

*So I give it to you. It is yours. I give it freely as you gave yourself freely to Me. You will notice a huge difference in your thoughts and life now because of this. It will be good, and you will be pleased. I am pleased too with this surrender and consecration and gift. I want you to have it, My daughter. It is yours in Jesus' name.*

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## **THE TRUTH**

**I tell you the truth... (John 10:1)**

The Lord gave this to me this morning: JOHN 10:1. When I read it, I was only guided to read the first 5 words which say: "I tell you the truth." I read those words over and over.



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## BLESSED ARE...

Here are some scriptures from Matthew 5:3-10 given in Smith Wigglesworth devotions:

- **Blessed are the poor** (he says this means humble before Him) **in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- **Blessed are those who mourn** (travail for the lost to be saved), **for they will be comforted.**
- **Blessed are the meek** (those who come in Christ's power, not any power of their own), **for they will inherit the earth.** (These will be given power and authority of Jesus, not their own power and authority, to rule and reign with Him on earth during the Millennium)
- **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness** (those who seek and desire purity and cleanness in everyone before the Lord), **for they will be filled.**
- **Blessed are the merciful** (those who cry out to God for the lost who need God's mercy to be saved), **for they will be shown mercy.**
- **Blessed are the pure in heart** (those who keep seeking purity and cleanliness, and keep confessing all the Lord shows them to confess) **for they shall see God.**
- **Blessed are the peacemakers** (those who work and labor to bring the peace of God through salvation to all on earth), **for they will be called sons of God.**
- **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness** (because they are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and are persecuted because they walk in that righteousness) **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3-10)**

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## CHRIST'S CHARACTER FORMED IN YOU

Something Paul Keith Davis (in his School of the Spirit meeting which we watched) said tonight that really stuck with me:

*“Your authority is not based on how many people you lead to salvation, but how much of Christ’s character is formed in you.”*

Also he said he was not “that way” – referring to those who dance, etc. His way of worship was the way he was.

I identified with that and felt it was the Lord’s response to my question recently about why I don’t seem to enter into worship at LWF like some others do. I then felt it was ok to worship the way I do, and I don’t need to feel badly not worshipping like they do.

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## **PRAYING FOR AN UNBELIEVER**

We prayed until we realized the Lord wanted us to stand before Him at His throne and bring the woman to him for salvation. He told us about her being like a scapegoat in the Old Testament (Leviticus 16:10) – that she had the sins of her heritage on her like a scapegoat and she was wandering in the wilderness and didn’t know which way to go for help.

We asked the Lord how He wanted us to pray for her, and He said to pray for her to be protected long enough to receive salvation. We asked how to pray for this protection, and He said to ask for His angels to protect her and keep away the enemy’s evil spirits long enough for her to hear and understand the message of the cross and Jesus Christ. So, we prayed for all of that.

It was like we took her with us before the throne of God and stood in the gap for her and petitioned Him for her salvation.

He said He knew we had done this many times before, but He wanted our voices now to do that again as we stood in position before Him at His throne. So, we did that.

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## **SELF-CONTROL**

The Lord taught me for an hour or so this morning about me and the difficulty I had relating to someone yesterday afternoon and evening. He showed me that I had to use self-control to deal with the irritation that person had towards me when I was trying to do what he asked of me. The Lord said there was a reason self-control was at the end of the list of 9 fruits of the Spirit...because that

was like the “last resort” gift that needs to be used when you have used the other 8 and still are having difficulty.

He complimented me on using self-control when I just wanted to give up and not continue trying to help that person, and just wanted a break from seeking to be of help before the Lord. He wanted me to know I had done rightly and done well, and I was not to allow any guilt to stay with me. The guilt came because I had to deal with being irritated with him and the situation, and because I didn't want to talk anymore and try to deal with his irritation toward me.

The Lord said I did well and passed another test. I remember that, during the time we were going through this, He said to me that He was watching to see how I would handle this. That message helped me to try harder to overcome the situation and my feelings and use self-control. Thank You, Lord, for that warning message.

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## **A FASCINATING STORY**

I am reading the book by Dale Fife called *the Secret Place*. It is his story of how the Lord drew him into a close intimate walk with Him (like Enoch) and the things the Lord taught him. It is absolutely fascinating to me to read it. I have read it once or twice previously and liked it, but now I am a different person and ready to understand and perceive even more understanding from reading it.

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## **COMMUNION**

The Lasting Value of Communion  
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As the "facets" in a diamond are viewed, some appear as being opposite to other facets. The beauty of a diamond is due to the fact that these "opposite" facets complement each other. So also, the partaking of "communion" with our Lord has many different ways in which it can be understood and experienced.

Some receive communion in a ritualistic manner, by partaking of a symbol, or emblem of the Lord's body and Blood. There is no life in a symbol or emblem and these receive only a religious or sentimental satisfaction.

Others recognize that they are partaking of the very life of the Lord, and as they partake, they are receiving His literal body and Blood being imparted into them.

There should be a time of preparation so we can effectively partake of "communion." We must be lifted into the presence of the Lord in order for His life to flow into our lives. Just as it is not possible for us to "wait on the Lord in His presence" until we have passed from the natural realm into the spiritual, it is not possible for us to "receive" the literal body and Blood of Jesus, until we exchange realms.

The word "communion" has to do with communication – Jesus speaks and we listen, then we speak and He listens. Thus, when we enter into "communion" with Jesus and become "one" with Him, as being a "branch" that is properly attached to the "vine," we are able to partake of His life.

### The True Vine

There are foundational principles that are established in the Word of God, which apply to our partaking of communion.

**Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus... For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

This "condemnation" is the judgment (death) that was imparted to Adam for his transgression. This judgment of death has been handed down to each of us. Through our identification with the shed Blood of Jesus on the Cross, we are set free from the "law of sin." Through our identification with the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we are set free from the "law of death." We become a partaker of the "law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus" through our identification with Jesus as being a quickening, life-giving Spirit.

**I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Jesus) was made a quickening (life-giving) spirit.**

This includes healing, divine health, and longevity of life. Those who receive this gift of "life" from Jesus will stand out from all others in the quality of their health, and the length of their life span.

Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes. Later, when they again became hungry, they returned to ask for more. Jesus told them that He had something better for them, and said:

**John 6:53, 58 ...Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, you have no life in you... Your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live forever.**

Jesus offered them a higher life in which they would not die. The condition being that they eat, not a second serving of loaves and fishes, but rather, His very flesh and Blood. This word concerning our "living forever" primarily applies to our eternal life in Heaven, but there is a present application of this that can affect us in our present life. Jesus said:

**John 15:1-5 I am the true vine... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.**

Jesus said that He is the "Vine" (Tree of Life), and that we, as being a branch, only have life as we partake of His life. Through Adam's transgression, we were removed from our connection to the Tree of Life, and became attached to the tree of knowledge.

The Lord slew an animal and covered Adam and Eve with its skin, which through the shedding of blood, resulted in forgiveness. Adam and Eve were forgiven, but they still had within them that which they ate from the tree of knowledge, the right to choose for themselves – they lost their abiding state of dependence on the Lord and could no longer partake of the Tree of Life.

Therefore, each one of us was born attached to the tree of knowledge. Through the total victory that Jesus gained in our behalf on the Cross, we can detach ourselves from the tree of knowledge and re-attach ourselves to the Tree of Life. Then as we "partake of communion," we receive the very life of Jesus flowing directly into us.

If we partake of communion as being a symbol or emblem, we are partaking of a dead religious form. Jesus is no longer dead, but He was resurrected from death and has ascended to the throne to be seated on the right hand of His Father. Thus, the bread is living bread turned into His living body. The cup, the fruit of the vine, turned into His blood, is His living Blood. As we partake, His life is being imparted into us, so He can live His life through us.

If a strip of bark is totally cut around a tree and removed, the process of death will begin. The tree can no longer receive the life that is drawn up from the root system, and will soon die. So also, the life of the "Vine" (Jesus) is to flow into us, as being a "branch" that is attached to the "Vine." For this to take place, the branch (us) must be properly connected to the vine. Only then can the life of Jesus, as being the "power of an endless life," flow into us.

### The Tree of Life

Therefore, each morning when I arise, one of the first things I do is as follows:

"Lord, I thank You for a good night's rest. Lord, through Adams transgression, I was born attached to the tree of knowledge. But through Your redemption in my behalf, I release myself from being attached to the tree of knowledge, and as being a branch, I humbly come to the True Vine, and I reattach myself to the Tree of Life, so your life can flow into my life, as I partake of Your living body, and Your living Blood."

Eating food to sustain our natural body is a necessity and, we eat several times each day. Also, our "partaking" of the life of Jesus is not an option. This partaking of the living "body" and "Blood" of Jesus should take place more often than the Church practice of partaking of communion on the first Sunday of each month. Rather, we should partake daily, or we will suffer loss, both spiritually and naturally.

**Genesis 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of Us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.**

I once thought that Adam had eternal existence built within him at the time of his creation, and that he would have lived forever if he had not transgressed. However, Adam had been formed from "dust," which speaks of a created dependency. It is impossible to form anything from dust. It takes "moisture," the very life of our Lord Jesus Christ – that which flows from the Vine into the "dust" that we are, in order for us to have form, shape, and purpose.

"...Lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" (Genesis 3:22). Adam came regularly and partook, and as a result, he continued to live, but when he transgressed, he was hindered from partaking of the Tree of Life (taking communion), and he began to die. When we take communion, we "put forth our hand and we take and eat." Suddenly, I saw what was being said:

Had Adam been able to continue to eat of the Tree of Life, he would have continued to live, but the judgment for transgression was death. All that the Lord needed to do to fulfill this judgment was to prevent Adam from taking communion (putting forth his hand... taking... eating, and living). Therefore, the Lord placed an angel with a flaming sword before the Tree of Life, to prevent Adam from partaking.

On the day of Pentecost, this "flaming sword" was removed from being a hindrance, and became a means of access. This flaming sword descended and sat upon the head of each of the one-hundred-twenty who were present, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The veil had been rent, and a way of access made for us to enter the Lord's presence.

**Revelation 2:7 ...To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

As we partake of "communion," the way of entrance to the Tree of Life is opened to us, and we can partake of the very life of Jesus, as He is the Tree of Life.

#### The Bread of His Body & the Cup of His Blood

When the multitude, who came to see miracles, became hungry, Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fishes, and they were fed to the full (John 6:1-26). Later, they came back for more, and when Jesus told them that they were to eat His flesh and drink His Blood, they ridiculed Him and left. At that time, Jesus could not explain how to partake of His flesh and drink His Blood, as it was not yet time for Him to die upon the Cross for our sin, and then in resurrection, become to us quickening life-giving spirit. When the time of Jesus' ministry was completed, during the evening before He was to give His life on the Cross, He was able to explain how we are to eat His flesh and drink His Blood.

**I Corinthians 11:23-25 ...the Lord Jesus... took bread: and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My Blood: this do you, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

Notice that Jesus said, "This bread is My body; and, this cup is My Blood." He did not say, "This is an emblem, or a symbol of My body and of My Blood." Jesus then said that He would not partake again with us until we partook together with Him, in the Kingdom.

**Luke 22:16 For I say to you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.**

The Word says, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:3). When we partake of communion, we see bread, but Jesus said, "This is My body." As we partake of the cup, we see the fruit of the vine, but Jesus said, "This is My Blood." Having the mind of a child, we are to simply believe what Jesus said – not what we see.

Some teach that the "bread," and the "fruit of the vine," must first be transformed into the body and the Blood of Jesus, and a priest seeks to do this for the Believer. Others say that we can do this for ourselves, without the priest. Rather, we are to believe what Jesus said, and partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine in faith, believing that we are partaking of the literal body and Blood of Jesus. The necessary change is in "us," not in the bread and the fruit of the vine.

**I Corinthians 11:24-25 And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My Blood: this do you, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**

"...This do you, as often as you drink it..." This word "often" clearly says we can personally partake of communion as often as we desire. We are totally free to partake anytime. We are not limited to communion being served in a church service. Jesus said that we are to partake "in remembrance of Me." Rather than referring to our remembering His death on the Cross, He is directing our thoughts back to the time when He told the multitude that they were to "eat His flesh and drink His Blood."

**John 6:66-67 From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus to the twelve, Will you also go away?**

At that time, Jesus could not explain how to partake, but now, He could. With this understanding, when we believe what Jesus said, with child-like faith, we are literally partaking of His body and Blood. As we partake, we must make a decision – "Lord, I look and I see bread and the fruit of the vine, but I choose to believe, not what I see, but what you said" (this is My body, and My Blood).

Partake with Spiritual Understanding

**I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening (living, life-giving) spirit.**

In His ascension, Jesus became available to us as a life-giving Spirit, as He is the Tree of Life.

**Hebrews 7:16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.**

Thus, when we partake of communion, we are eating and drinking the very life of the One who is able to impart life.

**Isaiah 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground...**

Jesus is a "root" (the Tree of Life) out of a dry ground. Therefore, it can be said that He is the Tree of Life in mystical form, recognizable only to those who have spiritual eyes.

**I Corinthians 11:28-30 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.**

Communion is the "mystical form" of the Tree of Life, hidden from the spiritually blind. Jesus said that if we partake unworthily (without understanding that He Himself is the Tree of Life), we are merely partaking of the process of death, receiving bread and the fruit of the vine – another good meal and we are that much closer to death.

But, if we partake with spiritual understanding, knowing what we are doing, we will no longer be weak, sickly, and dying prematurely. Rather, as we rightly partake of communion, we are receiving "quickenings life-giving spirit," and we will be living.

**I Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He come.**

"For as often as you eat..." This tells us that we can personally, privately partake of communion, whenever we choose to do so. Our "showing" the Lord's death means that we are demonstrating the value of it. If we die the same as other people, we are not demonstrating anything. When we partake of life, we are receiving the life that Jesus came to offer – "Life more abundantly."

Paul tells us that we have been set free from the "law of sin and death." As we identify with Jesus in His death on the Cross, and then partake of the bread (His body), we receive healing and we are released from the process of death. We then identify with Jesus in His resurrection and ascension. As He ascended, He became "quickenings spirit." In this identification, we receive the life of Jesus as the life of the vine flowing into us as being a branch. Then, His life can be lived within us.

Thus, we are partaking "worthily."

#### Preparing for Communion

The "Tree of Life" relates to life or death. The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" relates to that which is good or bad, or, right or wrong. In our daily life experiences we often make decisions, or choices that relate to right or wrong, and comment about it being either good or bad. As we do this, we again become attached to the tree of knowledge. Therefore, as I prepare for communion, the first thing I do is to release myself from this attachment to the Tree of Knowledge. I then reattach myself to the Tree of Life and speak to the Lord words that include the following:

"Lord, I release the totality of my being from the Tree of Knowledge, and through Your redemption in my behalf, I humbly come to You and reattach myself to the Tree of Life, as being a branch that can live, only as I receive the life of the true vine, flowing into my life.

"Lord, You took bread and blessed it as being Your body. Lord, I sanctify this bread that I am holding in my hand, to be what You said it is, Your body. As I partake, I receive Your living body being imparted into the totality of my being, that You might live Your life within my life.

"Lord, You then took the cup and blessed it as being Your blood. Lord, I sanctify this cup, the fruit of the vine, that I am holding in my hand, to be what You said it is, Your living Blood. And as I partake, I receive Your living Blood, the power of an endless life, so Your body can actively live within my life.

"Lord, in identification with You as being the Tree of Life, I release the totality of my being from the power of death, and I receive healing and longevity of life, that You might live Your life through my life."



Just as Adam, we must come often to the "Tree of Life" in order to continue to live, or we will progressively die. Therefore, when we, in faith, partake of communion as being the "Tree of Life," we will live the fullness of the time that has been given to us.

Those whom the Lord is calling to become "remaining ones" are discovering the connection between communion and the Tree of Life as a principle that is being revealed at the present time. Paul said, "...We who are alive and remain at the coming of the Lord..." (I Thessalonians 4:15).

Jesus, on the 8th day of His life, was taken into the temple to be dedicated. Two people were there, Anna and Simeon. Anna was old, but Simeon had a "word" that he would not see death until he saw the anointed of the Lord. Anna was "alive," but Simeon was "remaining." Thus, two classes of people were present.

Paul said that in the time of the return of our Lord, these two classes would be present; those who are "alive" through the normal course of life, and those who are "remaining" – whose lives have been extended because they have learned the principle of communion. These are looking beyond liturgical religious forms, into spiritual reality and are partaking in faith, knowing that they are eating the very flesh, and drinking the very Blood of Jesus, who is the Tree of Life.

Communion can be taken as often as we desire. The Word clearly confirms this – "as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you show the Lord's death (demonstrate the value, by receiving life), till He come" (I Corinthians 11:26).

If we realize that we are partaking of healing and life, we will do so, often.

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M (at the Forum) said this, which I felt was significant and applicable to the provisions needed. It was in regard to wealth coming...

*“Prepare – it’s in your mouth. I will produce what you speak.”*

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## A PROCESS AND A MOMENT

The Lord explained this to me about a lady I had prayed for:

The decision for Christ is two steps:

1. a process of considering the decision
2. a moment of making that decision

These could take 5 minutes, 5 hours, 5 days, 5 months, etc. He is saying the person I was praying for will have her “moment of decision” today, or she will start into the “process of decision” today.

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## BOREDOM

I spent time meditating with the Lord about boredom. These ideas came to me.

1. How does the Lord see boredom?
2. Is boredom a fruit of the Spirit or of the old fallen nature?
3. Is there a spirit of boredom we can overcome?
4. Can we bind or loose that spirit?
5. Can we overcome it by declaring who we are in Christ Jesus? (i.e. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.)
6. Is it like choosing to be angry or not to be angry? Can we choose to be bored or not?
7. Is boredom listed in the book *Pigs In The Parlor* under some stronghold? (No, but impatience is)
8. Is boredom like apathy or lukewarm-ness?
9. Is boredom a form of self-pity?
10. Is it God's responsibility to keep us from being bored, or is it ours?
11. Is denying boredom like "denying myself" and taking up my cross daily and following Him?

What about this, Lord? Do You want to talk to me more about boredom?

*Yes, I do. It is a product of impatience. It comes out of self-pity, and aligns itself with thinking you should be treated better, that you deserve more or better than what you are getting. It comes out of a restless spirit that feeds on activity, even hyper activity at times.*

*It is NOT from Me, and therefore can be bound away. It is NOT something from heaven, but part of the fall of man. It is NOT good. It leads to other things, like a complaining spirit and looking in the wrong place for gratification to stop the boredom.*

*MANY people have that symptom nowadays, and they look for all kinds of "thrills" to stop it. It is the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit of patience. Again, it is NOT from Me, so it needs to be dealt with.*

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## **CROSSING SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS**

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Many people are crossing spiritual frontiers. People are leaving old seasons of life and entering new ones. It is important to understand what is taking place in these passages.

One of the most profound crossings ever made was when the nation of Israel walked across the dry riverbed of the Jordan River under the leadership of Joshua. More than one million people camped at the water's edge waiting for the word of the Lord to part the water. First, God would need to speak to Joshua and let him know what this passage would entail.

Joshua 1:1-9 After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, "Moses My servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you – from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is My

command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua would come to understand several realities as he prepared to lead Israel across the Jordan and into the land of promise. Israel had been in a similar place before, but because of their disbelief had spent many years wandering in the wilderness until the generation of disbelief died off. Joshua and the nation of Israel wanted to get it right this time. Joshua would realize several important truths about crossing spiritual frontiers.

### Each Crossing Will Be Directed By a Word From God –

#### "The Lord spoke to Joshua"

Joshua was told to walk anywhere within the land God had defined. Wherever Joshua chose to step would be his, within the boundary of the promise. He was a man living under the direction of God's revelation.

Each area of our lives has a word from God assigned to it. Each of our families has a word. Each financial decision we make has a word assigned to it. Each relationship we enter into has a word from God assigned to it that will direct how that relationship will develop. It is wisdom to discover these words before we begin the journey.

Joshua obeyed the word of the Lord. He didn't deviate to the right or to the left. He stayed true to the word of the Lord and the Lord stayed true to the promise He made to Joshua and the nation of Israel.

### Each Crossing Will Redefine the Nature of Our Calling –

#### "The time has come for you to lead these people"

Moses was dead. A transition in national leadership had taken place. Joshua was now the leader of Israel. The steps of the nation would now follow the steps of their new leader. Obedience to the call transformed Joshua, revealing more of what God saw in him, had planned for him, and wanted to do through him.

Each time we take a step of faith our life manifests more clearly of who we already are in Christ. Like a chisel in the hand of a master sculptor, God fashions us with each step we take. Under the hand of the Master we begin to resemble the person who we already are in Christ.

### Each Crossing Will Carry a Promise Into a New Generation –

#### "I promise you what I promised Moses"

We each carry a promise. When we die that promise does not die with us – it lives on. The promises of God survive through the pain of divorce or the fears associated with financial collapse. Promise lives on through all kinds of personal failure. A promise from God is birthed in eternity high above the powers of death and the finality of time.

When Joshua was about to lead Israel through the visible frontier of the Jordan River flowing at flood stage, he was carrying the promise of a past generation – "I promise you what I promised Moses." Joshua carried that promise forward past the failed first attempt to enter the Promise Land.

Each of us can step in faith into the promise of God, despite the failures of our past or the failures of others. While we must be faithful and step forward into the Promise, God is the One Who will be faithful to ensure its final delivery.

### Each Crossing Will Bring a Reminder of God's Faithfulness –

"For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you"

We never do what God calls us to do alone. He is always present with us in each moment of the passage. As Joshua called the people forward to cross the Jordan, that move could appear to be, at the very least, naïve, if not foolish. The decision to cross the Jordan River at this season of the year, would ride on the shoulders of this new leader. It was a fearful and stressful moment. In that moment God assured Joshua that He would not fail or abandon him.

As a leader, a father, a brother, and a friend, at times I have lived under fear and isolation, wondering and hoping that God would be there for me. We all struggle with this from time to time. Fear in the present is tied to our assumption of future rejection and abandonment.

Fear of abandonment is experienced everywhere. Spouses have abandoned their vows of marriage and left their mate for someone else. Children have abandoned their parents and parents have abandoned their children. Employers have abandoned faithful employees for greater profit. In these times, God reminds us, as He reminded Joshua, of His covenant of unfailing love that promises He will never leave us alone in the journey.

There is a way out of the prison of abandonment – we forgive and bless our way across this spiritual frontier. Jesus chose to forgive His tormentors amidst the pain of His crucifixion. He told us to bless our enemies even as they wage war against us. When we do this, our future will be defined by the heart of God, not the fear of what can happen to us as the result of human brokenness.

### Each Crossing Will Test Our Current Level of Strength and Courage –

"Be strong and courageous."

Three times in the first verses of Joshua 1 the Lord tells Joshua, "Be strong and courageous." Why would God say this to Joshua three times? Because Joshua, the great warrior-leader, would experience both fear and weakness as he faced the prospect of crossing the swollen Jordan River and the enemies beyond.

This fear and discouragement have faced the people of God in the past and it will have to be addressed by each of us now and in our emerging future. A repeated theme in Paul's ministry was his strengthening and encouraging of the churches. He strengthened and

encouraged these churches because they were feeling weak and discouraged when he arrived in their midst.

Today, believe that God is taking you into a new future amidst all the pain and obstacles that are now standing between you and what God has promised. God is your passage-maker and He will never leave you alone in the crossing you are about to make.

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## HIS TROOPS WILL BE WILLING

**My troops will be willing in the day of battle. (see Psalm 110:3)**

*My burden is to find out who My troops are. Therefore I gave you that verse. I sent out My burden to many tonight, just as they were about to go to sleep, to see who loved Me enough to be obedient to My call. You both passed the test and you both are now My troops along with all the others who answered My call.*

*I will be calling you to pray this way (together out loud in tongues) on numerous other occasions...whenever I tell you I have a burden.*

*Be ready. It is My way of calling My troops.*

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## A LOVE OVERCOMER

The Lord said He was the God of Hope. When asked - How to become a Love Overcomer? - He responded:

- Think like I do
- Pray in the Spirit for them
- Ask Me for My help and resources
- Never give up on My grace and Me
- Be a laid down lover
- Bless them
- Forgive them
- Honor them
- Ask Me to redeem them
- Ask Me to restore them
- Ask Me to regenerate them
- Ask Me to love on them
- Speak the truth in love

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## LEARNING TO LOVE AT A GREATER LEVEL.

Love ties together all the operations of the Lord in your life.

Cleanse out the old ways and put in the new.

Father, fill me with new ways of love.

He doesn't want me to *respond*. He wants me to *love*.

Go from the ways of *response* to the ways of *love*.

Father, I feel like You want me to ask You about the ways of love.

*Love does not condemn*

*Love is true*

*Love is patient*

*Love is kind*

*Love is gentle.*

*Love honors*

*Love respects*

*Love goes the extra mile*

*Love is tolerant  
Above all things love. love. love. love  
Love is in the process  
Love is in the ordained things I call  
Ask Me how to tap into the love well, the well of love (which is His heart)  
He says He has a 1000 more love things if we want them.*

Father, how do we tap into the love well? And what do You mean by "love is in the ordained things"?

*Love was established before the foundations of the earth. It was set in time. Just as much as the waters cover the earth, My love is in the earth. It was available from the beginning of time. Love is one of the foundations I established in the earth. "For the reason of love He created everything."*

*It is one of the pillars of heaven established on the earth. Love is in all things...in the trees, grass, birds. I loved Adam and Eve just as much as I loved Jesus and you...all of creation. Don't forget this. Everything I created was in love. The grasshoppers, even the sparrow.*

*Love is the testimony of Jesus. Love is having the right attitude in adverse situations. Love destroys and breaks down barriers. When we love His way, it removes all barriers. Nothing can stand in the way of us.*

*Learning to love is one of the greatest joys the Lord has for us. No one gets to see heaven except through love. If you've seen My Father, you've seen Me...love. Love called Lazarus out of the tomb. It created the wine at the wedding feast.*

*So, as you can see, there are many ways to love. Ask Me for the ways to love. We cannot love the way Jesus loved until we have exhausted all measures of love.*

*Love wins. It is patient, kind, gentle. It forbears. All creation groans for the sons of God. And those who are the sons of God will walk in My love. There will be no exception. It 's the highest attribute of the kingdom of God. It is My way. And there is no other way.*

*So ask Me for the ways of love, even an upgrade in love. You deserve this. It is the right way...the way of truth and excellence. For all good gifts come from the Father above. And My admonition is that you walk in love. Ask Me to change your heart in love.*

*It was love that came to Paul on the road to Damascus. Love changed his heart.*

Father, I'm going to ask for this: double the size of my heart. I ask for a larger reservoir of love and the capacity to hold and retain Your love.

The Lord said:

*Let it be done according to your word.*



Anything else?

*That is the greatest lesson you can learn on this earth.*

*Put my seat belt on because here it comes.*

*Love is where I can dwell. When you love, I come there.*

*Hate is where the enemy dwells.*

*Love is the essential ingredient to do the greatest exploits. Without it, you're not even mediocre.*

*Love is in the light, and the light penetrates.*

My attitude does matter to the Lord. I should have a love attitude.

*Love is beholden to the glory of the Lord. It goes hand in hand...love and the glory of the Lord.*

All the characteristics of the Lord are all combined and united in love.

Destinies are formed in love.

*When His presence comes, love comes. They are inseparable.*

It's through love you learn to cooperate with the kingdom of heaven.

I ask You, Lord, to send your Holy Spirit to search my heart and highlight areas where I am not in love. (Psalm 139)

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## OUT OF THE HEART COME...

This morning the Lord was continuing to teach me about sins that come down through the generations. He reminded me of what Jesus said in Matthew 12:34-35

**What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean....Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man unclean. (Matthew 15:11, 17-20)**

**How can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good**

stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. (Matthew 12:34-35)

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## THEY JUST NEED WILLING AND OBEDIENT HEARTS

*I don't pick people because they are qualified, Joan. I find those who are willing to be obedient to Me, and do what I lead them to do, and then I qualify them.*

*Since I provide all, and everything that is needed, all I want from you is a willing and obedient heart. That's where so many people think wrongly. They think they need to be gifted or qualified for whatever work I give them to do. But they don't. They just need willing and obedient hearts.*

*That is what I want your part to be. If I want anything more, I will ask you and equip you as needed.*

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## SCRIPTURES YOU CAN DECLARE TO HELP CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE AND YOUR MOOD

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)**

**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)**

**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

**The Lord is my strength and my song. (Exodus 15:2)**

**Though wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusts in Thee. (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)**

**They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (Revelation 12:11)**

**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 paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

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## **OVERCOMING OFFENSE**

As long as we are on this earth and not yet perfected, there will be things that cause us offense. As we keep being cleansed of sins and trigger areas in us, this will happen less and less. We need to keep asking to be cleansed and then filled with more and more of Jesus.

We need to deal with each offense as soon as possible after it happens. And keep asking Him daily to show us where we are offended (and why). Then forgive and confess it. This is called “overcoming.”

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## **BREAKING INTIMIDATION**

(Quotes from John Bevere's book *Breaking Intimidation*)

(8) Countless Christians battle intimidation, yet most wrestle with its effects rather than battling the source.

(9) (a prophecy God gave John regarding this book): Son, there are many called to my great end-time army of believers who are bound by intimidation. They have pure hearts toward God and man; however, like Gideon of old, they are held captive by the fear of man (Judges 6-8). The gifts I placed in them are dormant. I will anoint the message of this book to liberate multitudes of them. They will step out and fearlessly obey Me. They shall be valiant warriors and shall bring forth great victories in the strength of their God.

(12) Walk in your God-given authority, or someone will take it and use it against you.

(17) This is how intimidation will change your focus. The reason: The root of intimidation is fear, and fear causes people to focus on themselves. Perfect love casts out fear because love puts the focus on God and others and denies itself (1 John 4:18)

(22) Satan seeks to displace us in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him.

(23-27) First, it is important to understand there is a dwelling place or position in the spirit that we hold as believers in Jesus. With this position comes authority. This authority is what the enemy wants. If he can get us to yield our God-given authority, he will take it and use it against us. This not only affects us but also those entrusted to our care. There are several scriptures pertaining to our place of authority in the spirit...

**(Psalm 91:1) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**(Psalm 18:19) He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.**

**(Psalm 26:12) My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the Lord.**

**(Matt. 28:18-20) Before He returned to His Father, Jesus declared, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

**(Eph. 1:19-20) "what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."**

**(Eph. 2:2, 6) and you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

(27) These *places* are where His redeemed children are to dwell. Now the question, Where are these dwelling places, and what position do they hold? The answer is found in Ephesians 1:21: **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."**

A redeemed man hidden in Christ is now given a position in the spirit above the devil. Jesus boldly declared, **"Behold, I give you the authority...over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."** (Luke 10:19)

Jesus understood the authority He was entrusting to believers. Our rebirth rights have positioned us in those heavenly places far above the enemy's authority and power.

(28) Just as he did with Adam in the Garden of Eden, Satan now seeks to displace us in the spirit in order to regain the authority Jesus stripped from him. If Satan can steal or cause individuals to lay down their position

of authority, then he once again has authority to operate. Paul says so clearly, **"Do not give *place* to the devil" (Eph. 4:27)** We believers must not forfeit our place in the spirit.

(31) The first step to breaking intimidation is to confront the matters in your own heart.

(32) Revelation is of no value without the wisdom and character to live it out.

(33) When the Holy Spirit led me through the scriptures about confronting intimidation, He showed me two extremes that will throw a believer's life out of balance; The first extreme is pursuing power; the second is false humility.

(34) As Christians, character should be our first priority and pursuit. What our Father looks for is not power, but character...1 Cor. 14:1 instructs us to **"pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts."** However, we have perverted that command. We *pursue* the gifts and the anointing and just *wish* for the fruit of love in our lives. God is love, and until we walk in love we will not attain His nature.

(36) The Lord said to John: "The goal of the high call of Christianity is not the power of God or ministry; it is to know Me." (see Phil. 3:10-15)

(37) Paul measured Timothy's virtues by the purity of his heart and the faithfulness of his service. We must also set this standard before us and allow the Holy Spirit to accurately weigh us. This extremely important prerequisite cannot be overemphasized as we go into battle with the spirit of intimidation. Without this undergirding, the truth in this message will not set you free and could possibly do you more damage than good. For it is not the words themselves that carry the power to liberate, but it is the spirit and substance behind them.

(43) God gives a place, or position, in the spirit to each believer. Paul explained that God has **"raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"** (Eph. 2:6). Its location is **"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body"** (Eph. 1:21-23).

(45) 1 Peter 4:10: **As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

(46) Eph. 4:7: **"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."**

1 Cor 7:7: **"For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."**

(48) The point is, we are not here to take a vacation. Our lives are not even our own, for even they were purchased and given back to us for stewardship. We're sojourners, not permanent residents. Too many people act as if this life were their final destination!

(49) God's gifts are not for our excess. God will test us with His goodness. We are to use the ability of God in our life to serve those who are weak, young, or unable that the body might be whole.

(50) **1 Pet. 4:11: If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies."**

(51) Paul explains, **"No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor."** (1 Cor. 12:22-23) This elevates the importance of the unnoticed. God made the unseen even more crucial than the seen. You can live without a voice but not without a liver or heart. Without these there would be no walking or talking.

(52) What an amazing fact. Men serving widows cause the word of God to spread and the disciples to greatly multiply!

(53) It is the joint operation of these gifts the enemy wants to stop. When successful he can severely hinder our growth! He knows he cannot stop God from giving these gifts, so he is after our freedom to exercise them. Intimidation is the primary way he hinders this.

(204) Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I ask You to strengthen me through Your love and wisdom. Forgive me for drawing back in times of difficulty in order to preserve my own comfort and security. Lord Jesus, this day I choose to deny myself, take up my cross and follow You. I am Your servant; I receive Your grace that empowers so I might speak Your word and perform Your will with all boldness and love.

Now address the spirit of fear and control: I break the words of intimidation and control spoken over my life by myself or others. I break the grip of the fear of man off my life. You unclean spirits of darkness, I submit myself to God and I resist you. I will give you no place in my life, so go in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Jude 24-25 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.**

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## THE LORD'S END TIME HARVEST

*This is such a very important day, the first day of My end time harvest. I want to cheer also, along with you. I have waited patiently a long time to come to this place of the beginning of My end time harvest...a harvest such as the world has never seen before, nor will it see it ever again after it is finished.*

*You and your prayer partner and B are all part of that end time harvest. That means you were picked to live at this special time in history, and are, and will be, equipped to help Me with the harvest – the greatest harvest the world has ever seen.*

*I positioned you for your places in the harvest too.*

*Already My Spirit is pouring out on all people, just like you read about in Joel and in Acts where Peter talks about it. Already My angels are highly active in ministering to My people and to the ones who will become Mine in this harvest season.*

*I will use your voices to proclaim My words into this harvest. Be ready to speak for Me whenever I put that in your hearts.*

*This is the 9th month, the month of harvest, the month of Rosh Hashanah and Day of Atonement when people are convicted of their sins and repent. That is the way this harvest will begin... with lots of people being convicted of their sins and repenting. This will be because My Spirit is working conviction in them.*

**When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)**

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. (John 16:13)**

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## **TAKE NOTE OF THE ROAD THAT YOU TAKE**

This morning I felt like the Lord was saying I needed to spend a little more time journaling about myself, and what I was learning from, and experiencing with, Him.

I have been asking over and over for the Lord to give me more of Himself until I am filled with Him. (Ephesians 4:13 attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.)

I believe I am to express how His presence is gradually changing my life. I see several evidences of this - especially since we have been praying together. I will try to list them as I think of them:

- I feel so much closer to the Lord and feel like He is with me all the time.
- I find myself talking with Him during a lot more of my time day and night.
- I desire to get less and less into worldly things like shopping trips, TV shows, the news, fiction books and even puzzles.
- I desire more and more to learn of Him, to have Him teach me and reveal to me the meaning of Scriptures as I read them.
- I feel drawn to those leaders and teachers who teach the Word with revelation from God about it (like Graham Cooke and Paul Keith Davis).

- I love going to LWF where Pastors M and K allow complete freedom for the Holy Spirit to lead the services, and they give messages in tongues and interpretation, and give inspired and Spirit taught words to us.
- When my prayer partner and I pray together we ask the Lord to come and meet with us, and say that only the Holy Spirit can speak to us. I sense more and more that Jesus comes then, and we three meet together, and He leads us in what to pray.
- I have become more and more aware that the Lord has shown us the way to go in our prayer times as we search for answers to things. We begin our prayer time with only a question or two about something that is happening, and He gives us the questions to ask Him and reveals things to us. Then we (most of the time) arrive at a revelation that amazes us, and a sense we have been shown the way by Him. And I praise Him for “His marvelous deeds” once again. (Psalm 96:3)  
I feel such a great love for the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit!

My bible was lying open randomly and I just noted this underlined scripture there which may be important to what the Lord wants to show me today:

**Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. (Jeremiah 31:21a)**

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## **WAIT FOR THE LORD**

An email message by John Paul Jackson:

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord (Ps. 27:14, NASB).**

No matter what God has called us to do, one of the most difficult things we will face is the in-between time. In the beginning, He prepares our hearts for the calling. He gives us a glimpse of His plans for us, and it births great hope within us.

The difficulty is that there is always a time lag between the initial preparation and the outcome.

The beginning often carries a great emotional surge. We *know* what God said, and we *know* we will see it happen, no matter what the enemy may throw at us in the process. Our faith is as tall as the mountains. We feel invincible in God's promise. We take the initial steps and are excited to see the fruit of our labors.

But then comes the waiting.



The days become weeks and months, and we have to wait for what God has promised us. Many of us don't handle the waiting very well. Our hope begins to waver. We begin to forget the glorious promises God gave us and how it felt when we heard His voice. So many of us lose heart during the time lag.

What can we do to instead *gain* heart during this waiting period?

### **1. Be willing to rest.**

Hearing God's voice is like finding a well in the desert. We do not survive on our own thoughts or strength or goodness, and as we discover this we discover reality and true freedom in Christ. His presence is our lifeblood, and He is our peace, which is the foundation for hearing His voice. It will be very difficult for us to stir up our hearts and keep them passionate and alive without being willing to rest in His presence.

So in the midst of waiting for change, we need to be willing to rest. In the New American Standard translation of Psalm 24:17, it reads, "*Let* your heart take courage" (emphasis added). If we are worrying and striving and trying to make things happen, it will be very difficult for us to find our peace in God. It will be difficult for us to remember Him.

Today, if you find yourself brought low by anxiety, despair or the apparent lack of movement in your life, *let* your heart take courage by being quiet in His presence. This is the starting point for everything we do. There, God will prepare us for the change He is bringing and for the next step in the promise He has given us.

### **2. Be captivated.**

Paul wrote in Romans 10 that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The level of "hearing" that Paul talked about means to be enraptured, to be captivated, to be totally consumed, to be focused on the Word—that is what increases our faith.

What has God told you? Be like the persistent widow in Luke 18 who would not allow the judge to forget her case.

If it has been awhile since you have actively remembered the promise God gave you, change that. Think about it. Remember it. Write it on a note card and tape it to your bathroom mirror.

Be captivated by God. Open your heart to hearing His quiet voice in the area of His promise.

### **3. Be willing to take risks.**

Finally, we need to consider taking steps we have never taken before. Perhaps God has already set up everything we need, and the only thing left for us to do now is take the risk that He's calling us to take at the time he's calling us to take it.

Peter took a lot of risks. The New Testament is filled with wild stories about him. Something daring and unorthodox was in him from the beginning. He didn't always take the right risks, yet God never chastised him for being zealous.

If you do these three things—rest in God, be captivated by Him, and be willing to take the risks He sets before you to take—then you are guaranteed to see change because you are seeking God.

You are holding on to His promises, and you are remembering His voice. You are honoring Him, and that is no small thing.

Today, be strong and let your heart take courage.

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## SELF WILL VERSUS SUBMITTED WILL

As the Lord and I talked, He taught me these things:

*Self will versus submitted will – that's what Lucifer faced – and what all angels faced – and what all mankind faces.*

*Mankind is born with self will (as sin) in his nature – through Adam's sin of self will over My will. That is the greatest overcoming a man can do is to overcome self will.*

**If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)**

*"Take up his cross" (that means giving up your self to die on your cross)*

**Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. (Galatians 5:24)**

*"And follow Me" (giving, loving, serving our Father – "nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done")*

*It's full-time to be My called-out ones.*

*I want love to come from free will.*

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## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE BORN OF THE SPIRIT AND THOSE WHO ARE DEAD IN THEIR SPIRIT**

This morning as I lay awake talking with the Lord, I began to have a revelation come into my thoughts. It was like I was teaching people about the difference between those born of the Spirit and those who were dead in their spirits.

I began to see as a thought picture two different people. I explained about how people were born into this world with three parts to them: spirit, soul, and body. But the spirit was dead when they were born and needed to be made alive in order to relate to God.

I explained how the people who sought God, and sought to know Him, became born again of the Spirit through giving their life to Jesus. Then their spirits became alive and able to know and understand and learn about God and how to relate to Him.

Their spiritual family became more and more important to them and where they had their best fellowship on earth. They grew during their lifetimes until the time they died, and then they went to heaven to live with God eternally. Some knew God only a short time on earth and were like babies in the spirit, and some grew in their relationship with God for many years on earth and were more mature when they went to heaven.

The people who chose not to follow the part of them that wanted to know God, and chose to deny that desire which God placed inside them, remained dead in their spirit. They were susceptible to the lies of Satan and became deceived by him. They didn't understand the things of the Spirit and of God and thought they were foolishness, because those things are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14). They lived their lives based on what their mind, will, emotions, and body wanted to do. They lived their allotted days on earth, and when they died they went to hell with Satan.

I also talked about how God keeps a record of all people say and do, and after they die they meet with Him for judgment.

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### **Build a Hedge for Your House**

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**Then the Lord said to satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" So satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has**

**on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land." Job 1:8-10**

This is a spiritual reality. There is a hedge of protection that comes through Jesus for you and your house. It's invisible, but it's there. As we pray, the Lord will put a hedge around us, our family, our household, and around all that we touch and all that we have. You can visualize this as a physical hedge, or as we often say, think of it as a bubble of God's glory. There is an atmosphere around you that has a force. It carries the presence and power and promise of Heaven. Negative things can be all around you, but as they encounter that bubble, they hit a barrier they can't penetrate. Within that sphere, the blessings of God will come as well as increase. It carries a vibration of Heaven that brings everything else into harmony with God's plan and purpose.

It has been known to happen that a praying farmer's land has been protected and well-watered when all around him there was drought. It's the same with individuals—trouble all around, but it won't touch you. How do you walk in this? First, it comes through Jesus. He became a curse that you might walk in the blessings of Abraham. What is that blessing? His presence living in you and through you. Where His presence is, everything else has to bow. The more we make His presence a priority, becoming congruent with Him, the more the atmosphere around us becomes saturated in His glory.

### Building a Hedge

There are specific ways we can build a hedge: First, **steward your atmosphere**. Be faithful to instill the basic disciplines that are part of living a healthy, fruitful, and vibrant spiritual life. Spend time in the Word, prayer, praying in the Spirit, worship, and fasting on a regular basis. Stay plugged into a local church where you are fed and cared for by spiritual leaders. Stay in joy, praise, and thanksgiving. Keep a childlike heart of faith and expectation.

**Speak the Word of God** into that situation. Jeremiah 1:11 says, "I am alert and active watching over My Word to perform it." God wants to do His Word. His Word is alive, active, and full of power. Do not underestimate the power of God's living Word. What you say makes a difference. Your words have power. Agree with faith not fear when you speak. Stay in the glory bubble. Confess the blessing of the Lord over your children. Speak destiny and promise over your house, your job, your church, city and nation. Speak in harmony with God's truth. Release life, shalom, and wholeness.

**Appoint angels.** Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." Welcome the angel of the Lord to encamp around you, your family, your children. Psalm 91:11, "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." 2 Kings 6:15-16, "And when the servant of the man of God awoke early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?' So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'"

There are things happening in the spirit realm that are more real than the real things. When I, Mahesh, was a young man, I flew from Africa on my way to Texas where I was going to attend the university. I had only \$7 in my pocket. When I got to New York, they told me that I didn't have a ticket to Texas. I was so scared, didn't have much money, I didn't know how to use the telephone; I was just standing there wishing I could talk to my mother. I saw a giant of a man with a cowboy hat and boots on—he was from Texas. "You look like you are in trouble." I didn't say much in response. He asked me what was the matter, and I told him. "I'll take care of it." He went to the ticket counter, came back, and gave me a ticket. "You are sitting with me." When we arrived some people were there to meet me. I greeted them and went to introduce them to my new Texas friend, and he wasn't there! I knew he was one of God's angels.

**Define yourself in the Lord.** When David returned from battle in 1 Samuel 30, he and his men discovered that the enemy had burned their town, plundered their goods, and taken captive their wives and children. His men immediately turned on David in anger and despair to stone him. What did David do? He strengthened himself in the Lord. Once he got back into the presence, it was like he stepped back into the bubble of glory. He was no longer defined by the empty village streets and the smoke that burned his eyes and nose. He was defined by the presence, and he got God's strategy for victory—"Pursue, overtake, recover all." You are going to possess the promises of God, but you are going to have to take them. The enemy will try to discourage you. You may face a reality that looks like complete defeat. You may even be attacked. But there is another vibration that you can tap into where the living glory brings a different message and a higher reality. In the glory, opposition becomes opportunity for great victory.

### Take Your Place

Ezekiel 22:30, "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." As we welcome the anointing, **make up a hedge and stand in the gap.** We aren't just to enjoy the anointing, but we are to make up a hedge on behalf of the Lord so destruction doesn't come in. Ezekiel 13:5, "You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the Lord." When your family and friends have a need, God has called us to stand in the gap. Every Christian has a hedge, but there are times when the enemy will pick on certain churches, families, or people and there's a gap. We need to stand there and pray. When you see gaps, don't point them out and throw darts and condemnations. Come to their aid and run to the place of battle to defend that person with mercy.

This is true on an individual as well as a corporate and national level. God has given each of us the authority and the calling to **be the change agent** for our families, our cities, and particularly, our nation. The glory is permeated with the mercy of God and mercy is permeated with glory, compassion, and grace (Exodus 33). Like Moses of old, the presence and favor of the Lord on our life is about more than our personal dreams and destiny. It is about stewarding that anointing for the destiny God has for our nation. If you see weakness and wickedness in your nation, stand in the gap. Build up a hedge of prayer and intercession. Fast and pray according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. Be the remnant of Joel 2 that wept between porch and altar for God's mercy to deliver their land from destruction. Harmonize with Heaven, and pray for God's glory and protection for your land.

### Ambassador of Glory

2 Corinthians 5:20, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ." You are becoming an ambassador of the glory of the Lord. You are a treasure in an earthen vessel. No matter how much darkness, the light will prevail. Jesus came to give life. The thief came to kill, steal, and to destroy. Sometimes the very circumstances in which you find yourself are not about you, but about positioning you to carry the reality of God's protection and grace into that place of chaos and darkness. You may not feel like it, but **you are an ambassador of life and glory.**

A few years ago a woman came for prayer for her young son who was in a coma after a head-on collision. She came carrying a vibration from the doctors, "Your son is brain dead. It's time to pull the plug." But there was another vibration for this young man. As soon as the mother began to tell me, Mahesh, about her son, I saw her son going to school. The Lord began to show me the dreams and purposes He had for this young man as he grew older. It was like I was sitting in a theater watching an internal movie of this young man's life

and I was able to speak from that reality and release that vibration for her son. Just a few days later her "brain dead" son woke up from his coma.

The Lord was there; the glory was there. You are becoming divine surfers on the wave of the glory. The situation may be dark and growing darker, but it doesn't matter because I Am that I Am is standing with you. I Am: Jehovah Rophe, your healer; Jehovah Jireh, your provider; Jehovah Rohi, your shepherd; Jehovah Sabaoth, the Lord of hosts. I Am: the Source of the anointing, of provision, of healing. **You are His representative**, and you can carry His glory wherever you go.

When Jesus comes, every demon in Hell bows! Often you are the only link to the Lord in a bad situation. God is raising up an end time army with healing in their hands, deliverance in their mouth, and glory on their faces. It has very little to do with you; it's Jesus. So don't be a person who goes into a hopeless situation and pray, "If it be Thy will." Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." The government is on His shoulders. Have faith in the name and authority of Jesus and release the power of the Blood of the Lamb.

God has a purpose and a destiny for you here and now. There are demonic principalities that would like to hold people, regions, and nations in terror and fear. The only people who can make a change are the praying, believing saints. Let us arise, shine, and build a hedge of protection and glory around our families, our workplaces and communities, our churches, and our nation in this hour.

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## THIS JOURNEY IS MADE BY FAITH AND BY CHOICE

*I took him through a great battle yesterday. It was a necessary battle to go through. Believing Me is a choice, not a feeling, and he made the choice to*

*believe Me. That was a most necessary choice to make to go forward and on with Me, because this journey is made by faith and by choice.*

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## **A BATTLE**

The Lord began to teach me that indeed there was a battle going on. He said someone was already telling lies around to others.

He said that Satan cannot function on earth unless he can get some person to agree with him and speak and act what he leads them to do. So that someone hears Satan tell him lies, and he comes into agreement with that “voice” in his head and speaks those things to others.

So I will wait and see if this is happening and if I see it surface. The Lord said that I was “seeing” and “hearing” about a battle.

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## **DEALING WITH PAST ISSUES**

*You are clean when you become born again, Joan. You are totally cleansed and forgiven for ALL your sins.*

*So why do I have you go back and rehash and deal with your past issues?*

*One reason is to cut ties with those experiences so they cannot affect you any more spiritually and physically. It closes doors into you.*

*But it also allows Me to work with that other person more after their ties with you are forgiven and cut. Remember how many times I have said after you forgave someone, “Now I can deal with him”?*

*It’s a good thing to do.*

## THE RANSOMED OF THE LORD WILL RETURN

When I sat down for quiet time, I heard 35:10. Then He said to go to Isaiah 35:10. When I went there and read it, I also read verses 8 and 9. He began to show me that verses 8 and 9 apply to me now, that I am on that Highway of Holiness now, and I have great safety there. In verse 10 He showed me that it referred to the Rapture when it said, “the ransomed of the Lord will return and enter Zion.” I had never thought of it that way before. So it was His promise that...

1. I am currently on the Highway of Holiness
2. The next thing after that is Returning to Zion to be with Him...Rapture

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 35:8-10)**

When I read “the ransomed of the Lord will return,” I heard Him say, “*return to Him.*” – meaning to Him in heaven.

## THE WORD

**I will not neglect your word. (Psalm 119:16)**

Please forgive me, Father, for I feel like I have neglected your word.

*Yes, My daughter, I forgive you. It is now time to spend much more time with Me in My Word. I have so much to show you there and teach you there and give you understanding about. Do you want to do this, My child?*

Yes, I do, My Father. The closer I come to you, the more I want to know, really know, your Word. Teach me your ways, so I may know you, and continue to find favor with you.

*I will, My daughter. I will. We will be spending much more time together from now on studying and meditating on My Word. I know you will love this and enjoy this and will delight in the new level of understanding you are now ready for in my Word.*



Today the Lord showed me that He wants me to take His Word like medicine for healing the pain in my lower back, hips, and leg. I have been pouring over His Word about healing, and He has drawn me even more to His Word about His Word. He had me put a group of these scriptures on cards to carry with me and read throughout the day. And I am to write these Scriptures on a computer file called *Scriptures On The Word and Healing*. Here are the Scriptures:

**Deut. 8:3**

**Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

**Psalms 107:19-20**

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them.**

**Psalms 119:11**

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

**Psalms 119:16**

**I will not neglect your word.**

**Psalms 119:105**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

**Proverbs 4:20-22**

**My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.**

**Isaiah 53:4-5**

**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

**As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish...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 1:12**

**I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.**

**Matthew 24:35**

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.**

**John 1:1**

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 6:63**

**The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.**

**John 15:7**

**If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you.**

**Romans 10:8**

**“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

**Romans 10:17**

**Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.**

**Ephesians 6:17**

**Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Hebrews 4:12**

**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; It judges the thoughts and attitude of the heart.**

**1 Peter 1:25**

**The word of the Lord stands forever.**

**2 Peter 1:19**

**And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

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**LISTENING EACH NEW DAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## A DREAM ABOUT LISTENING TO THE TEACHER IN MY LAST CLASS BEFORE FINISHING SCHOOL

I had a dream in which I was taking a class. It seemed to be my last class I was to take before finishing school. But I was behind in reading the material the teacher was going over and discussing with the students during the class time. So, I didn't get her input since I wasn't listening, because I hadn't read the material. I thought I could read the book at home and learn what I needed to, but she cautioned me that I needed what was being taught in the class...that listening to what she said about the book was important.

When I woke up, I asked the Lord if that was from Him and heard it was. I heard that the class was *each new day*, and I needed to listen to the Holy Spirit, my teacher, each new day that was coming. This is because I also am going through a transition when something new begins, and I need to be listening in order to learn what He wants me to learn. He wants me to listen each day, and write each day what He is teaching me, to be ready to pass this last class.

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## A WARRIOR ANGEL

As I was reading Charles and Frances Hunter's book *Angels on Assignment* about Roland Buck, they mentioned that God had positioned a warrior angel with them to protect them from fiery darts.

My prayer partner told me this morning about two episodes during his short trip to pick up his daughter where cars almost hit him.

The Lord began to tell me He wanted my prayer partner and me to ask Him to position a warrior angel with each of the members of our two families to protect us. This will keep the enemy from stopping or slowing our ministry through attacking these family members. I thought this was until after he returns from his trip to Israel, but I hear it is forever for our time on this earth.

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## HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP PURE

This morning the Lord spent a long, long time talking to me about how important it is to keep pure, and how He bought our freedom from sin with His sacrifice. He also talked about how "He knows

we love Him if we follow His commands” and that also refers to getting cleansed every day as He places it in our minds by speaking to us.

Last night while reading the chapter in *Angels on Assignment* (about “He tasted death”) Roland Buck described a picture he saw of Jesus carrying all the sins and corruption of the world on Him, and how this was taken off of Him (like was described about Joshua in Ezekiel) and His being given clean garments, a crown, etc. I don’t usually picture Jesus like that.

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## **AS I WAS WITH MOSES**

I pondered with the Lord what is meant by: “As I was with Moses, I will be with you.” (See Joshua 1:5) These ideas/thoughts came regarding that:

- The Lord kept Moses from sickness
- He provided his food supernaturally
- He kept his clothes/shoes from deteriorating
- He was a cloud by day to shade him from the heat/sun
- He was a fire by night to give him light and warmth
- He went before him when he traveled and scattered his enemies
- He brought him to his “promised land” and let him see it
- He taught Moses His ways
- He and Moses met face to face and spoke
- They met in a special place away from other people (except Joshua)
- He showed Moses His glory
- He gave Moses the laws he was to live by
- He gave Moses’ anointing to others
- He made Moses the most humble man on earth
- He gave Moses a special place in relationship to Him by bringing him to the transfiguration to meet and talk with Jesus
- He may be one of the two “witnesses” to come to the Jews during the tribulation
- He gave Moses Aaron and Hur to hold up his arms during battle
- Moses held high the banner of victory for God’s people when in battle
- Moses could not be cursed by the prophet who was hired to do that
- Moses was married to a “heathen”
- Moses was protected from being killed as a baby
- Moses lifted the bronze snake for healing for those bitten by snakes

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## A TRIP TO ISRAEL

My prayer partner took a trip to Israel and we communicated many times while he was there. As I talked to the Lord about his trip, I heard this:

*I want him to intercede for Jerusalem, Joan. Many, many things are going to be taking place there soon which are part of the end times happenings. I want his voice to speak forth what I give him to speak for Me into the atmosphere and spiritual realms in Jerusalem. This is one of the main reasons I sent him to Israel - to speak My words over Jerusalem.*

*He is to listen and speak all I tell him to speak, and he is to let Me speak tongues through him also as I lead. This may involve several short periods of time during the night tonight. But I will give him a good “nap” first to renew some of his energy. Then I will call him to prayer, and he is to follow My instructions from then on.*

*He will want to know if you are to be part of this also. I will tell him each time I call him to prayer whether he is to call you or not. So, he will call you for some prayer times, and he will not call you for some...as I lead him. I want you to be willing and ready all through his nighttime also.*

*I needed his presence in Israel so he could dance there for Me. It is a high form of worship and adoration to Me that he is doing. It brings lots and lots of My angels there to dance along with him as he does this. I am calling many, many of My angels to Israel and especially Jerusalem, at this time in history, due to the momentous events about to take place there.*

*Remember David danced in the streets when he brought the Ark back into Jerusalem to the place he prepared for it there. Now your prayer partner will dance in Israel as I lead him...like David did. It brings honor to Me when he does this. I have used it as a ministry to ME.*

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## HUMILITY

Lord, is there something about humility You want to show me? An issue You want to show me and have me deal with?

*Yes, My daughter. You know I have indicated to you that you are to go through this pain during the time your prayer partner is in Israel, and that it is to keep you at home during this time. And I told you this is a “fast” unto Me during this time – for you to stay home and wait for his calls.*

*Humility is necessary to wait patiently during this encounter with Me. Job had to wait in humility during his time of siege from the enemy. I am not giving you this pain, but the enemy is. It takes humility to praise Me and thank Me and worship Me through it all. I am working greater and greater humility in you. That’s what I am doing.*

*I want you to have it (humility). You want to have it because you keep asking for more of Me, and I keep saying yes to this request. You cannot have more and more of Me without getting more and more of humility. Moses was the most humble man on earth in his time, and he had the most of Me of anyone then.*

*Humility and I come together as a pair. You ask for Me, you get humility. So, I am answering your requests for more of Me by allowing the enemy to work pain in you to humble you.*

*You had to go to the chiropractor and call your doctor due to the pain...that took humility because you believe I should have healed you and perhaps you failed in seeking Me rightly. But you didn’t. I am just answering your prayers in a way you didn’t imagine. It takes humility for you to go and submit yourself to the chiropractor treatments and to getting different shoes when you know I could heal you.*

*You have to submit to My humbling way to help you rather than the way you prefer. And it takes humility to thank Me and praise Me in the midst of your pain. Paul had his thorn in the flesh to keep him humble.*

*So the issue is: do you want more of Me?*

*And will you submit to letting Me bring it to you My way?*

*And do you know the pain WILL stop at some point in time?*

*Do you understand then what I am doing?*

I think so, Lord. You want to answer my prayer for more of You. To get more of You, I must be humble. You are allowing the pain to make me more humble so I can have more of You. The enemy is bringing the pain (like with Job) but it is to accomplish Your purpose. I am to continue to praise You, thank You, and worship You through the pain. You will accomplish Your purpose, and the pain will stop eventually. You also allowed it to keep me home while he is in Israel, to keep me from running errands.

*And when did I say it would stop?*

After he gets home from Israel.

*That's correct. Expect that. That's my promise/gift for you this morning...the pain will stop when he gets home from Israel.*

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## **A PRETENDING SPIRIT**

*The men in your father's family had a "pretending spirit" on them. It was handed down from their ancestors. Their father was that way too...one way in public or in front of others, and different when by themselves or just with their own families. Remember how your sister commented how pious he (your father) seemed at church praying the elder's prayer, yet how different he was with you, his family? That is one example.*

*With his customers he was kind and didn't say much. He put that aside when his public life was done. Remember how your Aunt said that about her husband? She said he treated her nicely until they were married, then he changed in his treatment of her. Remember how that one lady told you that about her husband?*

*Yes, some people are like that. Your father was. He had a "pretend spirit" where he pretended to be someone he thought others liked, and wanted him to be, until he was not out in public. Then he felt free to be the "real him". You grew up in that atmosphere and inherited that pretend spirit. So let's get rid of it.*

*Now that pretending spirit tries to affect you to get you to comply with its ideas of how you should act. It tries to make you feel like you will be rejected if you let people see the real you. Remember how you have noticed that tendency in yourself? And you don't like it? You don't like it because I don't like it, and I want you to bind and break it off you and off your lineage, past and future.*

*Just call it a "pretending spirit". It produces a hypocrite when followed closely. It displays talking one way, but acting another way. So, bind a "hypocritical spirit" off you too. I will then break these off, and you will be free of their influence. You can then be free to be the "real you" as I made you and have shaped you into.*

*I love who you are, Joan, so I want you to love you also...as you are, not some pretend person you think people want you to be.*

## THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD

The Lord has been speaking to me over and over lately that the victory is won first in the spiritual realm, then it is manifested on the earth. So, Jesus won the victory, and that is finished. Now, as we call upon Him, He sends out His angels to enforce that victory. So, we must speak forth the victory and call for it with our voices – then He will carry it out.

This is the scripture He brings to my thoughts this morning: 1 John 5:4 “This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

**For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:4-5)**

## I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20 RSV)**

*That's for you too, Joan...the promise to come in and eat with you. I will have communion with you today, and every day, as you invite Me in. Do you?*

Yes I do Lord...every day of my life

*I know. That's why I asked you. Even night and day we have communion, My Bride. That's the glory of being My Bride. You get access to Me all the time, every day. And instantly too.*

And I ask for a greater measure of You.

*And I say “yes” to that request.*



## **AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED FOR A LITTLE WHILE**

As I was typing last night's texts, I asked the Lord if He had a signet ring to give me also. He said He didn't last night, but He does today. When I asked why today, He said I passed another test since then.

I believe it has to do with receiving a greater understanding of why I have been having to suffer with the hip, leg, and knee pain for January and February. He highlighted the Scripture from 1 Peter saying, "after you have suffered for a little while..." then I would be established and stable.

**And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. (1 Peter 5:10)**

He reminded me of Job and the test he went through to show Satan that Job would honor and praise God even though he had to go through suffering – that Job didn't just praise God because of all the "benefits" he received from Him.

The Lord has been asking me to praise Him even as I go through the pain, and He has been reminding me of the testimony of Merlin Carothers in his book *Prison To Praise*. So I have been praising Him.

So, He gave me a signet ring too today. He said I was to wear it with honor, and trust.

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## **AFFLICTION**

This is the scripture I studied and meditated upon today:

**To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 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. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)**

I had so much pain in my lower back, left hip, and left leg today! I felt led to read the scriptures on page 66 of *Prayer Strategy Book* by Ruth Shinness on the topic of "Victory Over The Enemy".

Some of my favorite ones were:

**"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17 NIV)**

**Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes I will hold you up and retain you with my [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice. (Isaiah 41:10 AMP)**

**You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:7-8 NIV)**

**But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ. (2 Corinthians 2:14a NIV)**

**The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. (Psalm 34:7 NKJV)**

**This is what the Lord says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you." (2 Chronicles 20:15b; 17 NIV)**

**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV)**

**Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. (Psalm 144:1-2 NIV)**

I gave Him permission to keep this affliction on me as long as He needs to, to accomplish His purposes in me. He reminded me of:

- Jacob's hip
- David's bones paining
- Jesus carrying a lamb whose leg He had broken
- Job
- Paul's thorn in the flesh

I needed to rebuke the teaching that God will never use affliction/disease to teach us things. He says those teachings are not the “whole truth.”

I am not to resent the Lord for allowing me this pain. There is a purpose for the thorn in each of our lives. It is His way of working righteousness in us. This righteousness is a huge part of all the good He wants to work in us. For me, with this pain, one part of that is humility.

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## THE LION OF JUDAH

I want to put here what is written on David Herzog’s calendar for this month, which includes Passover. On the calendar for this month along with a lion:

### *NISAN – THE TRIBE OF JUDAH*

This month is linked with the Lion of Judah. It’s when the kings go out to war. You need to start to war for your destiny. It’s a major month to praise, as praise will be your key to victory to gain new territory! Lions never retreat. They are the king of the jungle. As you allow the Lion of Judah to roar through you, victory is at hand. Also, it’s the month of Pesach (Passover) and a month of transition, as when the Israelites transitioned from Egypt into the Promised Land. Now is the time to set things right. Repentance and humility are vital in transitioning correctly during this time.

Nisan is associated with confessions. If you confess negative words during this time, that’s exactly what you’ll get the rest of the year. So let positive confession be what comes out of your mouth, creating and changing your atmosphere and situations into blessings. Let God deliver you from every hindrance that would keep you from entering into your destiny. Start to make your shift this month out of your Egypt (bondage). Have a thankful heart at all times, especially for being delivered from bondage. This is also one of the three major months to give your biggest offering, which is key to having victory over your destiny and determines your harvest the rest of the year. If you submit to the Lord with the right attitude and are in the right place at the right time, your life will align with God’s purposes and plan.

**Psalm 144:1 “Praise be to the Lord, my Rock; who trains my hand for war, my fingers for battle.”**

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## **YOUR VALUE COMES FROM ME**

*Your importance comes from My willingness to give My life for you. How important is THAT, My daughter. I loved you THAT MUCH. That's where your value comes from – from Me. I died for you before the world began – that's how important you are to Me.*

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## **GRACE TO DO SOMETHING**

I believe the Lord was showing me that He gave my friend a "yes" to GRACE (when he asked for grace to watch a certain movie) but that didn't mean it was a good choice to watch it. That didn't mean He protected my friend from all the bad stuff in the movie. It would have been better if my friend had also asked the Lord if He APPROVED of the movie and WANTED him to see it.

So receiving the grace to do something does not necessarily mean it is a good choice to do it. We are still given the freedom to make poor choices while under His grace.

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## **THE REST OF THE LORD**

The Lord wants me to type here the definition for "the rest of the Lord," from Kevin Basconi's book.

(Pg. 26 *The Sword Of The Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

The rest of the Lord is simply having faith in God to keep you wholly, exclusively, and totally in safety. It means trusting Him to be your ever-present help and ultimate covering in times of trouble or dark storms (see Psalm 46:1). One of the most important and basic keys to entering into the rest of the Lord is developing your personal ability to hear the Spirit of God clearly.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)**

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## TO BE ESTABLISHED

The Lord wants me to type here the definition for “to be established” from Kevin Basconi’s book.

(Pg 229 *The Sword Of The Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

This passage [2 Chronicles 20:20] says that we must “*believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established.*” This is a very high and holy calling: to be established in the Lord. What this literally means is to be protected and supported by someone more powerful than you, like a parent or powerful Father. To be established by the Lord means to be rendered or transformed in your nature to be firm or faithful. It means to be endued with a supernatural trust or faith in God Almighty. It can also be defined as to learn to rest in God’s power and to be permanently established, shielded, covered, or safeguarded. It can mean to be spiritually or morally true or certain in your place of safety and protection and to be granted the right or the grace to sit at the right hand of God.

**Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed. (2 Chronicles 20:20 RSV)**

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## BENDING DOWN BEFORE THE LORD

The Lord was speaking to me today about humility. He had me wear brown clothes today for humility’s sake. He reminded me there was a reason Moses was called the most humble man on the earth. It was tied with his great revelations and close, intimate relationship with God. If you have such a close relationship, you must be humble. It is given to one who is humble. Therefore, since I keep asking for more of Him and to come closer to Him, I have a need to keep being humbled.

He reminded me of the humbling He did when I had the macular hole eye surgery in Sacramento...how humbling it was to have *to bend my head down* for a whole week. The Lord humbled me in this way, so I could receive more of Him. Thank You, Lord!

Now he is humbling me through the pain in my lower back, hip, leg, and knee whereby I can barely walk a short way without pain, and I must sit down and rest often. AND I need to bend forward to relieve the pain! That is significant! This is humbling and takes away from my independence.

Also, He is humbling me by having B offer to pay for help for me. He has told me there was much inherited pride and arrogance from one side of my family background, and had me bind it off me and cut it from my inheritance.

*Yes, I am humbling you, Joan, and it is a good thing.*

Yes it is. Thank You, Lord!

When the Forum began this morning the first speaker was Sulynn who gave a message in tongues – and it was about bending down before the Lord! I was amazed since He had just talked to me about that.

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## **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)**

This prayer started a dialogue with Him about His will being done on earth, and the time era I am living in right now - the end times, the last days, just before His return to rapture us. He said this new idea to me...

*You will be marked up here in heaven to designate which era you lived and ministered in. You will be marked as My end times warriors, My last days Bride. The distinction will be shown in the colors in your bright shining light in and around you. Each person will be marked for the era they lived in.*

**Give us this day our daily bread Lord. (Matthew 6:11)**

*I am, and I will, for every day of your life, Joan. Do not ever fear or be afraid about My provision, for the greater your faith and your trust in Me, the easier and quicker your provision will come. It just works that way. Those with the greatest faith (the currency of heaven) get their provision the fastest.*

*What did Bobby Connor say last night? He said they needed cameras for TV and he didn't have the money for them. He didn't lament or cry or wring his hands; he just told Me loudly, right there in the camera store, when he found out they cost \$45,000 each. And what did I do? I brought a first-time visiting couple to his church whom I had already given the jewels from their estate which they wanted to use to help finance Christian television, and they gave him their whole bag of jewels. It only took 2 of their jewels to finance the cameras. Imagine that!*

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## **IN WEAKNESS**

**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

While I was in the shower the Lord brought to my mind the scripture “When I am weak, then I am strong.” (see 2 Corinthians 12:10b)

He taught me that through the weakness (which He sometimes gives us as a blessing) we are kept humble. When we are humble, then we are teachable, and He can tell us revelations without it causing us to become prideful. He lifts up the humble, but the prideful He opposes. (See Psalm 25:9, Proverbs 3:34, 1 Peter 5:5-6, James 4:10)

**He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. (Proverbs 25:9)**

**He...gives grace to the humble. (Proverbs 3:34)**

**All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6)**

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)**

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## **TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE UNTO CHRIST**

**We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV)**

The Lord has been teaching me about “taking every thought captive unto Jesus Christ.” When I find my thoughts going astray, thinking thoughts that are not of Him (letting my imagination

defend me and have negative conversations in my mind), He reminds me to give those thoughts to Him and ask Him to “take every thought captive unto Him.” Then I can ask Him to give me His thoughts and help me turn my eyes upon Him and focus on Him.

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2 NIV)**

~ 65 ~

## THE SUFFERING LEVEL

I was still tired this morning, so when B left for work I sat in a chair and napped. I had asked Him for grace and mercy to deal with the leg and back pain I have been suffering with. He told me to praise Him, so I did. He led me to read in Philippians 1:29

**For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him... (Philippians 1:29 NIV)**

Then He began to explain this to me:

*How else can I humble you, Joan, but to bring you into something that does humble you, and that involves suffering. If I don't humble you, you don't advance with Me. With humility comes revelation and with revelation comes greater understanding of Me and closeness with Me.*

*It's a certain level you go through, Joan, to get closer to Me – the suffering level. Picture your journey with a part of the road as suffering. Those who suffer with Me rightly draw closer to Me. That's why I told you to praise Me in order to endure and receive the grace and mercy you asked for.*

I saw a picture of the lesson (about our Christian life as a journey) that we learned in *MasterLife* class. I could picture the road we traveled from pre-Christian to mature Christian and the stages in between.

He also gave me a picture of an up-down journey, like a thermometer. In that picture I could see a section marked: “suffering.”

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## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "CONTENDING" AND "STRIVING"**

I was talking with the Lord about a gift He wanted to give me. This time I didn't ask for healing from the leg and back pain, which I have had for about 3 months. He said He knew I would like to be free from it, but I told him that I relinquish that decision to Him, as I believe He is allowing the pain to humble me and that is for my good.

I have realized (He has taught me) that if I am humble, then He can bring me closer to Him and give me greater revelations. The Lord said He wanted to give me a revelation as a gift, and I said I wanted that. He said He wanted to tell me the difference between "contending" and "striving" as Mark Hankins said we should learn.

Then he told me that contending for something in the kingdom means I learn what He wants, and then I intercede for it, I pray scriptures for it, I declare it as He wants it declared, etc. Then He told me this idea: striving is doing the same thing, but doing it for what I want instead of for what He told me He wants. The difference is whose will it is based on: mine or His.

**~ 67 ~**

## **MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

The Lord said He wanted me to read about Passover week and what He did during that week, so I did that.

He had me read out of Exodus about the Israelites leaving Egypt and the mighty things He did to deliver them. I was especially attracted to the descriptions of the "cloud by day and fire by night" that went ahead of them, and that stood between them and the Egyptians to keep them separated when the army got close to them.

Then He had me turn to John to read more about what He taught His disciples on Passover night. I read again John 14:1-3 and began hearing Him tell me about this place He has prepared for us in his Father's house.

As I asked questions and received answers, I came to understand that this house is the New Jerusalem, the heavenly city, spoken of in Hebrews 11:10, 16 and Revelation 21:2. Jesus also talked about it in Matthew 25:34. I began to realize that this was created "since the creation of the world" and that the places were already there for those who would become His...so this would indicate He already knew everyone who would become His at the time He created it.

**In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.  
I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for**

**you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:2-3)**

**Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34)**

**For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. (Hebrews 11:10)**

**Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (Hebrews 11:16)**

**I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” (Revelation 21:2-3)**

**~ 68 ~**

## **THE KINGDOM**

The Lord was teaching me about His kingdom today. He reminded me that some of His first words recorded in some of the Gospels were to “repent for the kingdom is at hand.” Last night Paul Keith Davis mentioned that the battle is for the earth and who would control it. This morning the Lord was reviewing with me how Satan took over the earth control from Adam. Satan set up his kingdom there.

The Lord is bringing His kingdom to the earth and taking back control of the earth. He had me pray from the Lord’s Prayer: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” He said He wanted me to pray that every day, and this gave empowerment to Him and His angels to do that. He wants me to read about the kingdom today.

**~ 69 ~**

## **BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD**

This morning in quiet time the Lord was teaching me about things “outside of time” and “before the foundation of the world.” He basically said that all of us people were created before the world was created, and, somehow, we were “in Him.” He knew us then. He knew all we would do when we became human beings, and who would choose Him.

He placed us into human bodies as those bodies were created by men and women. He created the world for us to live in. His kingdom is in this world, and will be in this world. It is increasing day by day. We help it come by praying out loud: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

We who choose Him and are trained by Him will rule and reign with Him in the Millennium. After the Millennium, He will create “new heavens and a new earth” and He will come down and live with us on this new earth in the New Jerusalem. What we will do then, I do not know. This explains many expressions in the Bible about “election, predestination,” etc.

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## **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

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

This scripture is on my PC screen wallpaper this morning. As I ponder it, I am shown that He is my light. That means He shows me the way and lights it for me.

He is my salvation; that refers to His blood by which I am saved. He says that is salvation from everything in the world. Since I am saved from it, I do not need to fear it.

He is my strength; that means He will give me the strength to go through whatever I need to go through...so I don't need to be afraid of it.

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## **TRUE WORSHIP**

Today as I was praying the Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed by Thy name) I stopped and praised him and said, "I worship You, Lord."

Then He began to reveal this to me:

*I get more worship from one phrase: ("I worship You") than a whole song with no true worship. When a song is sung in true worship (as you did at times at OCF) then I come. If it is sung without true worship, I don't come.*

God inhabits the praises of His people.

**But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. (Psalm 22:3 KJV)**

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## **BELIEVERS WHO ARE THE BRIDE**

I was reading the Scriptures from Revelation about "to him who overcomes, I will..." (See Revelation chapters 2 and 3)

Then He began to teach me this:

A person can be born again and not receive His Word (i.e. like not receiving His Word on homosexuality). If this is so, they will not be raptured (as Paul Keith Davis taught us last Tuesday night) but will remain on the earth and become tribulation martyrs. (This is like the 5 foolish virgins in Matthew 25:1-13).

The believers who ARE the Bride *receive His Word* and *carry His Spirit* (like the 5 wise virgins) and will be raptured. He said many at CBC were born again, but didn't receive His Word on being filled with His Spirit, on tongues, on healing, etc.

He said I was sent to CBC to minister to the Bride there. These people will be with me in heaven AND He says we will minister together with His authority in His kingdom (Revelation 2:26-28).

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## **THE HUMAN SPIRIT**

Today the Lord taught me about my human spirit. I want to try to write down the many thoughts He gave me. But these will be in my own words and my own understanding at this time. I expect to learn and understand more later.

He said I was with Him, in Him, before I was born on this earth. I “knew” Him in this way somehow. As a child on earth I sought this same “knowing” of oneness and relationship with Him. He said I had a “know-er” inside of me, and He called it my “know-er” - my heart (not physical heart), and my spirit. After I was born on earth this spirit inside me knew Him as a child. I sought Him at times as I watched the clouds and pondered things, when I worked in the garden quietly and pondered things, etc.

I am reminded of the story I heard about a child who sneaked into the room of their family’s new baby and asked the baby something like this: “Quick, tell me about God and what He is like. I am starting to forget.”

This human spirit can grow and mature and develop closer to the Lord if it is taught rightly as a child and is given an environment where it can grow and learn spiritually. Children who die before the age of accountability automatically go to heaven to live. At the age of accountability, as a child understands its decision, it can “choose” to accept Jesus as its Savior and give itself to God. I believe this is what I did as a child of about 10 when I desired and chose to make a profession of faith before my church on Palm Sunday and be baptized the following Easter Sunday morning.

But Satan planted evil into the field of the world and its people. I think of the story Jesus told about the wheat and the tares both being in the same field. This evil can invade that human spirit’s environment and cause the person to know evil too as well as good. The child makes a choice at some time in his life to follow God or follow evil. At that time, if he chooses evil, his spirit dies. Jesus said that we must be born again of the Spirit to know the kingdom of God.

**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)**

~ 74 ~

## THE RAPTURE

During a time of resting this afternoon I began to think about the rapture and what it might be like on earth when it happens. I felt He was showing me it will involve a power surge hitting the air when all of us who are raptured are transformed into our spiritual bodies.

He reminded me of the shroud of Turin and how it looked – as if a photo of the body was imprinted on the shroud when Jesus’ body was resurrected out of it.

I believe (and hear from Him) that it will take place on Rosh Hashanah.

I have thought about things that won't yet be accomplished that people thought they were to do or were given promises about. He reminded me that many saints left before what they were promised was accomplished or completed. We may too.

What is important is that we listen to Him and follow Him completely and are obedient every day. We only have the present moment to live here on earth and we don't know when that moment will end. So, if we don't see everything being accomplished we have been given a vision for, we are to ask ourselves if we have been faithful TODAY to do all He has led us to do today.

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## **A RANDY CLARK TEACHING**

Today I spent a long time listening to the Lord. I also spent time studying Perry Stone's study guide with his Rapture Revelation DVDs. I was also led to read parts of Job, the parts where Job told his thoughts and attitude about the trial he was going through, and then what God said to him regarding that attitude.

Then the Lord said to watch the Randy Clark DVD, which a friend had loaned me. I really found it amazing and interesting and want to watch it again along with B. A few ideas from it:

- Sometimes God brings glory out of how we walk through the fire and disappointment.
- He mentioned it takes 2 witnesses to establish a testimony, and I felt the term "2 witnesses" was significant.
- He said we need to ask, "What's the fruit?"
- Faith is pressing through when the trials come.
- He said sometimes the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes first by itself, sometimes tongues comes first by itself, and sometimes they come at the same time. This touched me because I felt sure I had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit long before I spoke in tongues. When I told a friend that, he said he also had that experience long before tongues.
- Randy mentioned his ministry in SE Asian countries.

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## **HOW THEY RESPOND TO US**

When I listened to the Lord, He began to teach me this:

We are like pure vessels He sends places. The Lord is judging everyone in the world right now and He uses us in the process of judging them - by how they treat us.

He reminded me of how her boss treats Beth at work with honor and respect and asks her judgment on how to write emails that are sensitive since he respects her. He also apologizes when he says a bad word. Or he tells her to cover her ears.

He will continue to send us places and use us as pure vessels to test those around us as to how they respond to us.

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## CLEANSING

**He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."  
Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and  
went home praising God. (Luke 5:24-25)**

I read in Luke 5:17-26 the story of the paralytic who was put down through the roof in front of Jesus and Jesus forgave his sins, then told him to get up and walk. I was asking the Lord about this and He taught me that we were born in a sin body into this world and would have a sin body until it is changed at the Rapture to a perfect body.

Therefore we need to get cleansed daily (with taking communion) and whenever we feel disease trying to overtake us, as disease has an entryway due to sin. That's why Perry Stone calls communion "The Meal That Heals."

If we had a sinless body like Jesus did, we would not have any disease. Jesus forgives us for our sins through His blood. However, we still live in a sin body, see sins all around us on TV, in people, etc., and sin at times in our attitude and thinking. So, we continually need cleansing from those sins. Praise God, He does all this for us!

~ 78 ~

## WILL NEVER DIE

I read the Sermon on the Mount in Luke 6:20-49 today and pondered all He said. The Lord also had me read John 3:16, 18 and then John 11:25-26

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:16, 18)**

**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26)**

I pondered what Jesus said about "whoever lives and believes in me will never die." I think this means those of us who believe in Him when He returns to rapture us...we are those who live and believe in Him and will never die.

**~ 79 ~**

## **PLANTING, WATERING AND HARVESTING HIS SEED**

Today the Lord and I talked a long time about planting, watering, and harvesting His seeds. He told me I was mostly a "waterer" of His seed. He said this was done through all the discipling I have done, and also through intercession. He said I also plant and harvest through intercession, but mostly water His seeds.

He showed me that my "prayer bundle" now consists of me and my family, my prayer partner and his family, and all my brothers and sisters and their spouses, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He wants me to intercede every day for this prayer bundle, but to do it in tongues from now on. He had me do that today. He knows what each person needs and how to pray rightly for them. I counted the number of people that encompasses, and it is 64.

**~ 80 ~**

## **TROUBLE AND PEACE**

The Lord has brought to my mind several times recently two scriptures:

**Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a**



**daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.” (Matthew 10:34-36)**

**I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)**

When I was looking up the above scripture, I also noticed these about peace from Him:

**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)**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. (Luke 2:14)**

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## **A GOLDEN GOBLET AND RING OF AUTHORITY**

As we were talking, my prayer partner had a picture of someone drinking from a gold goblet. The Lord said that I was that someone. These words came:

*I want you to see yourself like I see you, not how anyone else sees you.*

*I am handing you My scepter. You are My queen and bride. And you need to recognize this.*

*Anything you ask is yours in the kingdom. Don’t be afraid to speak the things I say to you. For I know the thoughts I have for you. It may not look like what you think, but I know what I have for you. So stand up and walk. Do not be intimidated by what others think of you. It does not matter. It only matters what I say to you.*

*You have been silent too long. Now is the time to start speaking up and declaring things...for My purpose is for My glory. Who can resist you but Me. And when you need to, just shout with the joy of victory. And what you speak into the spirit realm will vibrate and will make a way.*

*I see you standing up and proclaiming the Word of God.*

*Now you are free. Stand on what has been told you. It is now true.*

*You are a cheerleader for Me, and you are going to bear much fruit for Me, and ARE bearing fruit for Me.*

*I want you to see that even you can sit beneath the almond tree and see things, but you haven’t asked for it. As you sit and wait upon Me, I will show you these things, It is I who is calling you deeper and higher.*

*So just as the willow tree bends, you will have to bend some more. You will know that it is I who bends you. Ask Me to position you for this new realm of glory. Stand strong against the winds of adversity, for it is I who will shape you and form you into what I want you to be, oh daughter of Mine.*

*Well done, good and faithful servant.*

*You've been pushed, you've been pulled, you've been prodded, and this is all My doing.*

*It's been done to move you into position to take one step and the next step. That has been done to capture the Lord's heart. As you've done that, the Lord has captured your heart.*

As the Lord and I talked about the golden goblet and what that meant, He said it was a golden goblet of authority He gives to me to drink from. Then, after I drink from it and have its contents inside me, He will give me a ring of authority that says I am commissioned to use that authority/speak it forth as He leads me.

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## **A DREAM ABOUT A NEW BABY ON MY SHOULDER**

I had a dream just before waking. I was in a church and was to preach there, but I had a new baby to take care of. I held the baby on my shoulder, rubbed its back, talked to it, and loved on it while looking for a diaper for it. I laid it down to get the diaper, and it wet before I got a diaper on it. So I was cleaning up its mess as well as trying to get a diaper on it.
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I asked the Lord what this represented. He said “closeness with Me.” He said as I developed the “new” closeness with Him, He would give me favor and take care of my needs (such as neck ache, stiffness in walking, etc.)

*I took care of Paul's, Joan. Drink from the cup of My authority, which is also My favor, and I will enable you to do all I call you to do. Fair enough?*

Yes, Lord, fair enough.

As I talked with Him with my eyes closed, I felt a sense of brightness in front of me and around the front of me. He said it was His Light.

*Our relationship is way beyond your bodily needs, Joan, and into what I have planned and purposed for you spiritually. It is into eternal territory. Don't worry or focus on physical needs. They will just work out gradually as you and I work together on My plan for you spiritually. It has to do with authority in My kingdom. Do you want this?*

Do You want me to have it Lord?

*This is what I have stored up and ready for you now.*

Yes, Lord, I want it. I ask for it.

*Then it's yours. You are ready, and I am ready, and it is now time. Today it is yours. I will show you how and when to use it. It won't be like someone else's, but unique to you, so you must learn how to use it and express it as I teach you.*

*Now, how do I teach you...I teach you one day at a time, one hour at a time, one episode at a time, one event at a time, and through this experiencing what I teach you, you will grow in the use of the authority I have given you. So, your listening to Me and being carefully obedient to everything I teach you, is extremely important to having this authority usage grow and take shape in your life. I know exactly how to do it, and I WILL DO IT. Not you. Trust Me in this too.*

*You may call Me Lord. I, Holy Spirit, am Lord and Jesus is Lord and Father God is Lord as we are all three in one. Remember Jesus said I, Holy Spirit, would take from what is His and give it to you. And that all the Father has is His. So I, Holy Spirit, am the One who gives it to you. I am the One who lives in you and instructs you and teaches you.*

*This is what I want you to know today, Joan, all that you have printed and written here. It is all true, and it is all now yours. Stand IN it and stand ON it. I am the Lord that healeth thee, and I am the Lord that gives and takes away. I now give all of this proclamation to you, today, this very moment, and it is yours forever.*

~ 83 ~

## THE NAME OF GOD

In my quiet time I studied many scriptures but was especially intrigued by references to the NAME of God. I had wondered about the Name because of what Jesus said in John 17 in His prayer:

**Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. (John 17:11-12)**

Today I came across Psalm 54:1, which talked about His Name also:

**Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might. (Psalm 54:1)**

Then I looked up a reference on that scripture and found Psalm 20:1b:

**May the name of the God of Jacob protect you. (Psalm 20:1b)**

**~ 84 ~**

## **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

Today I had the desire to learn more about God, what He is like as He describes Himself, etc. I was led to look in the back of my Scofield NIV Study Bible in the “Selected Topics” section under “God.”

Wow! It was wonderful to read down through those many, many reference notes and find the list of attributes of God, etc. I want to do that many times from now on. What a marvelous God He is! I am so glad I belong to Him!

**~ 85 ~**

## **ACTING LIKE A CHRISTIAN**

These are ideas He and I talked about today:

Some people learn how to act somewhat like a Christian – taught with lots of learning, but not taught by His Spirit. They had a “form” of Christianity but not the real, authentic Christianity. They were deceived. That’s why they could act as they did – because their hearts weren’t right with the Lord. Randy Clark referred to someone having a “false conversion.”

There are some who accept Christ and are born again of the Spirit, but have not had the Baptism of the Spirit, which Jesus gives. These are like the 5 foolish virgins who had some oil in their lamps but not any extra when it was needed...no refills.

I believe these will not be ready when Jesus comes for His Bride and will be left (like the 5 foolish virgins). Jesus said He didn’t “know” them – so “knowing Him” and “being known by Him” must come with the baptism of the Spirit like came at Pentecost.

**~ 86 ~**

## JESUS IS LORD

**No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)**

These are my notes from today:

*This is My day, Joan. Every single day is My day because I created it/them. So I control each day that you allow Me to – since I gave control of the earth to mankind. Satan took control away through sin, but I won it back through redemption. So, agree with Me, and you will have control with Me, like Adam did before he fell.*

*I could have destroyed the earth after Satan stole it away from Adam. But I chose instead to redeem it and win the victory over Satan using the very mankind he caused to fall through sin. I took the sin away from all who would believe in Me and what I did. And you are one.*

*My “Harvest” is almost over. It has gone through different stages in different places. It is almost finished. My Bride is mostly ready to go with Me in the Rapture. I have gathered millions to be My Bride.*

*There are many in America who think they are My Bride, but they are not. They will have one more chance to learn/discover the truth - a short time. Pray for all to come to Me whose destiny it is to do that.*

~ 87 ~

## WORSHIP

This morning the Lord and I were talking about worship. I heard:

*Worship to Me is not singing songs about Me (although that helps prepare people to worship Me.*

*Worship is the actual drawing close to Me in your heart and mind and thoughts, and communing with Me by listening to Me, hearing what I say, and obeying Me.*

*That’s what Elijah did on Mt. Carmel. He listened to words I spoke to him in great detail as to wood, water, timing, etc. and followed them precisely – THAT was worship of Me and to Me. I honored that with My fire.*

*You are worshipping Me right now as you listen to Me and talk with Me. You do this all day as you continue doing this.*

~ 88 ~

## **WAITING ON THE LORD**

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

*Waiting on the Lord is a weapon. It's the mature who can wait on Me. I am training you to wait on Me more.*

Is this a secret of the kingdom?

*Yes. Remember I called you up higher. This is a higher way.*

He reminded me of the scripture about "the secrets of the kingdom" that are given to his disciples, but not to "them" to whom He told parables.

**He who has ears, let him hear. (Matthew 11:15)**

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## **A HIGHER LEVEL OF WAITING**

**I have summoned you by name. (Isaiah 43:1)**

*I knew you and called you before the foundation of the world, Joan. I knew you would be Mine before you were born. And I protected you and taught you and watched over you all the days of your life – even while in the womb. And you are Mine. You belong to Me. I am pleased with you too.*

**But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time. (2 Timothy 1:8b-9)**

The Lord tells me He wants me to have a waiting time early in the morning for an hour or so (as He leads) but that there may also be more waiting times during the day when He will call me to sit and wait on him. He told me that “it’s a higher level of waiting than we’ve done before.”

~ 90 ~

## **DIVINE EXCHANGES**

The Lord began speaking to me about “Divine Exchanges” He was doing in me. He said:

*I am exchanging your filthiness for My purity. I am exchanging your sacrifices for new territory.*

He talked to me about giving me new territory and said it applied to more territory for me to have authority over in the world during the millennium. He asked me if I wanted this new territory. I asked Him what this meant. He basically said it meant I would be the one in authority over this territory in His Kingdom reign time in the world during the millennium.

He said I was not to be afraid of this authority because it will be something He gives me and I will be adequate for doing what He gives me to do. He said I was not to view it in the way I see myself in this current world, as I will be different then. So I said “yes” I wanted this new territory. And He said, “It is yours.” Praise God!

~ 91 ~

## **LESSONS FROM ISAIAH AND JEREMIAH**

Today the Lord is speaking to me through Isaiah 26, especially these verses:

**You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. (Isaiah 26:3)**

**Trust in the Lord forever; for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:4)**

**The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. (Isaiah 26:7)**

**My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you.  
(Isaiah 26:9)**

**But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. (Isaiah 26:19)**

**Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins.  
(Isaiah 26:20-21)**

Verses 19-21 speak to me of the rapture of the righteous (Your dead) who will be resurrected, and that we who are “His people” will enter heaven (in “our rooms”) and hide for awhile during the wrath of the tribulation time. Is this right, Lord?

*Yes, for YOU this is right.*

Then the Lord took me to Jeremiah 10 and 11 and had me write these verses here about who He is (Jeremiah 10) and what will happen to those who won’t listen to Him (Jeremiah 11).

This is who the Lord is

**No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. (Jeremiah 10:6-7)**

**But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. (Jeremiah 10:10)**

**But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. (Jeremiah 10:12)**

**I know, O Lord, that a man’s life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)**

This is what will happen to those who won’t listen to Him

**I warned them again and again, saying, “Obey me.” But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts. (Jeremiah 11:7-8)**

**Therefore this is what the Lord says: “I will bring on them a disaster they cannot escape. Although they cry out to me, I will not listen to them.” (Jeremiah 11:11)**



**Do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them, because I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their distress. (Jeremiah 11:14)**

The Lord led me to John 16:11 which says:

**[When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment] ...and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. (John 16:11)**

He said He wanted me to ponder this awhile. The Holy Spirit convicts people. This could mean He convicts them within their minds and thoughts. But it could also mean He brings about conviction against them. The thought comes that since the prince of this world (Satan) now stands condemned, then all who follow him also stand condemned along with him.

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## **ABSOLUTELY AMAZING**

The Lord was talking to me today about how He wanted to create people He could fellowship with, but He wanted them to want that too by their free will.

So He gave us His great love through what Jesus did for us, and predestined (pre-knew) who would respond to that and become His.

He made us just right for this earth, and made this earth just right for us. He placed us exactly where He wanted us to be and called each of us at the right time to be His. He is in control of it all.

He saw my whole day today and already knew what I was going to do. He saw my whole life and already knew what I was going to do also. He knew all this “before the foundation of the world.”

Absolutely amazing to me!

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## **QUIETNESS**

The Lord gave me the gift of “quietness” like in the scripture from Isaiah 30:15 “In quietness and confidence is your strength.” Recently He gave me “confidence” from that scripture also. Regarding quietness, He says:

*It is peace and calm in the midst of storms; it is quiet, which is the opposite of stress, worry, anxiety, or frustration. It is a great gift that I want to give you tonight.*

Thank You, Lord! I want that gift very much! I ask You for the gift of quietness (peace, faith, calm, quiet, trust).

*It is yours now, My daughter. Walk in it. Call on it.*

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## FORGIVEN

I was reading an article by Bill Jackson in which he mentioned about Jesus healing the paralytic that was put down through the roof by his friends. He told the man he was forgiven for his sins. Then he told him to stand up and walk and the man could. Bill said Jesus had bound the strongman (I think by forgiving him his sins) and so the man was free to walk. I was so struck by that thought since I had never thought of that story that way before.

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## I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART

Recently the Lord gave me the gift of a greater level of revelation of His Word. Today when I got up He gave me the scripture: “**I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.**” (Psalm 119:11) and called me to come apart and read His Word, so I am. He is leading me through a series of scriptures and highlighting certain words/ideas to me, and therefore teaching me new depths/levels of what these mean. Here are the scriptures He led me to in the order I read them:

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

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

**In quietness and confidence (trust) is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)**

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5)**

**Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city the watchmen stand guard in vain. (Psalm 127:1)**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not 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. (Psalm 23:1-3)**

**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you, he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him. (Isaiah 30:18)**

**Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction (these were your hidden teachers), your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:20-21)**

(Song) "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord...His truth is marching on....Glory, glory, hallelujah."

*Yes it is My daughter. Every single day and hour and moment it is marching on (truth). And you will see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, My truth marching on forevermore.*

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

**~ 96 ~**

## **DIVIDING**

He talked to me today about "dividing." He said He came to divide, and yet He prayed for unity among His own people. He reminded me that Jesus said He came to divide in Luke 12:51-53...

**Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-**

**in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.  
(Luke 12:51-53)**

**~ 97 ~**

## **BORN OF WATER**

Today the Lord took me through a whole series of scriptures to teach me a deeper revelation of what it means when He says we are “born of water” and the Spirit. He started me off by telling me to read John chapter 3 and stopped me at verse 5, then had me follow the footnotes and cross references to learn more about what that means.

**I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. (John 3:5)**

**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 4:14)**

**...As Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. (Eph. 5:25-26)**

**You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. (John 15:3)**

**He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5-6)**

**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

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

**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. (John 7:37)**

Lord, You made me thirsty for the truth, which is Your Word, and drew me to You to drink. I see it now. Thank You Lord!

**~ 98 ~**

## CLEANSING THE EARTH

This morning the Lord was teaching me about things to come, especially in the millennium.

He had me turn to Joshua chapters 10 and 11 where I read about the many conquests Joshua led the Israelites to fight in the Promised Land. Over and over it said they killed every breathing person, none were spared, as instructed by the Lord.

I thought about how the Lord also killed every living person except Noah and his family at the time of the flood, and how he saved only Lot and his wife and daughters out of Sodom before He utterly destroyed everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah.

I also thought about how Jesus will return sometime and will utterly destroy all those with the mark of the beast who have rejected Him and still have God's wrath on them at the end of the tribulation.

~ 99 ~

## RULING AND REIGNING

Today the Lord was teaching me about ruling and reigning with Him and how He is preparing me and His Bride for this now. He talked a long time with me about what it would be like after I am translated/raptured so that I will be like Him. He talked about giving up my "self" while here on earth so that I could be like Him and follow Him. Then I would be ready to rule and reign with Him in the millennium and after. Here are scriptures He took me to today as He explained this to me.

Luke 9:23 I am to deny my "self"

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

2 Timothy 2:21 I am to cleanse myself from wickedness/ignoble things

**If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. (2 Timothy 2:21)**

Luke 9:27 I am to see the kingdom

**I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:27)**

John 3:3 I can see the kingdom if I am born again of the Spirit

**I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. (John 3:3)**

John 3:5 I must be born of water and the Spirit. He taught me what “born of water” means a few days ago.

**I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. (John 3:5)**

John 3:16 whoever believes in Him has eternal life. Eternal life means not just length of life but life like His and where He is.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

John 14:2 My place with Him depends on what relationship I build with Him while on earth

**In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2)**

John 14:3 He will come back and get me and take me to be with Him.

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:3)**

*The time of grace and of the church is the time of preparing My Bride, My “special forces” group, that will be with Me forever and rule and reign with Me forever. This is way beyond all you can ask or imagine.*

Ephesians 3:20 More than all we ask or imagine

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20)**

Ephesians 3:16-17 He can strengthen us with power through His Spirit so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. Faith comes through Him.

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. (Ephesians 3:16-17)**

Ephesians 3:16-19 Pray this. This will get us ready to rule and reign with Him.

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)**

I saw this during the time I was meditating on the above.

**The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)**

As I was reading this scripture from Psalm 119, He said He is giving me the gift of “understanding His Words.” Thank You Lord for this precious gift!

~ 100 ~

## **WHO BRINGS OUT OF HIS STOREHOUSE NEW TREASURES AS WELL AS OLD**

Last night during the early morning hours the Lord gave me this wisdom to give to a friend when he couldn't sleep and needed to focus on the Lord and come into His presence: He said to have him read Psalm 91 ten times.

The other wisdom He gave me recently was to have him declare who he is in Christ: that he is a son of God, a favored one standing beside Jesus.

These two pieces of wisdom are tools He wants me to know and use as needed. He brought to mind the scripture where Jesus says this:

**Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storehouse new treasures as well as old. (Matthew 13:52)**

It also brings to mind what Jesus said about the secrets of the kingdom:

**The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. (Matthew 13:11-12)**

**Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. (Matthew 13:16)**

~ 101 ~

## **INVITE THE LORD IN**

During the night, when my prayer partner texted me with a question, I said I would ask the Lord. But I didn't hear anything in answer to his question. I finally texted back that I didn't hear

anything. He hadn't either. So I said I would keep asking. When I asked again, I heard the Lord say this:

*You haven't greeted Me yet.*

So I greeted Him and worshiped Him. Then He spoke to me about the question.

Later He told me He wants me to invite Him into the conversation like when we pray by phone. He said this was for my protection. He said:

*Whether it's by text or by phone, it's still our three-way conversation, and I want you to invite Me in. This will close the conversation to "outsiders" who might be trying to influence either of you.*

~ 102 ~

## **RICHERS AND WISDOM**

**Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. (Isaiah 60:5)**

**God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. (1 Kings 4:29)**

The Lord allowed me to pray the scriptures in Isaiah 60:5 and 1 Kings 4:29 for my prayer partner, for B, and for me, so I did that. He said He granted that to us. PTL! That includes:

- We will look and be radiant
- Our hearts will throb and swell with joy
- The wealth on the seas will be brought to us
- The riches of the nations will come to us
- Wisdom
- Very great insight
- A breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore

Thank You Lord!!!!

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## **DIVINE EXCHANGE**

Re divine exchange when I take communion:

When I take the bread, Jesus has me give Him my diseases, infirmities, afflictions, and disabilities (and I also add sicknesses, pains, and sorrows). Then, after He says He has them, He gives me back His health, wholeness, and wellness...and I receive it from Him.

We do this with the juice: I give Him all my sins, and He gives me His righteousness.

~ 104 ~

## **HIS REDEEMED BRIDE**

The Lord is again telling me this morning that He is coming to get His redeemed Bride. He brought two songs into my mind, and when I sang them, I realized they both referred to the Rapture. The songs were:

(A song) ( See Song of Solomon 6:3)

I'm My Beloved's and He is mine,  
His banner over me is love.  
I'm My Beloved's and He is mine,  
His banner over me is love.  
I'm My Beloved's and He is mine,  
His banner over me is love.  
His banner - over me - is love.

He takes me to His banqueting table,  
His banner over me is love. (Repeat)

(A song) (See Isaiah 51:11)

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return  
And come with singing unto Zion,  
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.  
They shall obtain gladness and joy,  
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return  
And come with singing unto Zion,  
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Then He reminded me of the scripture that says the Lord does nothing until He tells his prophets.  
So I imagine He is telling many of His prophets.

~ 105 ~

## MY COLLECTION OF SCRIPTURES AND PROCLAMATIONS

I am to start a collection of scriptures and proclamations the Lord gives me to use, and print these out, and pray them regularly. I want to begin that with Psalm 19:14 and Psalm 141:3

**Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.  
(Psalm 141:3)**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)**

I am to call this: *My collection of scriptures and proclamations from the Lord.*

~ 106 ~

## ALL

This morning as I talked with the Lord upon awakening, He said this to me:

*I am ALL powerful, ALL mighty; there's nothing I can't save you from. I can save you in ALL ways, at ALL times, in ALL situations you face. I am ALL POWERFUL.*

~ 107 ~

## THE NEW PROTOCOL

**I cried to You Lord with my voice and you heard me from Your holy hill.  
(Psalm 3:4)**

*Sometimes I don't want to be asked any questions, Joan. I just want to spend time with you. I want you to come and spend time in My presence because you want to be with Me. That's all. I just want fellowship. I want you to come and "be with Me, and talk to Me about what I want and what I am thinking about." Then, if I tell you to, you may ask Me questions. If I don't tell you to, then you may save your questions until a later time.*

I have the thought He wants us to come into His presence and ASK Him if we may ask some questions, rather than just starting to ask them.

*That's right, Joan. That is part of the new protocol.*

I have had the thought several times lately that we wouldn't walk up to some person and just start asking him questions without greeting him first.

Do You want to tell me more about the new protocol, Lord?

*Yes, I will be doing that over the next several days/weeks. This is the season of a new protocol. I want to take you from approaching me like a child with lots of questions, to the level of approaching Me like a young adult (Teknon).*

How does a "Teknon" approach You Lord?

*That is what I will be showing you. Be watching for it. I will show you in My word - by the examples of others there, and also through things you will hear or read. Be watching. I WILL show you, and you will learn it.*

*It will not be an "instant answers" approach, but will require more waiting and listening and asking Me what I want to do in this situation.*