

ENCOURAGING
WORDS
Book 17

TO REVIEW
FOR STRENGTHENING

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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.

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GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

As I talked this morning with the Lord about provisions needed, and what we are to do right now about them, He put this song in my mind:

(A song)

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way; He will make a way.

This is His guidance right now for us: He will make a way and we are to wait for it. While we wait, we can praise and thank Him and worship Him. Is that it, Lord?

That's it, Joan. You are now in the praise and thanks and worship stage, having prayed for the need and having placed it entirely in My hands, doing nothing but depending entirely on Me. That's what I want – that entire dependency. Then I get all the credit and glory when the provision comes.

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THE KINGDOM

Once you make the decision to make Jesus your Savior and Lord, then you have the option/possibility to reach into the “other dimension” where He lives. This other dimension is all around you at all times, but it is reached by your free will making a choice to seek Him...and some people do that. This “other dimension” is called the kingdom.

The dimension that Satan resides in is also made by choosing to seek him...and some people do that.

I, Jesus, brought the Kingdom of God near to people when I was on earth as a human being.

The kingdom of Satan was already dominating the earth world.

So I brought the Kingdom of God near and made it possible for people to come out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of Light – for those who believed in Me and what I taught them.

You are one who sought Me and believed in Me and therefore sought My Kingdom and came into it. You belong to Me and I will never let you go. You are safe in My Kingdom.

This is what I want you to do more and more, Joan – listen to Me and write what I teach you. Whatever you write for Me is recorded up here in heaven in My library of record books about each person on earth.

~ 3 ~

TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE LORD

I read the first two chapters today of my new book by Derek Prince called *Rules of Engagement*. It is excellent. The Lord talked with me a lot as I read – especially about being totally dependent on Him. Then He said:

The key to winning victory, to overcoming, and to finishing well is absolute and daily dependence on Me. That's what "take up your cross daily" means. "Your cross" is to be dependent totally on Me.

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

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GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK OF THE LORD

1. What must I do?
2. What does this mean?
3. What question do I need to ask You that I have not thought to ask You?
4. What do You want me to see with Your eyes?
5. What do You want me to see that I don't see?
6. What does the enemy not want me to see?
7. How do I stand with You?
8. What does it mean to my relationship with You?
9. How do I overcome?
10. Where do I need to trust You?
11. How do I step into my identity?

12. How do we win this fight?
13. How do I walk with You in this situation?
14. How and what do You want me to receive today?
15. Where do I need to grow up?
16. How do I accelerate peace, joy, and love in my life?
17. What do You want me to speak for You?
18. What do I need to agree with You on?
19. Where is the creative solution in You?
20. What are You saying next?
21. What is the outcome beyond my thinking that I need to see in You?
22. Where do I need to understand Your scripture(s) and Your power?
23. How do I need to understand Your creative genius?
24. How do I need to think differently?
25. Where have I not loved today?
26. What do You want to teach me?
27. What do You want me to learn about myself?
28. Is there a blind side here that You want to show me?

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PRAYING THAT THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE

After worshiping the Lord, and gazing upon Him for awhile, He said:

Ask Me these three questions:

(1) What do I want to tell you that's on My heart for you, Joan?

Pray that My will be done in your life. That is all you need to pray.

(2) What do I want to tell you that's on My heart for Me?

For Me, I want clear free access to all those I am calling to Me. How do you help Me do that? You pray for My heart's desires be completed. You pray that My will be done on earth as it is in heaven. You pray that those I am calling be given ears to hear Me and eyes to see Me and a heart to desire Me. OK? Will you do that?

(3) What do I want to tell you that's on My heart for others?

For others, please pray for tender hearts that yearn for Me, for a heart that desires Me and seeks Me, and for them to take the time to seek Me. Please pray that I will put people and circumstances in their pathways that they will notice and follow to reach Me. Please

pray that I block all the efforts of the enemy that would try to keep them from seeking Me. If they seek Me, they will find Me. So seeking Me is all important.

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THE TRANSCENDENT LIFE

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

I heard Bill Johnson speak at a conference. He spoke on John 3 where Jesus talks to Nicodemus. This is a thought that came to me when he talked about the Spirit being like the wind which blows where it wills and we don't see it but only the effect it has: The thought was that those effects are different in each person. Perhaps those people who are yelling out loud in the session are affected by the Spirit which causes them to yell, like He causes another person to dance. Hmmm.

Bill talked about the keys to the kingdom and said that when we bind something and forbid it to function, then we need to loose something of what is in heaven. He read this verse from a Moffett translation, which is similar to these:

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; the things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows." (Matthew 16:19 NCV)

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:19 AMP)

Bill said he thought we could all live the transcendent life as Jesus did, including the transfiguration. He said the Father loves to co-labor with us and see what we think and how we process things. He said Jesus didn't say the disciples were wrong in wanting to be great, but that they needed to have an adjustment in their thinking of what was great. He said it was a good thing to dream and not feel there is something wrong with it. I thought of how I have been putting myself down for having such an imagination and thinking that it gives me thoughts not from God. So I want to ask Father to fine tune my imagination and let me dream what He wants me to dream, and to think what He wants me to think "as they are in heaven."

Father I ask You to teach me heavenly things and how the kingdom works.

I am teaching you this every day of your life. Keep noticing it when I give a thought, even if fleeting and seemingly insignificant. When the thought comes, stop and tune your mind in to Me and ask Me if that thought was from Me. You will be surprised how many times I will say yes.

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HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST

This morning in Quiet Time with the Lord as I rested in bed and talked with Him for about an hour, he taught me about “having the mind of Christ.” He taught me to seek Him for His Mind so I could see what He sees, hear Him speak His thoughts to me, think as He thinks, and feel as He feels. In other words to have His mind, His thoughts, His eyes, and His heart.

Jesus had this as He sought His Father, listened to Him, saw what the Father was doing, and did only that. He kept His eyes on His Father, and I am to keep my eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith.

He drew my attention to the Ephesians 1:17-19 prayer of Paul in which he asked that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.” And He kept drawing my attention to the scripture in 1 Corinthians 2:16 “But we have the mind of Christ.” He taught me that I am to seek His Mind according to this proceeding Word from Him that I have His mind. Then He will lead and show me how to pray and intercede for others rightly because, when I have His mind, I have His eyes/His vision/His seeing. Then His mind will instruct me in how to pray.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)

Do not look at the circumstances but at Me. Keep your eyes focused on Me. I am the Way. I know the Way. I will show you the way to walk as you look to Me, and listen to Me, and be obedient to Me, and walk with Me. You don't know the way, but I do.

(A song)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.

When you seek Me in this way and come into My presence, then I will show you how to pray what I want prayed and do what I want done. Jesus did that. I want you to do that too. Will you do that for Me and with Me?

Yes, Lord, I will do that for You and with You.

Father, I pray:

That out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen T and B with power through Your Spirit in his inner being, so that Christ may dwell in his heart through faith. And I pray that he, 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 he may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

The Lord had me pray that Jesus remove the veils that might be blinding L and reveal Himself as the Truth to her. Then He had me pray this for J too. Then he had me pray this for all my brothers and sisters, their spouses, and their children, and grandchildren too. Then He added J, K and J.

The Lord brought to my mind T whom I knew as a friend at Lake James Christian Camp when I was 18. The Lord led me to ask Him to remove any veils that might be blinding him and to reveal Himself to T as the Truth, sometime before he dies, at His appointed time, so I prayed this.

HE said He would be doing this (bringing old friends to my mind) for me to pray for them like this as they either are or will be “my brothers and sisters in Christ.”

And this prayer is of Me, Joan, and it is My will, so I will fulfill the prayer.

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THE FURNACE OF AFFLICTION

See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. (Isaiah 48:10)

Just as I was about to take communion this morning the Lord started talking to me about a friend and what he is going through today. The Lord said this is a purification and strengthening testing to make him like a strong sword (I see the sword) where the blade must be extremely strong to do the battle work it is to do. The Lord doesn't want to miss this testing opportunity to do every bit of

strengthening needed by cutting short the time by even one day. He reminds me of the scripture where it says His Word is pure like gold purified seven times. It is adversity that does the purification.

The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times. (Psalm 12:6)

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NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND

The Jews gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” (John 10:24-30)

I was reading John 10:25-30 and the Lord spoke to me regarding the words that “no one can snatch them out of my hand.” The ideas He gave me were these:

- The real sheep listen to His voice and follow Him. They are like the 4th group in the parable of the Sower in Luke 8:5-15.
- The ones who seemed like Christians who seemed to be “snatched out of His hand” were those He taught about in the 2nd and 3rd groups in the same parable.
- He said there are many in the churches who fit into the 2nd and 3rd groups. (They either fall away or don’t mature.)

This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. [1] Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. [2] Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. [3] The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. [4] But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 8:11-15)

So there is a group (1) that doesn’t believe, group (2) that falls away, a group (3) that does not mature, and a group (4) that produces a crop.

WHO JESUS IS

I am getting the thought to look up and write out the scriptures where Jesus tells us who He is and what He is like and what He does.

SCRIPTURES ON WHO JESUS IS

Jesus does what the Father does.

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19)

Jesus has life in himself and gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:21, 26)

Jesus has been entrusted with all judgment.

The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. (John 5:22, 26)

The dead who hear Jesus' voice will live.

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. (John 5:22)

Everyone in their graves will sometime hear his voice and come out.

A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)

Jesus is the Messiah.

**The woman said, “I know that Messiah (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.” (John 4:25-26)**

Jesus gives water to drink, which brings eternal life.

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:13-14)

Jesus came from heaven.

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. (John 3:13)

Jesus must be lifted up so those who believe in him may have eternal life.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14)

God sent Jesus into the world to save the world

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)

Angels shall ascend and descend on Jesus

I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. (John 1:51)

Jesus reveals his glory through his miracles

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. (John 2:11)

Jesus tells them he will be raised in three days.

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. (John 2:19,21)

Jesus was with God in the beginning.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1-2)

Jesus made all things.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (John 1:3)

Jesus is life and light.

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:5)

Jesus gives the right to become children of God to those who receive him.

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)

Jesus is full of grace and truth.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Jesus, the Word, became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14)

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CLOUD OF GLORY

I had a dream during the morning hours and one thing I remember from it was about a “cloud of glory” which seems like it was where a person went to get his financial provision.

During my set apart time with the Lord the Lord led me to find out what the “cloud of glory” idea from the dream meant. He had me look up “cloud” in the “Selected Topics” section of my Scofield Study Bible and read all the scriptures from Exodus, Nehemiah, etc. about the cloud with the Israelites. I saw that the cloud was:

- leading them,
- showing them the way,
- providing light for them during the night,
- protecting them from their enemy (Egyptians),
- and how He provided all they needed during this time.

He had me pray and declare all these things.

Then He had me read Exodus 24:15 about the time He had Moses come up on the mountain and into the cloud of His presence there and His glory was there in that cloud. Then I knew that was what the dream “cloud of glory” was referring to.

He also showed me that Moses had a big “family” he was to provide for, so whenever the Israelites had a need (water, food, protection) Moses came to the Lord and He gave him the answer to the provision.

And when the Israelites rebelled against him and Aaron, the Lord told him how to work out that situation too.

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DO NOT FEAR WHAT THEY FEAR

The Lord spoke to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people. He said: “Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The

Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary. (Isaiah 8:12-14)

Regarding verses 12-14 I felt the Lord was applying that to all the “prognosticators” who speak their thoughts and opinions on TV about the issues going on in the world. I am not to fear what they fear or call conspiracy what they call conspiracy because the Lord Almighty is the One I am to regard as holy and the One I am to fear. He is my sanctuary and will be that for me. I am so thankful and grateful that He is. PTL!

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MANY KINDS OF GIVERS

I was thinking about how I received an allowance as a child, and my sister and I saved up enough to buy a US savings bond from that small allowance. I realized that taught me to be frugal with money, to plan its use carefully, and to save from it. Then I heard the Lord say:

That was important for you to learn because of the lifestyle you were to live the rest of your life. It was the lifestyle I had planned for you and you were being trained to live it. You were not meant to be a great big generous giver like Mark Hankins and David Herzog talked about. Some people are meant to be that and do that. You are meant to be a frugal, careful, good steward of what I give you – just like you are doing.

There are many kinds of “givers” in the world. Each one can be generous and cheerful as they give. Some give extravagantly and some give less than that, but still adequately so they don’t get too attached to their money. Both are good and “of Me.” You are the latter. You were trained to be one way; some are being trained to be another way. Both reveal My glory and are recorded up in heaven. I approve of both and am pleased with both. Don’t try to be like someone else, but be what I made you to be.

I like you the way you are, Joan. I want you to know that. And I am pleased with you too. You will hear “Well done, My good and faithful servant” when you come up here with Me at the judgment...for I am pleased with you. You are slow and steady and persistent and stable – just the way I made you to be, and just what I need for others to lean on.

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THE GIFT OF ASSURANCE

The Lord said He had a gift He wanted to give me. What is it, Lord?

I want to give you the gift of assurance. I want you to have supernatural assurance that I will always be with you and I will always take care of you. That is a marvelous gift, wouldn't you think?

Yes, Lord, that is a marvelous gift! I ask you for that gift of assurance. Thank you for giving it to me. I receive it with joy from You.

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HOW GOD USES OUR FIVE SENSES TO RELATE TO US

I am realizing now why my prayer partner relates to Walter Beuttler (talking about how God uses all five of our senses to relate to us). I see that God relates to him through his “seeing” (i.e. impressions, visions, pictures, dreams) and through his “smell” (i.e. flowers or bread), through his “touch” (i.e. places that hurt, sting, feel electricity), and “hearing” (i.e. God’s voice, thoughts). I relate to God through hearing (i.e. tone, His voice, thoughts), seeing (i.e. impressions, visions, pictures, dreams), and touch (i.e. sensations in hands). I have experienced smell a few times when I sensed a lovely fragrance. I guess I do experience the same things as my prayer partner does, but to a much different degree. I mostly relate through hearing Him. He seems to largely relate through sensations in his body.

~ 16 ~

HAVING GOD FOR OUR TREASURE

"When the Lord divided Canaan among the tribes of Israel, Levi received no share of the land. God said to him simply, 'I am thy part and thine inheritance,' and by those words made him richer than all his brethren, richer than all the kings and rajas who have ever lived in the world. And there is a spiritual principle here, a principle still valid for every priest of the Most High God. **The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One....**having the Source of all things, he has in One, all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight. Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 19)

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV)

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (Matthew 6:24 NIV)

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BE READY FOR WHAT THE LORD IS DOING

Paul Keith Davis said (in a webinar we listened to) about how to posture yourself to be ready for what the Lord is doing:

1. Believe the truth which has already been revealed (especially regarding the truth revealed through the lives of earlier forerunners, i.e. William Branham, etc)
2. Know the Word.
3. Wait on God.
 - Separate yourself
 - Wait on God
 - Calm your soul
 - Enter the revelatory realm (act on what you believe, not on what you feel)

Paul Keith also said something like this: (after reviewing the lives of great men) “I don’t know of anyone greatly used of God who didn’t go through a time where they lost everything or had to give up everything.”

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TO ZION

There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.” (Jeremiah 31:6)

I read Jeremiah 31:6 and wondered what it meant. He said, *“Ask Me.”*

It means the prophets and intercessors, who are My watchmen, will speak out My words to come to Zion – the place of close intimacy with Me.

I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion. (Jeremiah 3:14b)

When I read Jeremiah 3:14b I heard it means He will choose the remnant and bring them to Zion.

They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten. (Jeremiah 50:5)

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OFFERINGS

The Holy Spirit talked to me about offerings. He said offerings can be giving chocolate bars to one person or cans of food to another. He said:

Remember they gave Me offerings of bread, wheat, sheep, pigeons, doves (things they bought) as well as tithes. Offerings can be clothes you give to “one of the least of these” as unto Me.

So you and B give Me offerings in these ways—and I note this. They are recorded in My books. I keep track of every thought, every word, and every deed.

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THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name... (Matthew 6:9)

You worship Me better and better as you grow closer to Me and know Me more. You may not have words to express it, but your heart does it.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... (Matthew 6:9)

It is and it will. My kingdom grows by people becoming Mine, one person at a time. It is almost finished being established on earth as it is in heaven – only a few short years more.

These are the final stages. You know the plan:

- 1. Prepare the harvesters (you are one)*
- 2. Use them to bring in the harvest. This will be quick. When the wheat is ready it doesn't take long to gather it in.*
- 3. Have the tribulation time of wrath. It's all determined already who will go through this and who won't.*
- 4. I return in My glory.*
- 5. I set up My kingdom and My Bride rules and reigns with Me.*

The Lord led me to look up scriptures about His Bride and learn more about it since I am part of that group. So I followed the annotations in my Scofield Study Bible and read the summary note about the Bride. He then told me to write it in my journal today.

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. (John 3:29)

So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. (Romans 7:4)

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. (2 Corinthians 11:2)

Husbands, love your wives, just 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, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'" (Revelation 19:7-9)

Bride of Christ summary: "The wedding of the Lamb" (lit. "the marriage supper of the Lamb") is the consummation of the marriage of Christ and the Church as His bride. The figure is in keeping with the oriental pattern of marriage, covering three stages: (1) the betrothal, legally binding when the individual members of the body of Christ are saved; (2) the coming of the Bridegroom for His bride at the rapture of the Church; and

(3) the marriage supper of the Lamb; occurring in connection with the second coming of Christ to establish His millennial kingdom.

~ 21 ~

HIS NAME

As I talked with the Lord quietly this morning He began to show me something. I spent time praising Him while saying the Lord's Prayer when I said the words "hallowed be Thy name." He showed me that He wanted me to speak over my children and over my prayer partner and over myself the blessing He gave to Moses to have Aaron, the High Priest, speak over Israel found in Numbers 6:24. This blessing places *His Name* on them and on me (as He is the same yesterday, today, and forever). His Name on us means His Presence is with us and with His Presence comes everything we need, including fellowship with Him, protection from Him, and provision to meet all our needs.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

**""The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.""**

"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:22-27)

Then He brought to my mind that Jesus said to baptize us in the *Name* of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I want to meditate on that more and see what He reveals to me. He said to do this blessing each day over us.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

When you are baptized in My Name, Joan, you carry My name on you forever. My Name carries the blessing of My Presence with you forever. You may recognize it (My Name and blessing) or you may ignore it, but it "will surely be with you always, to the very end of the age."

You were baptized that way. So I want you to know that I am with you, and your children, always, and My Presence is with My Name.

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DO YOU HAVE YOUR MIND "STAYED ON ME"

As I sought the Lord this morning I spent time praying: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name." I praised Him and worshipped Him until I could hear Him speak clearly to me – until we "made contact". Then He told me to go to my computer, listen to Him, and write down what He wanted to tell me. This is what I heard:

Are you in the secret place of the Most High?

Am I Lord?

Yes you are. You are with Me in the Holy of Holies – the Secret Place of the Most High.

Are you listening to Me or to your own thoughts?

I choose to listen only to You Lord.

Do you have your mind "stayed on Me?"

Yes, I do Lord.

Ok, then we are ready to go. Now listen and write what I tell you, what you hear.

Yes, Lord.

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

Keep in perfect peace, Joan, and then you will know your mind is stayed on Me. If you come out of peace, then you will know your mind is not stayed on Me. That is your indicator – perfect peace.

Here am I, Joan, and I know all the answers. I know the way. I AM THE WAY. I know your heart yearns for Me, to find the answers to how to think and proceed. I know that and you don't. I am willing to share that with you, to tell you that, as long as you keep your mind stayed on Me and listen to Me and are willing to follow Me. Remember when Jesus

called His disciples, His words were, "Follow Me." The words are still the same – follow Me. Are you willing to follow Me?

Yes, Lord, I commit to follow You.

I know you do. That's why I am talking to you.

Sometimes I don't tell you more than one step because taking that step shows you the possibility for the following step. So, you don't have to see the whole picture ahead of stepping out, you just have to keep your focus on Me and the one step I give you.

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GOD BRINGS PROVISION IN VARIOUS WAYS

I have read some stories about different ways God brings provision to His people:

- In *Angels on Assignment* there is a story of a man who needed \$20,000 for a house. An angel came and talked to him and said the money would be provided. He said he could give it to the man in \$100 bills right then, but that was not the way God worked – that He liked to work through His people bringing money to that man. A few days later the angel said to him that he hadn't asked for it yet. So he asked. Then the money came in gradually.
- Another story, which I read somewhere, told of a young girl in England who would go out to a trash bin in the alley area to take the trash there. On occasions when that family had a bill due that they didn't have money to pay, a man would be there to meet her at the trash bin (whom they thought was an angel) who always gave her the exact amount they needed to pay that bill.
- In the story of George Mueller in England, he didn't tell anyone outside the orphanage he ran when they had a need, but he would call the workers to prayer, or he would go aside and pray, and something would come in – food or money usually.
- In a story told by Lester Sumrall a woman ran an orphanage in Egypt and had orphans and widows there. When she needed something she went to people, particularly the rich people, and told them she needed money, rice, etc. and asked them for it – and got it.

I think the Lord is showing me by these stories that we need to seek Him as to the protocol or process by which He wants to bring the provision which He has promised, and then follow that.

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WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Beth got the song: “What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer” (from song “What a friend we have in Jesus”) She felt it was about me and my intercession.

(A song)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief's to bear.
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry,
Everything to God in prayer.

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THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

Watch out that no one deceives you. (Matthew 24:4)

Father, am I being deceived in any way?

No, you are not.

And a highway will be there, it will be called the Way of Holiness...only the redeemed will walk there. (Isaiah 35:8, 9)

The highway of holiness is to be walked very carefully every day with Me to keep you pure and cleansed while on this earth (a very contaminated place – especially in certain spots).

My angels are helping you every day and are with you all the time. You can count on them.

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DOUBT IS FROM THE ENEMY

The Lord began to tell me about doubt...

Doubt is from the enemy. When doubt shows up – bind it, rebuke it, and declare the truth until doubt is gone and faith/belief is restored. Use the Word to declare the truth. Thus you will overcome doubt, which is based on unbelief and a lie/lies.

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HOW THE LORD RESPONDED TO COMPLAINING

Recently the Lord asked me a question like this:

Is there anywhere in the Bible where I gave to people what they were asking Me for because they were complaining?

I only thought of one possibility and that was the story about the Israelites in the wilderness when they asked for meat and got quail. So, He had me look up that story and read it in Numbers 11.

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat!...we never see anything but this manna!"

The Lord said to Moses: "Tell the people: Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The Lord heard you when you wailed...Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it."

Now a wind went out from the Lord and drove quail in from the sea...all that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail...But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the Lord burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague...Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food. (Numbers 11:4, 6, 16, 18, 31-34)

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HOW TO OVERCOME FRUSTRATION

I was awake for a long time during the night talking with the Lord about my frustration. I told Him about all my complaints and asked Him how to overcome these frustrated feelings. He said I needed to learn to be content in all circumstances like the Apostle Paul learned. He had me ask for the spirit of contentment and said I could ask for that as my daily bread – manna.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (Philippians 4:11)

He also said I needed to ask for more equipping, and I also needed more of the fruit of the Spirit. So I asked for these.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

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SUBSTANCES

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. (Luke 10:1)

When I was ready to read from His Word, I asked Him what He wanted me to read. He said: Luke 10. He said to just start reading it and He would show me what He wanted me to see in it. I started, and He immediately showed me in verse 1 where Jesus sends out a group of His disciples (72) to go to the towns that He would be coming to, heal the sick, etc.

Then He talked to them about sending out peace when they come to a house and if there is a person of peace there, it will remain. If not, it will return.

I have been curious to know what that meant and how they could know if their peace remained or returned. He then talked to me about the spiritual fruit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control) being substances. He reminded me that faith is a substance (Hebrews 11:1) and He said the fruit of the Spirit were also substances that could be seen in the spiritual realm (if I had eyes to see), but not in the natural realm. He said they can be felt (i.e. peace) and can be given and returned (if no person of peace was in the house)

He told me to ask for “selective spiritual sight.” That means He will show me the spiritual things/mysteries that He wants me to see.

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS AND SPIRITUAL WORDS

Paul Keith Davis Webinar #26

Engaging Heaven: Spiritual Thoughts and Spiritual Words – Part 2

(White Dove website: Media, Webinar Archive, #26)

He used the scripture:

Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, 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)

- The scriptures can be a portal into the experience the scripture is telling about.
- When you come out of privation to what’s after that.
- Unity comes from plumb line revelation.
- Former rain means teaching of the Word. (rain = teaching)
- Next major move of the Spirit will be the power of the spoken word.
- You need the Spirit of Revelation to get it – the power.
- Maria Woodworth-Etter – the Eternal Realm came and overshadowed her as it did Joshua the day the sun stood still. The kingdom realm entered the room.
- My Bride will be so close to Me when they speak, it will be like Me. Thus sayeth the Lord...
- Ask Him what are His thoughts toward us/me.
- When Parousia comes
- Plumb line prophets have the Spirit of Truth – they are anointed with the Living Word.

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HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

I finished reading again the book (*Heaven Is For Real*) by Todd Burpo telling the story about his son, almost 4 year old Colton, who had a ruptured appendix and went through 2-3 surgeries and was not expected by the doctor to make it. Colton revealed over the course of time that he had gone

to heaven during this time, and told them many things about what he saw and experienced there. Some of the things that stick with me are:

- He sat on a chair before the Father's throne and described Jesus sitting on His right and Gabriel on His left, and the Holy Spirit who was blue and right beside him.
- He saw Satan and would even talk about him for a long time
- The angels carry swords to keep Satan from coming into heaven
- There will be a war in the future and all the men will fight in it with swords and bows and arrows and the women and children will watch. Jesus will win.
- People all have wings in heaven and fly around. Jesus doesn't, but He goes up and down like an elevator.
- Babies who die in the womb are there
- There are many animals in heaven too – he mentioned dogs, cats, and a lion
- Many colors we haven't seen here on earth
- Jesus held him on His lap and comforted him. He had the angels sing to him to comfort him.
- No one is old and no one wears glasses.
- No one can go to heaven unless Jesus lives in them
- You get a new body if you go to heaven. Those who don't go there don't get a new body.
- Akiana's painting of Jesus looks like Him.

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POSSESSING NOTHING

"Now he was a man wholly surrendered (after giving up Isaac), a man utterly obedient, a man who possessed nothing...I have said that Abraham possessed nothing. Yet was not this poor man rich? Everything he had owned before was his still to enjoy: sheep, camels, herds and goods of every sort. He had also his wife and his friends, and best of all he had his son Isaac safe by his side. **He had everything, but he possessed nothing. There is the spiritual secret.** There is the sweet theology of the heart which can be learned only in the school of renunciation." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 27)

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SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

My notes

From the Paul Keith Davis archives Webinar #27

Spirit of Prophecy and Apostolic Reformation

This is about the revelatory realm

The Spirit of Prophecy

1. Gives hope
2. Take our stand in the midst of truth and defend it (Shammah)
3. It is going from a gift ministry to a Presence ministry
4. 1 Corinthians 13
5. Partial = gift of prophecy
6. Mature = Spirit of Prophecy

From Paul Keith Davis' notes he wrote

1. The Spirit of Prophecy is an abiding Presence that perpetually unveils the revelation of Jesus Christ. It is the embodiment of the Living Word unfolding and giving understanding to the mysteries of God's Kingdom.
2. The gift of prophecy is seeing in part...the Spirit of Prophecy is the Spirit's ability to convey the whole picture. The Spirit of Prophecy provides the life and expression of Jesus in the earth tasting the good word of God and the power of the age to come.
3. The Spirit of Prophecy is of a higher nature than the gift of prophecy and functions more through relationship than by a spiritual gift.

Matthew 24:3

Parousia – appearing, arrival and personal presence of Jesus.

Ekklesia – We understand that in the NT the church is called *ekklesia*. It means “an assembly which has come into existence through a call.” The church therefore is a community, called into being for a certain purpose of function. It is called to exist not for its own sake, i.e., not for the benefit or salvation of its members only, but in order that “by the power of the Holy Spirit, all are brought into communion with God.” (Ephesians 1)

Koinonia – The church is called to be a community, a koinonia, so that it becomes a sign, an active sign, to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ, which is given to all God's creation, and to witness to the reign of God over all of God's creation. Hence the church is called to function as a koinonia, in order to become *marturia*. There cannot be koinonia without *marturia*. Koinonia and *marturia* are inseparable functions of the church. Therefore, the task and function of the church is to become a witness in a larger community in the world.

My notes

Marturia – testimony – what one has seen or heard or experienced, or he knows it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration.

Zech. 4

A word is a carrier of the revelation and the glory (experienced testimony)

The world will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

Spirit of Prophecy and Apostolic Reformation

Revelation 19:10

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy

The Word of God and the testimony of Jesus is in many scriptures:

Revelation 1:1-2

Revelation 1:9

Revelation 12:17

Revelation 19:10

Revelation 20:4

Presence driven

The Spirit of Prophecy is the manifestation of Jesus:

- Abiding presence
- Creative
- Power of spoken word
- Conveys whole picture

See something in the unseen realm and call it in.

1 Corinthians 2 – things eye has not seen

Revelation 10:2 – 7 thunders – to be revealed

PKD notes

The Mysteries of the Kingdom Revealed

1. Isaiah 48:6-7
2. There are things in the Kingdom realm that have not existed in the natural realm yet.
3. They are called into being by the spirit of prophecy through a Presence driven community.
4. Truth that will perfect the bride without spot or wrinkle.
5. Revelation 10:8-11

Forerunners: William Branham, Kathryn Kuhlman, John G. Lake and others who embodied a divine presence that produced the spirit of prophecy.

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SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Eph. 1:3)

What are these (every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places)?

More than you can know and count. Look up blessing.

Holy - Eph 1:4

Blameless - Eph 1:4

Chosen - Eph 1:4

Blessed - Eph 1:3

Predestined - Eph 1:5

Loved - Eph 1:4

Adopted as His son - Eph 1:5

Grace - Eph 1:6

Life - Prov 8:34

Favor - Prov 8:34

New creation – 2 Cor. 5:17

Righteousness of God – 2 Cor. 5:21

Salt of the earth – Matt. 5:13

Light of the world – Matt. 5:14

Eternal life – John 3:36
Streams of living water flow from within me – John 7:38
Set free by truth – John 8:32
Christ is in me – John 14:20
Peace – John 14:27
Bear much fruit – John 15:5
Joy – John 17:13
Protected from the evil one – John 17:15
Sanctified – John 17:17
Have God's glory – John 17:18
Forgiveness of sins – Acts 13:38
Called – Romans 1:6
Justified – Romans 5:1
Perseverance, character, hope – Romans 5:34
Saved from wrath of God – Romans 5:9
Reign in life – Romans 5:17
Died to sin – Romans 6:2
No condemnation – Romans 8:1-2
Child of God – Romans 8:16
Heir of God – Romans 8:17
All things – Romans 8:32
Spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6
Goodness, knowledge – Romans 15:14
Fellowship with Jesus – 1 Cor. 1:9
Mind of Christ – 1 Cor. 2:16
His Spirit, sealed – 2 Cor. 1:21-22
Transformed into likeness of Jesus - 2 Cor. 3:18
All sufficiency in everything – 2 Cor. 9:8
Fruit of Spirit – Gal. 5:23
Every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3
Power within me – Eph. 3:20
Heart and mind guarded – Phil. 4:7
All my needs supplied – Phil. 4:19
In Jesus' kingdom – Col. 1:13
Will meet the Lord in the air – 1 Thess. 4:17
Power, love, self-discipline – 2 Tim 1:7
Crown of righteousness – 2 Tim 4:8
Angels ministering to me – Heb. 1:14
God's rest – Hebrews 4:9-10
High Priest - Jesus – Heb. 4:15
Cloud of witnesses surrounding me – Heb. 12:1
He will never leave or forsake me – Heb. 13:5
Mercy – 1 Peter 2:10
Part of family of God – 1 Peter 2:10
Healed – 1 Peter 2:24
Overcomer – 1 John 4:4

Goodness – Psalm 23:6
 Instructed, taught, counseled, watched over – Psalm 8:32
 My path is directed – Prov. 3:5-6
 Abide under His shadow – Psalm 91:1
 Instructed tongue – Isaiah 50:4
 Listening ear – Isaiah 50:4
 Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Eph 3:20
 Safety – Psalm 4:8
 Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions – Luke 10:19
 Authority to overcome all the power of the enemy – Luke 10:19
 Nothing will harm me – Luke 10:19
 Drive out demons – Mark 16:17
 Speak in new tongues – Mark 16:17
 Deadly poison will not hurt me – Mark 16:17
 Place hands on the sick and they will get well – Mark 16:17

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THE FIRST SEAL

While reading the William Branham sermon about The First Seal given on March 18, 1963 (see Branham.org) I took these notes:

THE FIRST SEAL

1. An announcement in heaven first
2. A seal is opened
3. A mystery is unfolded
4. Then a trumpet sounds
5. It declares a war
6. A plague falls
7. A church age opens
8. The angel of the church catches the mystery of God
9. Then he goes forth to the people.
10. He begins to proclaim that message
11. It starts a war
12. He takes (away) His messenger with the elect of that age (asleep). He says there is an elect group in each age. They receive the mystery.
13. He drops a plague on those who rejected it – a temporary judgment
14. People start off with that man's work and make denominations and squabble
15. Then another mystery comes forth and the plan repeats
16. The 7th angel/church reveals all the mysteries that's been in the past
17. 7th age – takes all those loose ends and reveals the whole secret of God, for the rapturing of the Church

- 18. Through the 7 thunders things will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for rapturing forth
- 19. The judgment of the evil doers in the tribulation

2 Thess. 2:3-7 mystery of iniquity. Wicked one – “whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth” and “the brightness of his coming.”

Trumpet – political disturbance
Seal – religious disturbance

He believes when the 7 thunders are revealed, it will give that rapturing grace for that Church to move out.

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THE FEAR OF THE LORD

What is the fear of the Lord? He wants me to study it.

- It means you put the Lord above and before all else
- It is what the Elect have
- It was placed in the Elect before the foundation of the world like a seed that germinates and grows inside a person
- It matures along with the person who has it
- It leads you to come to the Lord for help, strength, protection, counsel, teaching, guidance, safety, wisdom, the right path to follow.
- It gives you trust in the Lord
- It leads you to acknowledge Him

For those who have the fear of the Lord:

Is **pure, enduring** forever – Psalm 19:9

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His **love** for those who fear him – Psalm 103:11

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him – Psalm 103:13

From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's **love** is with them – Psalm 103:17

He provides **food** for those who fear Him – Psalm 111:5

It is the beginning of **wisdom** – Psalm 111:10

To fear the Lord is to **hate evil** – Proverbs 8:13

Is the beginning of **wisdom** – Proverbs 9:10

Adds **length to life** – Proverbs 10:27

Is a **fountain of life**, turning a man from the snares of death. – Proverbs 14:27

Teaches a man **wisdom** – Proverbs 15:33

Through it - a man **avoids evil**. - Proverbs 16:6

Leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble – Proverbs 19:23
Jesus **delighted** in it – Isaiah 11:3
A woman who fears the Lord is **to be praised** – Proverbs 31:30

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TWO WAYS TO ENCOUNTER THE LORD

I am reading Jeanne Guyon's book *Experiencing The Depths of Jesus Christ*. So far she has talked about two ways to encounter Him.

- (1) Reading the word slowly and carefully to get the revelation of what He is saying and then pray that and
- (2) Reading the word just enough to clear the mind of other things until His presence comes, then focus on Him.

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KNOW THE LEVEL OF YOUR PRESENT DECEPTION

I am reading in Rick Joyner's book *The Final Quest* the chapter on "The White Throne" about why He allows us to get wounded and how He uses that in our lives.

It is fascinating to me, and I am learning a lot from it. This part is where Rick walks toward the Throne and meets many people along the way who tell him surprising things about themselves and what they did wrong during their lives on earth.

In Rick's book he talks about how free from hiding is the communication in heaven...and how freeing that is once you accept it.

As I was talking to the Lord about this and taking communion, He began to tell me this idea ("by His stripes we are healed"): His stripes and death on the cross paid for all our sins. This allows us to be cleansed from them spirit, soul, and body. When our spirit becomes born again and a new creation, this works cleansing gradually into our souls (mind, will and emotions). As these get right, then this works its way into our bodies bringing healing to the places that have been diseased due to wrong soul issues.

Rick said: “Walking in the light” is more than just knowing and obeying certain truths—it is being true, and it is being free from the compulsion to hide. (The Final Quest: p. 127)

There is a difference between hiding something because it is sin, and not sharing something because it is My wisdom to not share it.

“When I judge I am not seeking to condemn, or to justify, but to bring forth righteousness. Righteousness is only found in union with Me. That is the righteous judgment, bringing men into unity with Me.” (The Final Quest: - p. 128)

“My church is now clothed with shame because she does not have judges. She does not have judges because she does not know Me as the Judge. I will now raise up judges for My people who know My judgment. They will not just decide between people or issues, but to make things right, which is to bring them into agreement with Me.” (The Final Quest: p. 128)

“You have asked for My grace and you shall have it. The first grace that will keep you on the path of life is to know the level of your present deception. Deception involves anything that you do not understand as I do. Knowing the level of your present deception brings humility, and I give My grace to the humble.” (The Final Quest, p. 130)

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CONSIDER HIS GREAT LOVE

The Lord led me to read Psalm 21:7

For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. (Psalm 21:7)

He said we now are kings and will not be shaken because of the unfailing love of the Lord. His love is a lot more than I ordinarily think of as love – more than an emotion. It includes protection and guidance and cleansing too. It includes all that the Lord says He is (Exodus 34:6-7 and His Jehovah names)

Then He led me to notice scriptures about “the unfailing love” of Him in several scriptures I read. Psalm 107 explains His unfailing love. Then He said:

Good, for Me, is what’s best for you, not what’s pleasant for you.

Today he is wanting me to consider His great love. (Psalm 107:43 and Psalm 130:7)

SELF-CENTEREDNESS

(Quote from *The Final Quest* by Rick Joyner, pp 146-7)

True faith is the true recognition of who I [Jesus] am. It is nothing more and nothing less. But you must always remember, even if you abide in My presence, even if you see Me as I am, you can still fall if you turn from Me to look back at yourself. That is how Lucifer fell. He dwelt in this room. He beheld My glory and the glory of My Father. However, he began to look at himself more than he looked to us. He then began to take pride in his position and power. This has also happened to many of My servants who were allowed to see My glory, and who were trusted with power. If you begin to think that it is because of your wisdom, your righteousness, or even your devotion to pure doctrine, you will stumble.

It is good for you to lose confidence in yourself. I cannot trust you with the powers of the age to come until you do. The more confidence you lose in yourself, the more power I will be able to trust you with, if...

"If I put my confidence in you," I added.

Yes. You must have faith to do what you are called to do, but it must be faith in Me. It is not enough for you to just lose confidence in yourself. That only leads to insecurity if you do not fill the void with confidence in Me. That is how many of these men fell to their delusions. Many of these men and women were prophets. But some of them, out of insecurity, would not let men call them prophets. But that was not the truth because they were. False humility is also a deception...false humility will not cast out pride. It is just another form of self-centeredness, which the enemy has a right to exploit.

All of your failures will be the result of this one thing, self-centeredness. The only way to be delivered from this is to walk in love. Love does not seek its own.

AN OPEN DOOR

He led me to read Revelation 3:7-8 and ponder it.

**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David.
What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know**

**your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.
(Revelation 3:7-8a)**

Ask Me to show you what I have shut and opened that I want you to know.

I said “Ok, I will,” and asked.

Revelation 3:8 “I know your deeds.”

I know your deeds, Joan, and I am pleased with them. See, I placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I want you to know this is real and this is true. What open door? A door into My heart.

There’s a reason 3-8 is a special and meaningful number to you. Three is for Me/Us. Eight is for new beginnings. I picked that day for you to be born and to be special to you. I picked the exact day and year and time of day of your birth.

I rejoiced when this happened because I already knew you and picked this special time for you to be born and live. I knew what we would do together while you were alive on the earth – AND what you and I would do afterwards. We will rule and reign together, Joan; did you know that? I did, before the foundation of the world. I knew you and you knew Me.

I did?

Yes, and you agreed to go to earth and get trained there by Me – and I loved you for it because the earth is not an easy place to train. But it is My place to train you. I picked this for you and you agreed.

So did your prayer partner and so did B. Yes, you knew each other before you came here and agreed/planned to come together and help support each other. That’s what I wanted you to know and hear today – one of My secrets – a door that I opened and it cannot be shut.

You have wondered if this ministry together would sometime be done/finished/over, and the answer is “no.”

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IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

This morning I laid in the recliner for a long time, after waking up, and communed with the Lord. We talked about the request we put before Him, under His guidance, last night regarding coming into a place of worship with Him and in Him that He was having us seek. As we talked back and

forth about it, He showed me that it was the “place of spirit and truth” that He told the Samaritan woman about at Sychar (the woman at the well) that He met and talked to. He said that was the place/way God wanted us to worship Him – in spirit and in truth. I had always thought of that as an attitude and relationship, which I think it is, but He helped me see it was “a place” we go also, not in our physical bodies, but in our hearts/spirit.

Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem....Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. (John 4:21-24)

He said the Lord takes us into this place of worship; it is not someplace we can take ourselves. We must ask Him to take us there when we desire to enter it.

He reminded me of Walter Beuttler and his story about spending hours in the Amsterdam airport waiting while it was fogged in, and sitting in a chair there, and worshiping the Lord during that time. Later a man from Africa asked him what was that light around him while he was doing that. The man wanted to know what his “secret” was because he was looking for it (in his case he was looking for how to get his sins forgiven and Walter led him to Jesus).

He said the gift He wanted to give me was to take me to that “secret place” of worshiping Him in spirit and in truth. He reminds me it is the “secret place of the Most High” spoken of in Psalm 91:1.

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

There is there a clue to getting there in verse 2 of Psalm 91.

I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:2)

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TAKING AGAIN GOD AS OUR ALL

"Made as we were in the image of God, we scarcely find it strange to take again our God as our All. God was our original habitat and our hearts cannot but feel at home when they enter again that ancient and beautiful abode." (The Pursuit of God by A. W. Tozer, pg. 98)

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not

**live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
(Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV)**

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GOD HAS A DIFFERENT DEFINITION OF PEACE AND SAFETY THAN WE DO

Today I am reading more from *The Final Quest* by Rick Joyner – from the chapter called “The White Throne.” I was especially impacted with several sentences which I want to quote here:

There is no greater peace and safety than to abide in the Lord’s salvation...[The courageous warriors on the first level of the mountain] have fought so well and delivered so many, but they had also all been badly wounded. It did not seem that they had found peace and safety here.

God has a different definition of peace and safety than we do. To be wounded in the fight is a great honor. It is by the Lord’s stripes that we are healed, and it is through our stripes that we, too, are given the authority for healing. In the very place that the enemy wounds us, once we are healed, we are given the power to heal others. Healing was a basic part of the Lord’s ministry, and it is also a basic part of ours.

That is one reason why the Lord allows bad things to happen to His people, so that they can receive the compassion for others by which the power of healing operates. That is why the apostle Paul told of his beatings and stoning when his authority was questioned. Every wound, every bad thing that happens to us, can be turned into the authority to do good. Every beating that the great apostle took resulted in salvation for others. Every wound that every warrior takes will result in others being saved, healed, or restored.

As I pondered this with the Lord, He helped me see what I have been thinking about for a long time – that He allowed or purposed that I go through some of the things I went through because I see that He is now using those experiences to help me understand what my prayer partner is going through, and to minister to him with compassion and understanding. Thank You, Lord!

I saw that the Lord took me through trials in three primary areas: relational (~1979-1986), financial (~1989-1997), and health (~1990-1997) with approximately 7 years with each.

HEART TO HEART/SPIRIT TO SPIRIT COMMUNICATION

The Lord reminded me that in *The Final Quest* by Rick Joyner, as he was walking out of the judgment seat room, he began to grasp a level of communication that existed whereby he could look at a person and begin to perceive that person's thoughts and they could perceive his thoughts. It was like it was heart to heart/spirit to spirit communication.

The Lord told me that when we focus our attention on HIM then we begin to perceive His heart and His thoughts. That is one reason we are to keep our eyes upon Him, and not on the situation we are in.

HIS LIGHT WILL SHINE MORE AND MORE

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy. (Isaiah 60:1-5a)

HE taught me about Isaiah 60:1-5. The thought was that His light would begin to shine more and more upon each of those who are fully committed to Him, and this light would get brighter and brighter. He said basically to imagine how it would look as each person's light grew brighter, all the way around the whole world. And this light would be seen to increase and increase. It was like a light had turned on all over the world and would be more and more visible as the rest of the world would get darker and darker. He said that is what is happening now.

This IS for Israel, Joan, but it has multiple meanings. It is for you, too, who belong to Me.

It is applied as I apply it, and I am showing you today that it applies to My Bride, My beautiful glorious ones, who believe in Me and follow Me wherever I go.

They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. (Revelation 14:4b)

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THE LORD'S COUNSEL

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. (Revelation 3:18)

Today I read Revelation 3 about the church in Laodicea, and that He was going to spit them out of His mouth as they were neither hot nor cold.

I asked for the things He told them to ask for: salve for their eyes so they could see, gold refined in the fire so they could be rich, and white clothes to cover them so they wouldn't be naked.

He said I already have them. I asked Him for even more of these marvelous gifts.

He said yes.

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SCHOOL OF THE SPIRIT

We listened to Rick Joyner speak at the July *School Of The Spirit* meeting of Paul Keith Davis. It spoke to me mightily and I prayed and asked for the Lord to enable me to do and be all Rick was talking about when he talked about the high calling that Paul said he was called to - that he was counting all else as rubbish compared to that high calling and that he was forgetting what was behind and all else to pursue that high calling.

I asked for the grace and heart to do that too. He said that was the gift He was giving me. He said He would give it double.

I ask for that, Lord.

And I give it to you, My child. It is yours – IN ME.

I promise to give you more of My Spirit and that you will be able to “feel” Him more.

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IF NINEVEH REPENTED IT WOULD BE SPARED

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. (Jonah 3:3-5)

I read the Scofield footnote on Jonah 3:4 and basically it said if Nineveh repented it would be spared; if it didn't repent, it would be destroyed. My thought was that the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That is the way He works in the world. I thought of the rapture of those who belong to Him and the judgment of the rest of the people in the world.

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MY DAILY PROCESS

This morning I believe the Lord wants me to write out the process I usually go through in relating to Him during my whole day.

I start my day by resting a little while, if time is available, in my bed after waking up. During this time I start talking with the Lord including greeting Him with "good morning, Heavenly Father," or something like that, and drawing near to Him. I listen and talk; we commune back and forth. Then I get up and get dressed and begin my time during the weekdays of getting breakfast and cleaning up afterwards.

During breakfast time I pray thanking the Lord for keeping us safe and warm and sheltered during the night, for giving us our home and provisions and clothes and B's wonderful job. I ask Him to bless and cleanse everything we eat, drink, and breathe, and all that touches our bodies, and use it for good, and keep it from harming us.

B and I talk about our day and make our plans. We have communion elements (bread and juice) available so each of us can take communion after breakfast. When she is ready to go to work, we pray together for her day: safety, help with her work duties, etc.

After she leaves for work, I settle into my "Quiet Time Chair" and talk to the Lord more. I usually begin with saying the Lord's Prayer. After I say, "Our Father who art in Heaven," I stop and listen for Him to answer me, as in a regular conversation with a Person. When I say, "hallowed by Thy name," I express worship for Him. Each line of the prayer is like a conversation where I say the line, and wait, and listen for Him to express what He wants to say. I include in this prayer what I call my "prayer bundle" which varies at different times in my life, but right now includes: Me and

my family, my prayer partner and his family, my brothers and sisters and their families extended, and J.

After this the Lord and I talk about whatever He leads us to discuss. And He tells me what He wants me to do next: usually read the Bible (and he tells me where to read) or a book He is using to teach me from. Today I am reading the book called *The Path* by Rick Joyner, which teaches how to prepare for the last great battle, which is coming soon.

Throughout the day the Lord and I talk back and forth with each other. I pray with B as we are led, and I pray with my prayer partner as we are led.

At night, I like to have a closing prayer time with the Lord and ask Him to cover us with His protection during the night.

During the night, when I awake, I like to talk to Him also. Sometimes He gives me something to write. Occasionally He gives me a dream to interpret. I used to get lots of dreams to interpret, but now that I have drawn closer to Him and spend more time focused on Him, I seldom get dreams. I feel now He is teaching me directly rather than through dreams.

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HEAVEN CAME DOWN

“Heaven came down and glory filled my soul”

That is the song that came into my thoughts this morning as the Lord and I communed. We communed about times in the past when I was with Him to such an extent that it was like I was in a changed state, or caught up into His presence into a different place. I would lose consciousness of being in my chair at home and just be involved in talking with him, kind of like in a dream state.

I was reminded of something Paul Keith Davis said recently about Frances Metcalf and her prayer group as reported by James Maloney – that they brought heaven down around them to the room where they were meeting rather than going up into the third heaven where He is.

The Lord has told me previously that He doesn't take me to the third heaven to see Him there because, if I went there, I would not be content or happy with my life here. I would continually want to go back. So He is giving me the thought today that many who draw close to Him bring Him down here to be with them. He used the word “en-tranced” with the emphasis on “tranced” similar to the word “en-raptured.” He was giving me the vision of this possibility for me.

I had the thought that many before me (like Madame Guyon) found their way into such a state. I also had the thought of Walter Beuttler sitting in the airport for hours “en-tranced” in worship with a glow around him and losing track of the time.

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IN HIS TIME

The Lord spoke this to me –

Come in closer to Me, go out and do a few things. Come in closer to Me, go out and do a few things. It doesn't have to be one time and that's all for the day. I will teach you how to come in and out. Do you want that?

(He was referring to coming into a quiet place of communing with Him)

Yes, I do.

Then we'll practice it today. I have given you the vision/insight/revelation into a new way to relate to Me. Now we will practice it until it is part of your very being. You will write much as we do this. Then it will be recorded for others to read and begin to see this possibility too (like Madame Guyon recorded her experiences – you will meet her later).

From that first day, when Gordon Binning taught you that you could hear Me, until now, you have been advancing in the kingdom as a listener-writer and that is one of My roles for you on this earth. I have things to write that have yet to be written by you, Joan. You can do it this way. This is a good pattern for you. We'll do this together.

You and I are talking on a new level of closeness now....starting today. It's time. I do all things rightly in My time.

The thought came into my mind of the song: "In His Time."

(A song)

In His time, in His time,
He makes all things beautiful, in His time,
Lord, please show me everyday,
As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say, in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time,
You make all things beautiful, in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring,
May each song I have to sing,
Be to You a lovely thing, in Your time.

KNOWLEDGE WILL INCREASE

Amazing, Lord – You told Daniel “knowledge will increase.” I am amazed when I think of Daniel’s time with its knowledge, and now with all the knowledge we have access to through the internet, and how You increased our knowledge step by step with each generation.

Many will go here and there to increase knowledge. (Daniel 12:4b)

I hear I am to look up other translations of that scripture. I hear – using the internet is equivalent to going “here and there” to increase knowledge.

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Daniel 12:4

Amplified Bible (AMP)

But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro *and* search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God’s purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased *and* become great.

Daniel 12:4

New King James Version (NKJV)

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:4

New International Version (NIV)

“But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

Daniel 12:4

New Century Version (NCV)

“But you, Daniel, close up the book and seal it. These things will happen at the time of the end. Many people will go here and there to find true knowledge.”

Daniel 12:4

Names of God Bible (NOG)

“But you, Daniel, keep these words secret, and seal the book until the end times. Many will travel everywhere, and knowledge will grow.”

Daniel 12:4

The Message (MSG)

“This is a confidential report, Daniel, for your eyes and ears only. Keep it secret. Put the book under lock and key until the end. In the interim there is going to be a lot of frantic running around, trying to figure out what’s going on.”

Daniel 12:4

Living Bible (TLB)

"But Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal it up so that it will not be understood until the end times, when travel and education shall be vastly increased!"

Daniel 12:4

Good News Translation (GNT)

He said to me, "And now, Daniel, close the book and put a seal on it until the end of the world. Meanwhile, many people will waste their efforts trying to understand what is happening."

Daniel 12:4

Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

"But you, Daniel, keep this message a secret. You must close the book and keep this secret until the time of the end. Many people will go here and there looking for true knowledge, and the true knowledge will increase."

Daniel 12:4

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

Daniel, I now command you to keep the message of this book secret until the end of time, even though many people will go everywhere, searching for the knowledge to be found in it.

Daniel 12:4

Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

"But you, Dani'el, keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will rush here and there as knowledge increases."

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For many, the knowledge of Me will increase as it has for you. For many people, they will run around from one thing to another seeking for knowledge but not finding the truth (Me). For some, they will search the Word for the truth. Some will find it and some will not. It depends on their hearts and whether their hearts are devoted to Me and believe in Me – or whether they are just searching like one would search in a library or encyclopedia.

The key to learning is to be taught by the Holy Spirit. Those without the Spirit will not learn the truth. They may find words of truth, but not THE TRUTH. Remember 1 Corinthians 2:14.

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

HONORING GOD

"Them that honor me I will honor" (1 Samuel 2:30), said God once to a priest of Israel, and that ancient law of the kingdom stands today unchanged by the passing of time or the changes of dispensation. The whole Bible and every page of history proclaim the perpetuation of that law. "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26), said our Lord Jesus, tying in the old with the new and revealing the essential unity of His ways with men. (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 99)

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THE HOME AND FAMILY STRUCTURE

Today I thought a lot about the structure of my home and family situation while I was growing up. I thought about what it was like, and how mother-centered our home was. I thought about how the repeating regular structure of our days benefited us. I thought about how we were given regular food and taught to be part of a caring group that did things together. Our basic needs were met, and there was always support for us. I was so blessed by all of this.

I thought about how different that was for a girl I heard of whose mom worked irregular hours day or night and then forbid her children to wake her up when she slept during the day. I could see how there was not breakfast made and ready for that girl to eat in the morning, and how she was expected to get herself up, get her own breakfast and get herself on the school bus on time. I felt so blessed with the home structure and life the Lord gave me, compared to that.

And I wondered what that mother's childhood home life was like - that she was not taught or given the value inside of her of providing such a structure for her own children. How lost and unanchored they all must have felt.

I realized more and more how important the family structure is to society to have order and values, and how these seem to be lacking in this generation, probably more than any previous one.

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WHAT THE LORD CHOSE

Today I was reading Acts 22-23 regarding Paul in Jerusalem, his testimony to the people there, and the plot to ambush and kill him which was thwarted.

The Lord said Paul was not afraid to die and even longed to be with the Lord. But the Lord worked it all out so that Paul was able to give his testimony in Jerusalem (and it was written down by Luke so we could read it) and also in Rome.

He told me He wanted me not to be afraid of dying either, that my life was in His hands, and He would only allow to come to me what He chooses.

I hear I will be raptured because I have been one to live at this special time in history of those who are raptured. It has been chosen for me. And God will see to it that this takes place, just as He saw to it what He chose for Paul.

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HE WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN

Surely he will never be shaken...He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure; he will have no fear. (Psalm 112:6-8)

As I was reading Psalm 112 the Lord spoke a lot to me. At verse 6 He said that was true of me...*Surely he will never be shaken.*

I asked Him what that meant. He answered that it doesn't mean difficult things won't come, but that I will be able to deal with and cope with them. I won't have any situation where I feel totally overwhelmed and can't deal with it.

He assured me with verse 7 which says:

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is secure, he will have no fear. (Psalm 112:7-8a)

Thank You, Lord, for this promise from You. I receive it with a grateful heart. I will not be shaken or have fear as difficult things happen in the future.

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NOT CHOOSING THE MARK OF THE BEAST

The Lord is having me read slowly, along with the Holy Spirit, to bring me revelation, from the book of Revelation.

It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. (Revelation 13:16-17)

This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus. (Revelation 14:12)

He helped me see that the Christians who are living then, and who go through NOT choosing the mark of the beast (Rev. 14:12), are specially selected to live during that period of time. Their ministry is this: NOT choosing the mark of the beast or following the anti-Christ.

They were chosen to live during that time period, just like I was selected to live at this very time (and to choose Jesus and be part of His Bride that gets raptured and returns and rules and reigns with Him during the Millennium).

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PROMISES

You will see Me face to face

**Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
(1 Corinthians 13:12)**

I give you peace and trust

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

I will always instruct you and teach you the way I want you to go

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

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BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints). Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” (Revelation 19:7-9)

Revelation 19:7-9 He said: You are, and will be, one of those (the Bride), who is invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.

I am reading the last chapters of Revelation about what happens when Jesus returns, the Millennium, at the end of the 1000-year reign, the white throne judgment, and the new heavens and new earth. It is so fascinating to me. I read it slowly and let the Holy Spirit teach me insights as I read.

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TODAY

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. (John 6:17-21)

The Lord had me look up John 6:17 today, so I read 17-21. I felt it applied to a certain friend's situation, which has seemed like being in the dark so often, and with a storm brewing, and danger around. Then Jesus appeared supernaturally and got into the boat with them and they suddenly arrived at their destination. I feel the Lord is showing me that that is what is happening now – this friend is arriving at his destination after the stormy night.

I reviewed John 6:17-21 again and still believe it is in the process of happening. Then He led me to Jeremiah 33:3 and had me note also verses 6 and 11b.

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

Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. (Jeremiah 33:6)

“Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever.” (Jeremiah 33:11b)

I have been telling you “great and unsearchable things you do not know” if you will receive them.

This is in reference to what will take place with my friends very soon. I was upset because He kept telling me it would happen today, and then it didn't. So, I questioned it, and my ability to hear Him rightly.

“Today” means this period of time, not a specific date on your earthly calendar.

Examples:

So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert...” (Hebrews 3:7-8)

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. (Hebrews 3:13)

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

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you; not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:8-9)

Today = this period of time in my friends' lives when their big transition is taking place.

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WHAT LOVE IS

He instructed me to read 1 John. As I read the whole book, He talked to me about what love is, and definitions for love. He said:

Godly love - versus earthly love (those you know, family, neighbors, etc.) - you use the same (English) word for both, but they are not the same.

The Lord taught me about “fear” today also. In 1 John 4: 16-18 it says:

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:16-18)

He said there were 3 kinds of fear:

1. Fear of God (good)
2. Fear of punishment/judgment
3. Fear of earthly things that cause harm: i.e. storms, people, disease, pestilence, beasts, flood, fire, famine, war, fighting

If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:20-21)

I asked Him who is my brother whom I must love? I heard: the true Christians are my brothers. (1 John 5:1 = the answer)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. (1 John 5:1)

I asked him who is my neighbor? I heard: all others. These are to be treated as the good Samaritan did (Luke 10:25-37) – help them.

I wondered about this scripture in 1 John 5:16-18. I wondered what is the sin that leads to death.

If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. (1 John 5:16-18)

In this scripture I believe “the one who was born of God” refers to Jesus who keeps him safe.

A DREAM

In this dream I participated in singing with a group of people that was practicing for a performance. I sat (at the left side of) beside the (male) conductor who was also sitting in front of the group. We sang from a piece of paper that had numbers on it, not music, and we sang the numbers. He and I sang together a harmony part with the group.

My sister decided to join the group, so I stood with her waiting to introduce her to the conductor and tell him she wanted to sing with the group also. It was the last night one could join the group. The conductor was talking to someone saying there were 32 in the group, and I planned to tell him she would bring the number to 33.

Music: worship of God, activity or action that proceeds from the heart

Conductor/Director: one who leads and directs the activity (God or the Holy Spirit)

Numbers: used to count something or indicate the timing of something

Harmony: doing something together to make beautiful music (worship)

32: Covenant

33: Promise

My interpretation: This dream shows a picture of my worshipping God along with, in harmony with, a group of worshippers. We were practicing for a performance that would come later - perhaps in heaven or on earth during the millenium. It represents an activity proceeding from the heart. I was sitting beside the conductor/director, who might symbolize Jesus or the Holy Spirit, singing together with Him.

Singing numbers may symbolize counting something or the timing of something - in this case it may represent counting down until the Rapture when we, the worshippers, would do our worship in heaven. I was sitting on Jesus' left side representing "spiritual" - God's strength demonstrated through man's weakness. I am reminded of a previous dream when I was part of an orchestra playing under Jesus' direction when the music sheet before me had 9 numbers on it instead of musical notes.

My sister wanting to join also may represent her wanting to also worship Jesus and to be part of the heavenly choir. Being the last night a person could join probably indicates the time is now when people must decide whether they choose to be in covenant with Jesus or not.

Thirty-two stands for covenant...this symbolizes the group being in covenant with God for salvation. Thirty-three stands for promise and symbolizes that we in the worship group are standing in the promise of God and represent that promise of salvation. God is the Director of it all.

Do You have anything to change or add to this, Holy Spirit?

Yes, this is good. You have discerned the basic/main idea of the God-given dream...and it IS God-given. The time is short for people to decide to join Me, worship Me, be My Bride/My Church.

Numbers indicate timing in this dream...and you were worshipping regarding My timing for the finalizing of who is part of My Church. It's the last "day" or time to join it. You join it by worshipping Me with your whole heart - setting yourself apart unto Me, letting Me be your Conductor/Director, singing along with Me.

The time is here, Joan, and it is now, when the choice must be made to follow Me. Soon "the darkness will come during which no man can work." It is still "day," but not for long. It is the "last day."

Come, thou beloved of My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you! (Matthew 25:34)

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT LOVE

I "love" all men. That doesn't mean I have a feeling of affection towards them. It means I treat them in a certain way.

"Friendship with God" is a whole different thing than the "love of God."

Then He sent me to 1 Corinthians 13 to learn more about love. I read 13:1-3 and thought: "Is that why we come to earth – to learn to love?"

Yes. Some learn and some don't.

Verses 1-3 if I have not love:

- 1) I am only a resounding gong or clanging symbol
- 2) I am nothing
- 3) I gain nothing

I read further in 1 Corinthians 13 and learned this:

Love is patient

Love is kind

Love does not envy

Love is not proud

Love is not rude

Love is not self-seeking

Love is not easily angered

Love keeps no record of wrongs

Love does not delight in evil

Love rejoices with the truth

Love always protects

Love always trusts
Love always hopes
Love always perseveres
Love never fails

Zeph. 3:17 He will quiet you with his love.

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IN PRACTICE

I was thinking how The Lord uses us, and works with us, and has us listen to Him and carry out/speak what He tells us to...and how He doesn't act without us, but includes us in what He does. Then I heard this:

This is the way you will rule and reign with Me. I will give you My thoughts, and you will carry them out. There will not be ANY misunderstanding or not hearing correctly as you will be perfected then and not hampered by a human body or mind. You will be perfect like I am.

You are "in practice" for that now and learning how to listen and follow My directions...and letting Me make all the decisions, not you.

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THE SCHOOL OF THE SEERS CONFERENCE

It's my 78th birthday! Wow! I surely did not know I would still be here on earth for 78 years. Thank You Lord for 78 years!

I am thinking about the wonder of hearing angels sing along with Michael Danforth when he led worship at the School of the Seers Conference. It was beautiful!

We had a fantastic service this morning at the conference with Michael speaking. He is a prophet and talked a lot about things in the future and how we are to co-labor with the Lord to bring those into being. He kept mentioning "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

B and I bought CDs of both his talks as they were super good and we want to hear them again. We bought also his CD on right brain, left brain as he mentioned about how right brain and left brain

people worship differently. I want to learn about that. We also bought 2 of his books: one on “Total Recall” about recalling what we learned in heaven, before coming to earth, about what we were to do here, and the other book about “Positive and Negative” regarding why God left the devil on earth and we have to deal with evil.

We also had a tremendous service this afternoon with Pastor James Durham speaking regarding going into the heavenly realm and sharing experiences he had there. He also talked about seeing the heavenly realm while here, and also seeing Jesus face to face. He put on his tallit and prayed for each of us who wanted prayer for healing and had us touch the edge of the tallit. He said the tallit was called a “tent” and that Paul the Apostle was a maker of them as well as Priscilla and Aquilla. He said a person had to receive special training to be that. He will be leading the impartation service tomorrow night.

James told us about going up into a heavenly place and seeing a calendar page with March 8 on it, and knew this day was very special. It was to be a day of new beginnings for many at the service. He kept talking about March 8, and this was especially meaningful to me since that is my birthday, and the Lord said He had gifts for me at the services today. I felt I received a lot of impartation through both speakers...i.e. healing, better hearing, better seeing in the heavenly realms, being equipped to go into the heavenly realm, etc.

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BATTLE TO GET AND BATTLE TO ESTABLISH

The Lord brought to my mind what Graham Cooke taught in the DVD session 2 of *Mind of a Saint* which we listened to last Sunday. He said we have to battle to get something, and then we also have to battle to “establish” it in us until it becomes part of us, the Lord in us. The thought I got was how Graham had to say every morning to the Lord that he was walking in newness of life, over and over, until it was established in him.

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WHAT HEAVEN IS SAYING TODAY

This morning I read Day 11 from *100 Days In Heaven* book by James Durham. Several things caught my attention that I want to record here:

- (1) He asks the Holy Spirit to teach him what Heaven is saying today,
- (2) He prays to know what would please the Father today, and

(3) They have a “worship room” in their home.

He said on Day 10 page 39: “The Lord was saying this morning that He is releasing a greater anointing for discernment of enemy plans and movements. If you will receive this gift and operate in it, God will guide, provide, protect, and prosper you, your family, and your ministry.”

I especially liked the worship room idea for in the home. I can imagine that, if the door is closed, it indicates a person is in there worshiping, and therefore not to be disturbed. It reminds me of Suzanna Wesley, who had many children, and she would sit down and put her apron over her head and pray. The children were taught not to disturb her when she was like this.

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TAKE ME WITH YOU

What would please you today Father?

It would please Me if you would take Me with you wherever you go, whatever you do, and talk to Me about it, and seek My counsel, and follow My word. That's what Jesus did when He was on earth, and that's what I want you to do too. Will you?

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THE DISCIPLINE OF FAITH

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p 187-188)

Everything is possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23

The "everything" mentioned here does not always come simply by asking, because God is always seeking to teach you the way of faith. Your training for a life of faith requires many areas of learning, including the trial of faith, the discipline of faith, the patience of faith, and the courage of faith. Often you will pass through many stages before you finally realize the result of faith - namely, the victory of faith.

Genuine moral fiber is developed by enduring the discipline of faith. When you have made your request to God, and the answer still has not come, what are you to do? Keep on believing His Word! Never be swayed from it by what you may see or feel. Then as you stand firm, your power and experience is being developed,

strengthened, and deepened. When you remain unswayed from your stance of faith, even in view of supposed contradictions to God's Word, you grow stronger on every front.

God will often purposely delay in giving you His answer, and in fact the delay is just as much an answer to your prayer as is the fulfillment when it comes. He worked this way in the lives of all the great Bible characters. Abraham, Moses, and Elijah were not great in the beginning but made great through the discipline of their faith. Only through that discipline were they then equipped for the work to which God had called them.

Think, for example, of Joseph, whom the Lord was training for the throne of Egypt. Psalm 109:19 (KJV) says, "The word of the Lord tried him."

No amount of persecution will try you as much as experiences like these - ones in which you are required to wait on God. Once He has spoken His promise to work, it is truly hard to wait as you see the days go by with no fulfillment. Yet it is this discipline of faith that will bring you into a knowledge of God that would otherwise be impossible.

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EXCHANGE A NEGATIVE THOUGHT FOR A POSITIVE ONE

(Graham Cooke CD Session 3 "Mind of a Saint—The Language of Heaven")

- Exchange a negative thought for a positive one
- When God says something, He is trying to talk you INTO something
- Any repentance that is not a response to goodness, will not last long
- You are a son of God and also a bond servant
- Our job is to bring/call down the goodness of God to the world
- Any mindset based on negatives makes you captive to the enemy
- All the circumstances of your life are aiding you to become Christ-like

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TO YIELD MY WILL

We watched Paul Keith Davis in his webinar tonight. The subject was about the 4 foundations of revival.

1. We will become the friends of God, not just the servants of God. This will include intimacy, fellowship and shared experiences.

2. We will be known by love one for another.
3. We will have an absolute commitment to the Spirit of Truth.
4. We will have an impartation of His divine nature.

I am to operate by what I believe, not by what I feel. I want to ask to fully achieve my destiny in God. He said to buy gold refined in the fire, and God told him the currency to buy this was to yield my will.

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PRAISING GOD TO BUILD YOURSELF UP

If you want to build yourself up, praise God.

These are the words that came to me in a dream during the night. In this dream I was being driven in a car into this lovely woodland glen area. As soon as I entered it, I felt the wonderful presence of God. There were rays of mystical, almost foggy, light coming down from above, almost like fingers of cloudy shapes. I kept saying "Oh God, Oh, God!" I moved around in that area in the Presence until I heard these words (*If you want to build yourself up, praise God*) and knew they were a very important message for me. After that I kept trying to find a piece of paper to write them on to put in my Bible so I could continually remind myself of them. Other things kept happening to keep me from writing it down, but I kept saying it to myself over and over so I wouldn't forget. The idea was to turn my palms up toward God and praise Him. This was to be the antidote to my discouragement. This was the revelation from God I must remember.

You really are with me, aren't You, God? That You would give me this wonderful encouraging dream when I was so stressed and discouraged yesterday, that You would really be with me, and know what I needed, and visit me in a dream like this.... Thank You, God!

Interpretation:

The car represents my life. Since I wasn't driving, I think the Holy Spirit was taking me there. The beautiful woodland glen was a place of God, refreshing, rest, renewal in the midst of the woods, the unknown, the fearful, the dark place. The white clouds with rays of light represent good change, glory, renewal, revival. It was the Presence of God for me to enter. In that lovely place He gave me a message - that if I want to build myself up, I need to praise God. That is what I should have been doing yesterday. He told me on Monday to do that each day. Praising Him in the midst of trouble makes me an overcomer. The Scripture on the calendar today is: "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God." (Revelation 3:12)

THE KINGDOM WAY

This morning I had a dream...in this dream I thought I was to be teaching music classes at a school. I wasn't prepared for them. I didn't know the schedule for who would arrive at my classroom and when, and even if it was scheduled. I wasn't even dressed yet for teaching. I had no lesson plans prepared. I have had this type of dream many, many times in the last few years.

I asked the Lord about the dream and what it meant. Basically, He explained it this way: my dream shows how I used to function in the world when I had a job to do.

I would find out what was expected of me (teach music classes in this dream), when the different groups would arrive for their music classes, and make plans for them. Then, when they arrived, I knew what I would do to teach them, and I would go through those lesson plans with them.

But in this dream (and many similar ones I've had) I don't know for sure who is coming, or when, or even whether someone is coming. And I don't know what is expected of me, and I don't have plans for it. I am not even dressed for it, nor is my room ready.

That was the way I learned to function in the world, and it was a good way, and I did it well. But that isn't the way it is with me now.

Now I have asked and sought to live in the Kingdom of heaven, the Kingdom of God, and to live life with Him and for Him and as He leads me. This is a very different way to function. In His Kingdom, I make no plans, but seek His plans and follow them. I do not know ahead of time what these plans will be, nor how to prepare for them. I only know to the extent He shows me and prepares me ahead. That is the way Kingdom living works.

He gave me these scriptures about living this way...

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

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

"For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

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

Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

So this is the way I am to live and function now – the Kingdom way. I am to seek Him daily, deny myself (the self that wants to plan everything ahead and be ready on my own power), take up my cross (the ministry He has for me, my destiny) daily (every day of my life) and follow Him.

Following Him is the key: asking Him, listening to Him, hearing Him, then doing what He tells me and shows me.

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THE FULLNESS OF TIME

The Lord and I talked a long time together this morning after I awoke. I expressed my disappointment that He didn't bring about the event that I expected.

I pondered whether I heard Him wrongly in what I wrote 1 week ago and expected and eagerly anticipated all week. Then He began to open my understanding to more revelation about this. He said I had heard Him correctly, but not interpreted it correctly.

He reminded me of the six days He took to create man and all the animals, plants, trees, fish, birds, etc, and that He rested on the seventh day. He called this "the fullness of time."

He reminded me of the scriptures I read in Amos 1:3 and following where it says over and over "For three sins of ____, even for four"....and that that means the fullness of time has been reached for their sins.

I will always explain to you what I am doing so you can understand rightly and interpret rightly. It's called the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, of Knowledge and Understanding. I give you more of that right now as a gift – Isaiah 11:2-3, Ephesians 1:17.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (Ephesians 1:17)

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HOW DO YOU LOVE ME?

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

How do you love Me, Joan? How do you love anyone? You spend time with them; you listen to them and what they are concerned about; you talk to them about your life and concerns; you share your joys and sorrows; you care about what they think; you spend time doing this on a daily basis if possible. That’s how you love Me too.

It also involves respect for that other one and wanting to do things to help them and bring them joy. That’s how you love Me too. You talk to them as often as possible and share your life with them. That’s how you love Me too. And notice this is the first AND greatest commandment. That means it is more important than all other commands, and above all other commands.

Now, about the second commandment about loving your neighbor as yourself: that means do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It means treat them with the same thoughtfulness and kindness with which you want to be treated. Loving yourself means taking care of yourself and your needs and treating yourself with kindness and goodness. Do that same thing for your neighbors. And your neighbor is anyone who crosses your path that day, anyone with whom you have contact that day, even someone you talk to on the phone or meet at a restaurant.

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THE LORD’S “SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY WASH”

**And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”
(Revelation 21:5 NASB)**

Today I was pondering together with the Lord about the new creation He is making - about the “sons of the Kingdom” and the “sons of the devil.” I was thinking about what Paul Keith Davis talked about at his School Of The Spirit meeting last Tuesday about his father being saved and how he had a dream where he saw Bob Jones in heaven with his own father and brother. I thought about how the Lord can enter a situation and make it completely new, and that He makes a person NEW when that person is born again.

I pondered that no unclean thing could ever enter Heaven and wondered what happens when born again Christians (who are “made new” by the Lord, but perhaps had committed some sin(s) they had not yet repented of) come up to Heaven when they die.

I have often wondered about the “wheat” and the “tares” and whether the tares have the opportunity to become wheat. On the other hand, it says “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” in Romans 3:23.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice...he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:21-26)

I am reminded of what Jesus said to Peter and His disciples on the night he was betrayed when He washed their feet. He basically said that they were clean because of His word, but that they just needed their feet washed from the dirt from that day. He said:

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me...a person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” (John 13:8-10)

Perhaps that is my answer: that if we come to heaven it is because we are already clean due to this righteousness He gives us through faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning blood. And, if we still need our “feet washed” from the daily sins, somehow He has a way to do that and not contaminate Heaven with our everyday sins.

What comes to my mind, as I ask Him for some scripture that might speak to this, is this:

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)

You are seeking Me for revelation, Joan, and I am giving it. You do not need to worry. I will wash you in My living waters of My Word. Somehow they are tied together. Remember, I said My disciples were clean because of the Word I gave them. They received those Words from Me (all but one who didn't receive them, and I knew this). My Words cleansed them as they accepted them by faith in Me. They were already clean. The daily sins (and they had some) were washed away as they repented and asked for cleansing. Those daily sins won't keep you out of Heaven. Neither will they (the sins) come with you into Heaven. You will be totally pure when you enter Heaven. I have a way to do this. Trust Me.

**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)**

Shortly after writing this I ate breakfast and read Day 23 “A Flood of Living Water” from *100 Days in Heaven* by James Durham. He told a story of coming up into Heaven into the “garden of the Lord” and how living water rushed over him and cleansed him of “every hurt, disappointment, injury, and offense.” He said, “It washed away everything that hindered my relationship with the Lord.” (p. 75) He called it the Lord’s “Spirit, Soul, and Body Wash.” That fit so perfectly with what the Lord had just been teaching me, that I was amazed and rejoiced. Isn’t He wonderful!

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FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Today I read Day 24 “Filling The Storehouse” in *100 Days in Heaven* by James Durham. It basically talked about preparing for the days ahead by filling yourself with God’s Word. I was especially impressed by this idea: that we need faith more than food and the way to get faith is this:

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

I have asked the Lord so many times to increase my faith and fill me with the faith of Jesus. I was impressed that when I need/want more faith, I need to hear/read out loud the word of God.

**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 NIV)**

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,
who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 KJV)**

I have often wondered about that difference in translation. Do I live by faith in the Son of God, or by the faith of the Son of God? Or is it both? I hear “yes” to that as I write it – to both.

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WE CAN'T GIVE BACK TO GOD SOMETHING THAT WE DID NOT ALREADY GET FROM GOD

We listened to Graham Cooke DVD #4 about thinking relational. He said we can't give back to God something that we did not already get from God. He gave the example of God first loving us, and then we love Him.

My thought was – is that true with faith also? Does He first give us faith, and then we give that faith back to Him? I want the Lord to teach me more about that. The first scripture that comes to me about that is Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

I will answer all your questions—in due time. I like your questions; keep asking them.

You WILL know Me, as you say you want to. I will reveal Myself to you little by little every day as you walk through this life on earth.

I give you favor from the Lord.

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

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A BETTER WAY TO PRAY

I felt the Lord said He wanted to teach me a better way to pray for my needs than the way I have been praying – which is asking Him to heal me of whatever it is, or commanding it to be healed.

After I read Day 29 “Pre-Opening Shopping”, p. 90 in *100 Days in Heaven*, by James Durham today, He began to teach me...

Because you're reading this book, because you are so interested in Me you would read this book, you get to take advantage of (get invited to) this pre-opening shopping opportunity James describes. Let's walk together among the aisles/shelves and see what you need provision for today.

B just called and was protected from an accident on the way to work. We prayed and bound fear off her and asked for peace.

So the Lord gave me one thing I needed today: safety for B. Just as she walked out the door, He had me pray for her safety, even though she and I had already prayed for it together earlier.

He and I “went shopping”. He asked what I needed. I said health for my body, strength for the day, healing of many places in my body. He handed it to me and said this was the way He wanted me to pray for it. I was to receive it, so I did. He had me lift up my arms and receive it into my hands, and then place it into my chest area.

He asked what it was I wanted/needed. I said the desire of my heart was to have a closer, more intimate, fellowship/relationship with Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit. He handed it to me, had me reach out my hands and receive it, and place it in me on my chest.

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BREAKING INTIMIDATION

(Sections 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 (Judg. 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) Paul prayed we would know "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 names, 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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HE TAUGHT ME

This morning the Lord came close to me as I prayed the beginning part of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven").

As I prayed, He came closer and closer and I could somehow "feel" Him coming closer as if traveling towards my face. He seemed to come from in front of me some distance, to right in front of my face. Then we talked and talked and He taught me some more about "the mysteries of the kingdom."

He taught me about our *imaginations*. He said they were not bad, even though they could be used for bad if we used them for worldly, selfish, or demonic uses. But, as with many things we are given, they could be used for good - and good, in this case, means for the Kingdom of God. It is good if I submit my imagination to Him each day and let Him be the Ruler/God of my imagination.

He taught me about my "*knower*" which knows Him and knows what He teaches me. He said we were made in His image, and He "knows all things," so we also have a "knower" that knows things. If that "knower" is submitted to Him and ruled by Him, then He can teach our "knower" what is real and true in the Kingdom spiritual world. It is our "knower" that knows Him by faith. Faith is somehow connected with our "knower".

Emily and Gordon Binning taught us that at a CFO camp one summer. Gordon asked Emily, "How do you know that?" and she answered, "My knower knows."

He taught me about our *Father-child relationship* which He and I have with each other. He said the Father has all wisdom and teaches it to me little by little as I am ready for that information. He explains to me what is right, what is real, what is important in life, how to see things, how to think about things, and how to relate properly to Him.

He does this as a parent would teach it to a little child when that little child is young and open to Him and not tainted by the world and how it thinks. I am that little child and that is the way He wants me to come to Him and learn from him. This includes His being my Provider as a Father provides everything His child needs.

He taught me that *He has all things*, and Jesus told us that “all that the Father has is Mine”, and then Jesus gives that to us by way of the Holy Spirit. He said that is why we pray “in Jesus’ name” for what we need and ask for...because it comes from the Father, through Jesus, given by the Holy Spirit into us.

He is teaching me *how to come into His presence* and *how to approach him rightly* (the protocol for coming into His presence as John Paul Jackson called it). I am to do this by praying the first part of the Lord’s Prayer as taught to us by Jesus. I say each phrase and then pause and wait for Him to respond...listen to Him speak to me (i.e. I say “Our Father, who art in heaven” and then I wait until He answers me and speaks back to me before I continue).

I am not to just dash into His presence and begin asking Him questions or asking for things, but I am to greet Him in the way Jesus taught us to greet Him, and wait for His response, like I would when I greet someone here on earth.

When I want to seek Him for answers to questions I want to bring before Him, I first ask Him to “sprinkle me with the Blood of Jesus” and then I speak that I “draw near to God and he will draw near to me.” This helps get me into position to communicate with Him throughout the day as I seek Him for this.

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SEARCHING FOR THE INHERITANCE THE LORD HAS FOR ME

A DREAM

In this dream I seemed to be the secretary at a church like I was at FUMC. A lady was telling me the name of her new grandchild and spelling it for me so I could put this information correctly in the church record books and bulletin, etc. She said the girl's name was "Waverly" but she wrote it out in a strange way, so I didn't understand it. I asked her to spell it for me. I couldn't seem to get it spelled right. I could see the way she wrote it but didn't understand the marks she made. She called one letter a "tally." I kept trying to write out the letters of the name, and then I'd need to erase some of it and change it. She spelled it beginning with O, then a "tally" or a V.

Later, I went to the church in a room by myself during one of their worship services and tried to work on getting the name written out correctly (always from top to bottom, not from side to side) and kept working at it while I listened to their service. I had a number

beside each letter of the name. I was trying to finish getting this right before they finished the worship service, as I didn't want them to see me. I wanted to leave before they finished. It seemed like R came into the room where I was working, but didn't pay attention to me or notice I was there. I started picking up my stuff to leave and I had lots and lots of stuff to gather up.

I saw myself in a mirror and saw that my hair was different and decided it didn't matter if people saw me that way because that's the way I was. It was brown and full, and I saw a section that seemed raised up a bit.

Interpretation:

- Waverly: Old English name meaning meadow of quivering Aspens, quaking aspen, from the brushwood field, the tree-lined meadow. Can be boy or girl name, rare, also a place name
- FUMC: a church where I used to work as secretary
- Grandchild: heir, oneself, inherited blessing or iniquity, one's spiritual legacy
- Church building: church, congregation
- Church service: worship
- Tally: adding together various parts to make a total
- Hair: wisdom and anointing, covering, covenant
- R: disciple leader at church
- Name: meaning of name, someone by that name, identity, authority, reputation
- Unknown lady: spirit, God's messenger (angel)
- From top to bottom: not the way we usually write or read things, different from the ordinary way. Maybe from the spiritual realm down to the natural realm
- Working while listening to a worship service: seeking God or listening to God while working
- Wanting to get it right before worship service was over: want to get something right before my time here on earth is finished
- Numbers: represent some specific meaning depending on what number it is
- Didn't understand the marks she made: she used a different language or symbols than I did
- I didn't want to be seen: something I want to do privately, not openly
- Lots of stuff to pick up: I had worked on lots of materials privately
- Mirror: God's Word or one's heart: looking at oneself, what's going on in you.
- Brown: compassion, humility, born again

This dream seems mostly to deal with the name of a grandchild of an unknown woman. The dream is about me and this woman and the spelling of the name Waverly. I wonder if this "grandchild" could be me and the unknown woman is an unknown woman in my ancestry. Or she might be an angelic messenger to reveal something to me. She was trying to give me information about a name, reputation, identity, possibly of myself, in her eyes.

The spelling of the name Waverly was very hard to pin down specifically. It seemed to keep changing, so I had to keep erasing parts of the spelling and change it. I tried to do this work (of discovering the spelling of who I am?) while listening to worship by others, but working privately by myself. I wanted to finish the work and leave before others came.

The name means a meadow of quivering/quaking aspen trees. A tree can represent a leader. I remember how beautiful the quivering/quaking aspen trees were when I was visiting Colorado. So this image is a very positive one for me and reminds me of the dream I once had where I was being transported into a misty meadow and felt God's presence so heavily I kept saying, "Oh, God, Oh, God."

Quivering also reminds me of those touched by the Spirit quivering or shaking. Perhaps Waverly refers to a whole meadow of Christians touched by God's Spirit and quivering in His Presence. Perhaps it refers to this revelation (of the name Waverly) coming from a different language system than my everyday language; therefore, I couldn't spell it.

In the last part of the dream my hair refers to my wisdom and anointing. I saw it in a mirror. This could mean I was seeing a reflection of myself, my heart, God's Word, from my memory or past or what was going on inside of myself. I approved of what I saw even though others might not be that way. It showed me as born again, compassionate, humble, pastoral. Since it was rich and full, that may mean it's bountiful in those qualities.

Keep going, Joan. I want you to get the meaning of this dream. It is very important to Me and to you. I am the One who sent that strange woman to tell you about yourself. I want you to learn what she means - the message I gave her to give you. Keep searching.

I'm teaching you to stand among the trees, the leadership trees, and quiver with My Spirit, but not waver in your standing.

I'm teaching you that I have a different "language" than the earth people know, and that I sometimes speak to you in that different language and you don't understand what I am saying. But I will help you tally it up, to figure it out, to get specific as numbers, to understand what I'm telling you is your inheritance from Me. Keep looking for it.

Keep searching for it - your inheritance from Me that I want to make known to you. It is illusive often and you have to keep searching for what I mean, what I am saying to you.

You ARE that grandchild that has an inheritance coming, and it's from Me. I WANT you to have it, but you have to search for it, privately, while listening to Me and worshiping Me. It will bring you new wisdom and anointing while looking at yourself in the mirror of My Word, of Me.

That's a private dream - just for you. It speaks of mysteries too deep for many to understand and/or accept. But you may find these mysteries, Joan, the mysteries of the meadow of quivering aspen trees...those who tremble in My presence.

THREE PRAYERS

Here are three prayers from p. 78 of *100 Days in Heaven* by James Durham which the Lord wants me to use as promises:

May the Lord always find you prepared and ready for His next move in the Spirit.
May the Lord find you doing what He has given you to do.
May the Lord be so pleased with your service that He entrusts you with more.

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TRAVAILING

Today was the strangest day. I felt tired all day and lacked desire to do anything. Even my favorite pastime of doing puzzles didn't seem attractive. I felt like grumbling and complaining. I felt weepy and like crying many times. It reminded me of how I sometimes felt in hormonal change times like right after B was born. When I was talking on the phone in the afternoon I started to cry several times (but didn't let the person know) and cried out to the Lord to help me. Then a scripture came to my mind (deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Me – Luke 9:23) and I quoted it and it helped me stop crying immediately. I wondered why this was happening, as this isn't the way I usually feel.

I will help you every time you are weak.

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

The next day I wrote: Today I feel good. The things I felt yesterday are gone. PTL! I somehow think it was part of the battle we have been waging for someone's salvation.

I asked the Lord what was going on yesterday and heard:

Sometimes intercessors weep and don't know why. I am using them to weep for Me for things/situations they know not of. That was what was happening yesterday.

Then it was You?

Yes, it was Me. It is a form of traveling.

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AN APOSTOLIC CENTER/HUB

Today the Lord taught me that the Kansas City Metro is an apostolic center, a hub like Paul Keith Davis says the Lord is setting up all over the US. The Lord said power is stored in the center/hub and goes out from there. The hub/center provides food, shelter, restoration, housing, prayer, teaching, revelation, and encouragement to the body of Christ.

The Lord has drawn many people to this area to be part of this center. They are placed throughout the Metro area, as B and I are placed in Lees Summit, TJ is placed in Overland Park, and D and B are placed in Gladstone.

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HIGHEST PRAISE

This morning the Lord taught me about "highest praise." He said I can't do that by myself, I need to be led there by the Spirit. I am to pray for wisdom and revelation each day using Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19a)

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 3:17b-19)

I am to "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise (Psalm 100).

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:4-5)

I am to totally focus on Him. This must be done with my spirit. I am to imagine a long "gate" phase to go through before coming to the court. The "court" is His throne - high and lifted up.

I am to ask Him to instruct and teach me how to praise (Psalm 32:8) as I haven't seen or experienced it before; it is new to me.

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

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JOY

I give you contentment and satisfaction with Me and in Me – joy.

Joy isn't laughing, Joan, it is being filled with contentment and satisfaction. Sometimes it bubbles up with great joy, but mostly it is a quiet, peaceful, contented feeling...like things are right.

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MY TRUST IS TO BE IN YOU, AND WHO YOU ARE

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

Did you notice, Joan, in the scripture after this verse, that where there was destruction, then there came the promise of restoration: healing, peace, security, rebuilt, cleansed, forgiven, bringing Me honor, renown, joy, praise, people in awe and trembling at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide?

“You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. “Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” (Jeremiah 1:7-10)

You see, Joan, I build my servants the prophets differently now than I did in the Old Testament days, before Christ came. Then I came upon them in heavy anointing, and they spoke for Me. Now I work from within where I reside in them, and I must cleanse them out

from all contamination, and purify them and make them My spotless and unwrinkled bride.

You are concerned that you have heard from Me, and then it didn't happen. I know that has lessened your trust in believing the words you hear Me speak to you. But you still believe in Me, and trust in Me, and identify with the words you read recently:

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

Keep listening, Joan, and keep believing, and someday you will understand more, and realize why I allowed things to happen. Then you will KNOW that I do all things rightly and justly and with great integrity and righteousness. You will know and believe that what happened to you was not by chance, or some trick being played upon you, or even something you mis-heard or mis-applied or mis-interpreted, but was purposeful in My workings in you too.

Then your trust will not be in you, and what you hear, and whether it is absolutely accurate, but in ME and WHO I AM and HOW I WORK.

So, You want my trust to be in YOU and WHO YOU ARE and HOW YOU WORK rather than in words I hear from you which can be fragile and uncertain. That is basically what the Habakkuk scripture is saying to me: though things happen that I don't understand, or necessarily agree with, I still will rejoice and be joyful in YOU – God my Savior. Is that right, Lord?

Yes My daughter, that is right. That is the message I want you to hear and receive from Me today.

Now, go forth in the knowledge and understanding that I am doing a great work in you, and that I know what I am doing, and how to do it just right, even though you don't currently understand it. Keep asking to "know My ways" as you do often. Keep asking, as I want to teach you MY WAYS.

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)

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

DURING THE MILLENNIUM

This morning the Lord talked to me about how we will co-partner with Him during the Millennium as we rule and reign with Him. He said basically we will have the authority that Adam had and didn't keep when he sinned, and we will walk in that authority. We will therefore be able to "speak to" things in the world that we have authority over, and they will do what we speak.

This was the authority Jesus had as a man and used - like when he spoke to the storm/waves and they stopped, spoke to the bread and fish and they multiplied, spoke to people's diseases and those left, etc.

God said in Genesis that everything that man needed was provided for him, and it will be that way for us in the Millennium. We will also be used to teach the earth's inhabitants what they need to know about God, how things work on earth, etc. We will also lead the people to go to Jerusalem and worship Jesus at the required times.

LIKE PLANTS THAT WILL GROW AT THE RIGHT TIME

I dreamed during the night a whole series of dreams. In one of them various people were going around and around in this place rather like in a skating rink. They each were singing some song, not the same one, but a different song, but the songs all fit together like a "round" in music.

Another part of a dream had a young boy who fell down and I helped him get up and go on his way again.

Another dream had me walking around in a room full of sand where there was a plant I saw which was broken off, and I fixed it so it was replanted. All this plant needed was for water to come and nourish it so it could then grow. I could see other "things" under the sand or down in the sand that could eventually grow also when the water came. One "thing" was large like a pumpkin. Others were various plants.

The Lord wanted me to write down these dreams because He said they were from Him. He said He used them to **put things in me** – like gifts He was giving me. I somehow think these gifts are like plants that will grow at the right time, perhaps when the water of the Word or the water of the Holy Spirit is applied.

It reminds me of one of the *100 Days In Heaven* chapters (by James Durham) which I read to B this last week which talked about a "surge" of the Holy Spirit's power and presence that was

coming...like a moment in time when God would pour out an unusual amount of His Spirit upon His people for the very end times days we are approaching now. He seems to be getting His people (us) ready now for that power surge so we can handle it and go forth with it to serve Him in the great Harvest that's coming just before the Rapture. Paul Keith Davis also talks about this "shift" that is coming and I think Chuck Pierce also.

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THE STILL SMALL VOICE

This morning when I tried to listen to the Lord and talk to Him, His voice was pretty quiet, but could be heard if I listened carefully. Then He taught me this:

My voice starts still and small to see if you're going to focus in, hunker down, and listen to hear Me better. Then My voice will get stronger/louder as we go on with our conversation.

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DOING THINGS TOGETHER WITH GOD, ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE, AND SPEAKING IT FORTH

(3:45 a.m.) The Lord began speaking to me when I awoke during the night, so I began writing:

*You look at your purpose, your goal,
And how to get there –
And you call forth those goals from Me.
You send out My spiritual forces to carry out those goals.*

*It's a shift, It's a shift, It's a shift,
From demonic forces being in charge,
To My forces being in charge.
That's the shift that's taken place.*

*Now My forces are ready to be commanded
And I am their Commander, the Commander of the Lord's Armies.
I command them, but you and I co-labor together to send them out.
From now on let's do this together.*

First you find out My heart/purpose.

Then you speak forth verbally the words of command I give you – the words of command we decide together.

My generals do this who are under My command.

If I say I want to do something, some project, then we (you and I) will set out to do that together.

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ARISE, SHINE

As I rested to start my nap this afternoon, the Lord began to speak to me about the healing I have asked Him for so many times. He has told me over and over that there will come a time when He will answer those prayers and heal me – and this while I am still on this earth. So today He brought that up again and taught me this: There will come a time when the scripture is fulfilled that says:

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
(Isaiah 60:1)**

He said when this time comes, then His light will come upon those of us who are His Bride, who are obedient to Him, who listen to Him, who love Him and follow Him. This will be His pure and spotless Bride. His light will come upon us at this time and His glory will rise upon us. Then I will be healed of things I have asked Him to heal me of. And then these people, His Bride, will listen to Him and go out to others precisely as He leads each of us, and we will tell others about Him. This will bring them to salvation and into relationship with Him also.

These are the “harvesters” Paul Keith Davis has been talking about. The Lord is preparing each of them now, and they will “arise and shine” as this scripture says. They will not go to anyone except the ones the Lord leads them to go to – even as He only went to those the Father led Him to go to – and He healed them all. We will be used for healing too, especially after He has healed each one of us.

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BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Today I read Day 14 “Be Still In His Presence” page 48 from the book *100 Days in Heaven* by James Durham. As I did, the Lord talked to me with this:

- *You know what it means when you “be still and know that I am God”? It means I can reveal more of Myself to you.*
- *I’m revealing things to you.*
- *You are My writer, Joan, so write things down I reveal to you so you can share with others. My scribe. My listener.*
- *Some are watchers and some are listeners. You are a listener. Both are “just right” and the way I made you. Then you share with each other and both are enhanced.*
- *The Kingdom of Heaven is near – at hand. It’s like a club you are already a member of. Just step out of the earthly/fleshly kingdom and into the heavenly kingdom.*

How do I do that Lord?

You do it in your thoughts first by focusing on Me (in worship, praise and thanksgiving – Psalm 100). Then I take over and open a pathway into My Heavenly Kingdom with Me. (Proverbs 3:6) You have the experience; then you write about the experience.

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THE SHEEP LISTEN TO HIS VOICE

Today the Lord was teaching me as I read John 10:1-5. I have often pondered what this meant when it said, “the sheep listen to his voice....his sheep follow him because they know his voice.”

Today the Lord taught me that there is something inside His sheep (He compared it to a seed inside us) that knows the voice of Jesus when He speaks to us. The “knowing” is not a vocal sound knowing, but an inner heart knowing. The “still small voice” inside of us, the seed of the Lord Himself, knows the voice of Jesus. So, when He calls us, we recognize it and follow it/Him.

I believe the “watchman who opens the gate” into our hearts is the Father who opens the gate for Jesus to come into us.

The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; In fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice. (John 10:3-5)

LISTENING TO GOD, WATCHING DAILY AT HIS GATES, WAITING AT HIS DOORPOSTS

**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord.
(Proverbs 8:33-34)**

As I sat in His Presence, He reminded me of a vision He gave me years ago at CFO camp in Creative Silence class. In this vision I was in the water, ocean, and walked up out of the water to the seashore. There Jesus met me and gave me a treasure chest.

Today He brought that vision to my mind again and had me picture myself standing on the shore and His handing me the treasure box. He told me He was my treasure, my portion, and my cup. He walked into me and melded together with me. He turned around so He was facing the same direction I was facing and so His hands and mine came together.

Then He taught me what this meant: that now He was in all of me, that my hands were His, my eyes were His, my heart was His, my ears were His, my feet were His, my soul was His: my mind, will, and emotions were all His, and my spirit was now filled with His Spirit and that was His too.

He said I was now full of Life for He is Life. He said previously death was working in my body, but now Life had overcome death and was working in me...that I would see the physical effects of Life restoring me to life, changing me from the effects of previously having death working its effects in me. Life took over my mind, will, and emotions, and my spirit too. I am now full of Him.

With that comes power, and I must be careful how I use that power. I must use it only as He directs me for it is His power now in me...and His authority now in me.

This will not change back and forth, but will stay this way (the way of Life) for the rest of my time on earth, whatever that is. He will train me in how to use this power and authority, just as He would train a little child. That is what I am to be now, a little child learning from Him how to be Him on the earth.

A DOOR INTO HIS HEART

This is what the Lord told me yesterday about worshiping Him in Spirit and Truth. I believe it applies to what He told me today and that He has opened this door into His heart for me to enter – and this door cannot be shut.

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 3:7-8a)

Ask Me to show you what I have shut and opened that I want you to know.

I said “Ok, I will,” and asked.

Revelation 3:8 “I know your deeds.”

I know your deeds, Joan, and I am pleased with them. See, I placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I want you to know this is real and this is true. What open door? A door into My heart.

I will open the door of My heart and draw you in there where you will worship Me in spirit and in truth. This is My gift to you today.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

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

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OVERCOMING SOMETHING DIFFICULT

Each person who is My special called and chosen one is allowed to go through and overcome something very difficult. For you it was the separation, divorce, and living without salary for 5 years. For your friend it is what he is going through now and has been going through. For B it was school and all the difficulties she had to confront and deal with to make it through. And she did. And you did. And your friend is and will.

This is the overcoming situation that brought each of you closer to Me and pruned out of you much that wasn’t of Me that I wanted pruned. It was My “discipline” or “training” time. Now all three of you are trained and matured by it and are ready to go forward with

Me into the end time harvest time to come. This is a good thing. And I want you to see it that way.

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A TITHE

He said He wanted me to give Him 1 hour each day at the beginning of “my” work time after breakfast and B leaves for work. He said it was a tithe of my time. When I thought about what time I generally have to myself before I get too tired in the evening to do much, I figured I have from about 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. That is 10 hours. So 1 hour would be a tithe of those 10 hours. Interesting.

~ 101 ~

WANTING GOD

"I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. **Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted.**" (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 17)

~ 102 ~

A REVELATION

As a result of a phone discussion, I realize this revelation:

If something affects us, and we command it away in Jesus' name, it must leave if it is from the devil - because Jesus is greater, and He won the victory over the devil.

If we command it away in Jesus' name, and it came from Jesus, it doesn't need to leave, and it will stay.

If we are unsure where it is from, we can command it to leave and see what happens.

~ 103 ~

WHAT WORSHIP IS

In my special quiet time set apart unto the Lord He taught me about worship today (I read about worship in Derek Prince's book: *Rules of Engagement*).

You wanted to know what worship is:

- *You look up to that which you worship*
- *You listen to that which you worship*
- *You obey that which you worship*

So worship is looking up to Me, listening to Me, and obeying Me. So, you see, you do that every day as you come to Me. And then you rest in Me and what I say. That is worship in Spirit (as it is only by My Spirit you can truly do this) and in Truth (Jesus is the Truth and you only can come to Me through Him).

It's an attitude of your mind and heart toward Me. And most of the time it is a private thing, even when in a group. It is not singing songs to Me or praying to Me, although those can both be part of your worship.

~ 104 ~

LETTING PEACE BE MY GOVERNOR

Song in my head: "Up, up and away in my beautiful balloon."

My peace is with you. When My peace is with you, then you/we can advance with the project – together. "Let peace be your governor/ruler." Don't set out or advance without My peace. It gives you My perfect timing. You've been practicing waiting for My peace regarding where you live for over a year now. This was to teach/train you how to wait for/follow My peace.

Now we are ready to use that training for more than your place of residence. That was just to practice on – like a drill to teach you to do something.

Song: "Up, up and away in My beautiful balloon."

From that perspective (up there) we can look down and see what's happening – then decide/set our plans on what to do about it. Then you will speak the words we choose and decide on to carry out our goal(s).

We will consult and write – often during the night. This is just for you and Me. Don't worry about Satan/the enemy seeing the words you write. I can keep them hidden.

Ok, I'll trust You to keep them hidden, Lord.

Don't worry about your health. I'm in charge of your health.

Song: "Up, up and away in my beautiful balloon."

This will be (this time and episode) like our balloon ride – whenever we do this. I'll talk more about this at other times, but the mid-night time is so good for your undivided attention! So we will often use it.

Mid-night – "midnight" in the parable of the 10 virgins, is the time I come for the 5 virgins with oil. So one-half My virgins have oil and one-half don't have "enough." You are one of the one-half who has enough oil to hear Me and see Me come at "mid-night."

Song: "Up, up and away in My beautiful balloon."

That song appearing in your mind will be My signal, like a bell ringing, to alert you to come apart with Me for instructions - like the book title "Come Away, My Beloved" from Song of Solomon. Look that up and write the Scripture reference here (Song of Songs 8:14).

You may go back to sleep now. It's been a good time together.

~ 105 ~

ASKING THE LORD TO SHOW ME THE ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:14-18)

As I was reading the Scripture Psalm 139:14-18 the Spirit began to enable me to see that He knew about me before I was even born, and He knew what I would think and do. He also knew this about other people He mentioned.

He reminded me that recently He taught me that I didn't have to agonize over any decision to find an answer - I just had to come to Him, ask Him to show me the answer, and He would do that for me.

He knows that I am concerned about some people I know because they might go to hell after they die if they don't rightly belong to Jesus. I don't want anyone whom I love to go to hell, and I feel some responsibility to tell them the truth about what they believe so they won't (but offense was taken toward me when I tried).

He indicated He wanted me to care about whether people went to heaven or hell, and He had put that "caring" in me. And He would activate that "caring" at the times He wants me to show that to others.

But, right now, He wants me to place these people I am concerned about in His hands and let Him take care of them. He knows my concern. He knows exactly what they think, whether they belong to Him or not, and how much longer they have to live on this earth. He knew before they were born whether they would come to Him or not.

So, I place them in His hands right now, today. I ask Him to bring them to salvation before they leave this earth. I ask Him to save them eternally. He asks me if I trust Him...and I do. So, I place them in His hands for salvation. I ask Him to send the truth to them in time for salvation and to prepare their souls to receive that truth.

I place in His care all my brothers and sisters and their extended families. I pray He brings each of them to salvation. I also ask Him to renew, restore, and revive my children. These are all my close relatives I am praying for today (and have prayed for many, many times).

Then I will bring them as close as I can to salvation, Joan. I will not make the decision for them, but I will do all that's necessary for them to make the decision to belong to Me. So now, whenever you get anxious about their salvation, remember this, and give them over into My hands again. "Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your heart AND MIND, in Christ Jesus."

And now I am to declare this.

So, in the name of Jesus, I declare that God will draw to Himself and bring the truth about salvation to these loved ones of mine, with an understanding of the consequences of that decision. The decisions are theirs. I declare this ALL in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Now - they are in My hands, Joan. Trust Me with them. Will you? Put them in My hands again and again if you need to, whenever the anxiety comes. It isn't abdicating your duty to give them over to Me. It is performing your duty to them, for I am the only One who can save them. AND I WILL DO ALL THAT I CAN.

Thank You, God!

He taught me that I didn't have to agonize over any decision to find an answer - I just had to come to Him, ask Him to show me the answer, and He would do that for me.

~ 106 ~

TAKING COMMUNION AND DISCERNING IT RIGHTLY

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

Surely he took up our infirmities (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 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.

You are praying that prayer (Isaiah 53:4-5) each morning when you take communion. I have been teaching you about communion the last couple of weeks, and what is really taking place when you take communion.

As you know this and recognize this, it is effective in working that in your life. I sent you to that teaching by Wade Taylor about taking communion so you would learn more about this.

I will keep teaching you also and deepening your understanding of what is taking place when you take communion and "discern it rightly." This is one of the "secrets of the kingdom" that I said I would give you - and that you have asked to learn. It is one of the "treasures of darkness" - meaning hidden from many except the ones I reveal it to.

1 Corinthians 10:16

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

~ 107 ~

KNOWING THAT WITHOUT HIM I CAN DO NOTHING

One of the secrets of God is that I can do nothing by myself. "Without Him I can do nothing." To me this means that whatever I do without him ultimately has no benefit in my life. It would be like the wood, hay, and straw that are burned up on the Day of judgment.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

~ 108 ~

PUTTING GOD'S KINGDOM FIRST

The Spirit is teaching me today that one of the secrets of God is that you must put His Kingdom first in your life - and keep it that way. It is a daily process of making decisions based on His Kingdom being first and Him being first in your life. Scriptures regarding this:

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

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. (Revelation 2:26 NIV)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12 NIV)

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV)

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

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62 NIV)

Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. (Luke 11:28)

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

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 virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. (Matthew 25:1-2, 10 NIV)

~ 109 ~

THE SECRET DRAWING OF GOD

"We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. 'No man can come to me,' said the Lord, 'except the Father which hath sent me draw him' and it is by this prevenient *drawing* that God takes from us every vestige of credit for the act of coming. **The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him...**On our part there must be positive reciprocation if this secret drawing of God is to eventuate in identifiable experience of the Divine." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pp. 11-12)

~ 110 ~

TREASURED POSSESSION

As I was reading in Malachi 3:16-17 I noticed it talked about the time when He will gather His "treasured possession" and that intrigued me, so I followed up on the references to it. Here they are:

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession." (Malachi 3:16-17)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (Deut. 7:6)

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the Lord has chosen you to be his treasured possession. (Deut. 14:2)

And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. (Deut. 26:18)

(Jesus Christ), who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:14)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

~ 111 ~

A DREAM ABOUT BOB JONES EATING BANANAS

In this dream I saw Bob Jones eating lots of bananas and I was gathering the peelings to discard them. I was also taking care of 2 children some time during the dream. Also, I was cleaning and quick-freezing quail for eating later – I think by Bob Jones.

I will tell you the meaning of the dream, for it is good and very important. It comes out of that “waiting time” you had last night. I imparted it to you during that time.

The Lord showed me this about the dream:

- Bob Jones ate the bananas and I collected the peels. The Lord said the peels were just as nutritious as the inside fruit. Bob ate the fruit, and I got what came out from him. He reminded me of the time at FSC when Bob imparted something to me when he touched my left arm (he had all of us come forward to receive this from him and he touched each one individually). He said this was imparted to me at that time – to receive some of the benefits

of the fruit from Bob. The Lord said I thought I was to discard them, but I didn't actually do that in the dream, I just collected them. I hear I still have them.

- I AM taking care of 2 children who are the Lord's children, and they are T and B. I am helping them by giving the instructions.
- The quail represent provision. They are meat. I am storing up the meat of the Word in me. I am storing it up for use later as needed for food. "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." This also represents, I hear, the promise of provision of all we need that He will bring supernaturally to us, like He brought the quail to the Israelites supernaturally.

~ 112 ~

O REST IN THE LORD

The Lord wants me to look up all the words to the song He gave me during the waiting time last night – *O Rest In The Lord* (based on Psalm 37). He has given me this song many times as instruction and comfort to me. I sang it during my voice lessons while at Manchester College (now Manchester University) as a music student.

Music: *O Rest in the Lord* (No. 31 from "Elijah" by Félix Mendelssohn

(A song)

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

~ 113 ~

THOUGHTS AND WORDS

The Lord taught me about thoughts and words we speak. He taught me how they create a "bubble" (an atmosphere) around us.

He is creative with His thoughts and words and we are made in His image, therefore our thoughts and words are creative also.

I was thinking about what someone said once - that “all thoughts are prayers” - and I was asking Him about it while I was awake during the night (around 3-4 a. m.).

In a sense it is true because He knows all our thoughts and words. And He says all of our thoughts and words are powerful and active and do something around us and in us.

~ 114 ~

MYSTERIES

I want to reveal mysteries to you that you know not of. Do you want them?

Yes, Lord.

Then they are now yours. Expect them to manifest in your dreams, thoughts, imagination, and visions.

Thank You Lord.

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**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:15-18 NIV)**

**My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them. (Psalm 139:15-16 KJV)**

**My frame was not hidden from thee, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance; in thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (Psalm 139:15-16 RSV)**

**You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. (Psalm 139:15-16 NLT)**

~ 115 ~

## A SUBSTANCE OF SOMETHING NOT SEEN

*Your knowing is a spiritual thing, not a physical sign. You can tell it's Me by the peace in your heart. When that peace leaves, then you can assume something is not right in our connection.*

*It is by faith, which is a substance of something not seen. A substance means it's real, but not physically seen, only spiritually known and discerned. But it IS REAL in the spiritual realm.*

*The spiritual world is real, just not visible to your physical eyes. By faith, not physical sight, is the way you function in that world while you are in earth life.*

~ 116 ~

## AUTHORITY

**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)**

As I was reading out loud the scripture Matthew 28:18 about all authority, I heard this:

*Remember this (the authority I have given you), and you walk in it more and more as you understand and recognize this and believe it. ALL AUTHORITY.*

I also remembered Luke 10:18 which I had read earlier about the authority He gave His disciples...

**He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. (Luke 10:18)**

Then I read Mark 1:15 which says:

**"The time has come, he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)**

As I read the Mark passage, these thoughts came to me about this event happening in the future. I heard this:

*The time has come. The kingdom is upon you. Take it everywhere you go and walk in its power and authority. Share it with everyone as I lead you – specifically – person by person – only as I show you to.*

~ 117 ~

## LIFE

I had read in the James Durham's book *100 Days In Heaven* about how he went into heaven and drank from the River of Life there. I sought the Lord about drinking from it too and heard this:

*My River of Life comes through My Word to you. I know you want to drink from it, so eat My Word and it will fill you with Life. It is alive and active and sharper than any 2-edged sword. Look up how My Word gives you Life.*

**This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord you God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deut. 30:19-20)**

**You have made known to me the path of life. (Psalm 16:11)**

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

**For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life... (Proverbs 6:23)**

**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34-35)**

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. (Proverbs 11:30)**

**He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor. (Proverbs 21:21)**

**In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:4)**

**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 3:15)**

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. (John 3:36)**

**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)**

**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...For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:24, 26)**

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

**I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. (John 6:47-48)**

**Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)**

**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10b)**

**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)**

**Jesus said to her, "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." (John 11:25)**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)**

**Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:30-31)**

**When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)**

**Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to**

life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Romans 6:13)

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:22- 23)

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. (Philippians 2:16)

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. (Revelation 20:11-12)

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21:27)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. (Revelation 22:1-2)

## SINGING WITH THE LORD

The song He was singing in my head over and over was this:

(A song)

Freely, freely you have received,  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in My name and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live.

Another song He had repeating in my head last night was this:

(A song)

Chorus:  
In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody,  
With heaven's harmony.  
In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody of love.

Verse:  
I have a song that Jesus gave me;  
It was sent from heaven above.  
There never was a sweeter melody;  
It's a melody of love.

~ 119 ~

## ANTI-CHRIST

**The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. (Matthew 13:24-26)**

The Lord was teaching me about “anti-Christ” today. He indicated that the tares (weeds) that are sown in the field where the Lord planted wheat are “anti-Christ”. We talked about certain people I knew who displayed that spirit. When I was texting with a friend about what someone asked him advice on, the Lord indicated it was a distraction. He said:

*Remember the “anti-Christ” is there among the wheat to disturb, distract, disrupt, and disagree.*

~ 120~

## THE END TIMES SCENARIO

### A DREAM ABOUT WORKING WITH DOUG ON A PAGEANT

I had a wonderful dream in which B and I went to the church where D was the leader. They were starting to prepare for a pageant, and we were there to help somehow. He greeted us and gave us the assignment to prepare the large poster cards to prompt the actors/singers with their lines to the songs. So, we began looking for the poster board and the words to the songs. As I noticed the rest of the many people there, I saw that some were just sitting around while some were very busy.

As I talked to Him about the meaning of the dream He told me D represented Him in this dream.

He was the one who knew the whole plan, and each person came to Him for what their role should be.

It shows some people not engaged while others are very busily engaged in preparation.

I heard this represented the end times scenario/battle/harvest.

~ 121 ~

## MASTERLIFE

Before I went to sleep last night I asked the Lord to give me a dream from Him – something He wanted me to know and understand in a dream form. I had this dream:

### A DREAM ABOUT LEADING MASTERLIFE AND WHAT THAT MEANS

I had a dream during the night about MasterLife. MasterLife was the name of a discipleship course I studied, and later led, some years ago. In this dream I saw listed the things we were to do in MasterLife (the requirements page) that we check off during the course. It was in a different format (8 ½ x 11), but still the basic things we were to do, and places to initial the things we completed. I seemed to be talking with some people about the course.

After I woke up, He said to ask Him what the dream meant, so I did. He told me this:

*Your many dreams about MasterLife mean this – that you are leading MasterLife all the time now with B and others.*

*That means you are listening to the Master (Me) yourself and teaching/telling others what you have learned from Me.*

*It's like that man Timothy, who talked with Paul Keith Davis at the webinar, who had an angel whisper in his ear what to say, and then he said it.*

*You are listening to Me in your spiritual ears, and then telling them what I say to you.*

*This is MasterLife – Life with the Master – listening to Me and following Me.*

**~ 122 ~**

## **A FEAST**

The Lord told me He had a feast for me this morning, so that is what I am expecting. A feast means feeding on His Word.

He lead me to James 1:16, then added 17-18.

**Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:16-18)**

*Do you want to know what this means, Joan?*

*Then listen and I will tell you. You can write it down as I speak it into your spiritual ears/understanding. Listen carefully, for I have a lot to say and I will tell you when I am finished saying it.*

*First of all, I do not want you to be deceived. How do you keep from being deceived? By listening to Me, knowing My Word, and asking Me questions about what you hear. I will answer and tell you if what you heard is truly from Me or just a thought from some other source. I want you always to confirm what you hear with Me.*

*About good and perfect gifts: I am giving you many good and perfect gifts as you make room for them by ridding yourself of false ideas the world has taught you.*



*These good and perfect gifts are Me—who I am, My nature, My thinking, My creative ideas, My joy, My love, My disposition, My dependence on the Father for everything.*

*How do you rid yourselves of false ideas? Ask Me to reveal them to you and I will.*

*What does "Father of the heavenly lights" mean? That is something you will understand more later when you actually meet Me face to face and see the Father in heaven. So, don't fret that you don't know now. You will eventually – like many things you want to know.*

*I (Jesus/Holy Spirit) and the Father are One and we do not change. So, you can depend on Us.*

*We chose you; we birthed you, and how did we do that? By giving you the Word of Truth. It's the Truth that birthed you as you heard it and believed it.*

*Who gave you the grace to believe it? We did because we chose you. When did we choose you? Before the foundation of the world when we already "knew" you.*

*You are very special to us and we want you to know and realize that. You are among those we chose to be the firstfruits of all we created. If you are first, that means there will be more fruits after you, but you will always, for eternity, be among the "first" fruits of all we created. That is a very special place and position. I want you to know that.*

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## **NOTHING WILL HARM YOU**

I prayed in my own words for a painful place on my upper back/neck where it was hurting. Then I heard Him say He wanted me to ask Him how He wanted me to pray for it. When I did, He said to pray in tongues for it, so I placed my hand on the place and prayed in tongues.

*Yes, My daughter, this is the way I want you to do it from now on. Ask Me how I want you to pray, and let Me show you the way for that particular circumstance.*

Today the Lord had me work on the computer file called Nothing Shall Harm You. Recently He has been bringing to my attention many scriptures regarding nothing harming me and I felt I was to record them.

## **SCRIPTURES ON NOTHING WILL HARM YOU**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)**

**The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. Luke 10:17-19)**

**However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. (Deuteronomy 23:5)**

**The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:5-7)**

**We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. (1 John 5:18)**

**They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. (Mark 16:18)**

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Revelation 2:11)**

**The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:18)**

**Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Genesis 26:24)**

**Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. (Exodus 14:11-14)**

**Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)**

**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Deut 4:24)**

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)**

**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 20:15, 17)**

**To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 3:4-5)**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. . (Psalm 23:4-5)**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. (Psalm 27:1, 3)**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Ps 34:4)**

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

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. (Psalm 91:4-6)**

**But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. (Proverbs 1:33)**

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

**When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Proverbs 3:24)**

**Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared. (Proverbs 3:25-26)**

**Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29:25)**

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)**

**For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)**

**But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers,**

**they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. (Isaiah 43:1-2)**

**Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. (Isaiah 54:4)**

**In righteousness you will be established; tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. (Isaiah 54:14)**

**Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you. (Jer 1:8)**

**And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)**

**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)**

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)**

**But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)**

**Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)**

**God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5-6)**

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. (1 Peter 3:12-14)**