ENCOURAGING WORDS Book 22

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.

(Scriptures are from the NIV Bible unless marked otherwise)

Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth, Sing to the Lord, praise his name; Proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:1-3)

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NO VICTORY WITHOUT A BATTLE

(Quotes from The Supernatural Ways of Royalty by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(pg 207 Kris Vallotton)

There is no victory without a battle. Battles are designed to free us from the prisons of life and take us to the palace of our destiny. Between the prison and the palace there is always a process that this warfare facilitates. The process is often better described as a trial. The trials of our life are designed to develop our character so that we can stay in the palace.

You are in the palace now, Joan. You are a special, special daughter of the King - King Jesus. You had to go through a major battle to get here. That major battle was your marital failure. It brought many battle fronts on which you had to fight: emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial. And you had to fight battles for your children during that time too. All of these battles brought you to be freer from the prisons of life.

That's why I get to *stay* in the palace you have me in right now, Lord? Because You have developed my character so that I can stay in it?

Yes, that's true. You know you don't deserve such blessings as I am pouring out on you, but you also know that I keep giving them. That's because you have now gotten your character developed enough so you can stay there. It is My blessing: to develop the character, to bring you to the palace, and to keep you there. It is all My grace and My blessing.

I praise You, Lord, and thank You, Lord!!!

So I want you to see where you are in your life right now, and why you are there, and know that I will keep you there - and it's all because of Me, not you. You've been through many battles to get here.

Thank You, Lord!!!

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I AM THE LORD GOD TO WHOM VENGEANCE BELONGS

O Lord God, You to Whom vengeance belongs... shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render to the proud a fit compensation! (Psalm 94:1-2)

For the Lord has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause. (Isaiah 34:8)

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." (Isaiah 35:4)

It is mine to avenge; I will repay. (Deuteronomy 32:35)

See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life. I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand. (Deuteronomy 32:39)

I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me. (Deuteronomy 32:41)

Since this is the vengeance of the Lord, take vengeance on her: do to her as she has done to others. (Jeremiah 50:15)

The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies. (Nahum 1:2)

God is just; He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you, and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. (2 Thessalonians1:6-10) For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." (Hebrews 10:30)

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A GENTLE WHISPER

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

And after the fire came a gentle whisper. (1 Kings 19:12)

(Quote from Streams In The Desert, L. B. Cowman/A. B. Simpson, p. 255-256)

A friend gave me a book that had this one primary thought - that God was waiting in the depths of my being to speak to me if I would only be still enough to hear His voice.

As I listened and slowly learned to obey, I shut my ears to every other sound. Soon I discovered that once the other voices ceased, or once I ceased to hear them, "a gentle whisper" began to speak in the depths of my being. And it spoke to me with an inexpressible tenderness, power, and comfort.

This "gentle whisper" became for me the voice of prayer, wisdom, and service. No longer did I need to work so hard to think, pray, or trust, because the Holy Spirit's "gentle whisper" in my heart was God's prayer in the secret places of my soul. It was His answer to all my questions, and His life and strength for my soul and body. His voice became the essence of all knowledge, prayer, and blessings, for it was the living God Himself as my life and my all.

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I, THE LORD, WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE ME

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28-30)

Yes, Joan, you learned something new by studying this. You learned that I have a COVENANT OF LOVE with all who love Me and obey Me. I wanted you to know this. This is very important. As the Old Testament people called on Me in that covenant of love, even so you can call on Me in that covenant also. There are many blessings that come to you who are within that covenant of love: things working for good, being rescued, protection, finding Me, being watched over, and things you cannot even conceive in your mind.

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

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. (Psalm 91:14)

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. (Proverbs 8:17)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? (James 2:5)

The Lord watches over all who love him. (Psalm 145:20)

Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. (Psalm 119:132)

O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands. (Nehemiah 1:5)

I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations, of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:6)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16)

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. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

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

Keep yourselves in God's love. (Jude :21)

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I AM THE LORD WHO SUSTAINS YOU

It is I, Joan, your Lord, who sustains you. Just like I sustained those mentioned in these Scriptures, I will sustain you. Even in your old age I will sustain you, for I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. Count on Me and trust in Me, and I WILL sustain you. That is who I am.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isaiah 46:4)

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green. Psalm 92:12-14)

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:3)

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. (Psalm 18:32-33)

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; (Psalm 18:35)

You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. (Psalm 18:36)

The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow. (Psalm 146:9)

The Lord sustains the humble. (Psalm 147:6)

For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. (Nehemiah 9:21)

The word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." (1 Kings 17:2-4)

So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the

morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. (1 Kings 17:5-6)

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food. So he went to Zarephath. (1 Kings 17:7-10)

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 3:5)

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

The Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. (Isaiah 50:4)

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ASK THE LORD WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF

John Paul Jackson said to do this: "Ask the Lord to tell you what He wants you to know about yourself. Write down what you hear Him saying to you--the quiet thoughts that come to your mind."

I want you to know something, Joan. Something which you do not perceive or think or know - about yourself. Just listen and see what I tell you, and write it down here.

First of all I want you to know that I love you with an EVER-LASTING LOVE. Everlasting means it is forever and cannot be changed, ever, for any reason. But this love I have for you is not like earthly love, so you do not and cannot perceive it correctly. But you will when you come up here to live with Me in My heaven - forever. Then I will show you My love from My perspective, and you will finally begin to understand. Until then, you just take it by faith what I am saying.

Secondly, I want you to know that I chose you. I chose you before the world began and long before you were born on the earth. I chose you and I planted My seed in you to make you Mine forever. I will not lose you because you belong to Me. I chose your children too. That means B, and K (who was destined to become your child), and the little boy who miscarried. Now that J is part of your family by marriage, I choose him too. I picked him out to be K's husband on purpose as you prayed for many times. I also chose him before the foundation of the world as I did you, B, and K.

Now that you know that, I want to tell you about yourself and what I planted in you to be and what I planned you to be. You have already seen most of it manifested in your life. 1. You were to be a teacher, so I gave you the gift of teaching. You have taught many by your word and mouth and you will teach many more by your writing. I placed this gift of teaching in you for My glory and to reveal to many others who I am in your life. Then they will know I can be that in their lives also as they seek Me.

2. Secondly I chose you to be a discipler - one who disciples other younger Christians. You have followed that faithfully in your life at CBC and thereafter in just the ways I have opened up for you and led you into. You are now a discipler through your writings, which I am giving you to share with other Christians.

3. Thirdly I designed you to be a mother. Your mother heart went out to your students when you taught kindergarten. And your mother heart desired to have children of your own which I gave you.

4. Fourthly, I designed you to worship Me. You have manifested that desire to worship Me more and more as you have grown older, and it is now at its peak. You will continue in this as you come up here and live with Me in heaven.

As I re-read this, the revelation came regarding worship that I worshiped Him through singing. I sang to Him while in choirs in college, and while in the choir in Boston, and while in the CBC choir.

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I AM THE LORD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Yes, Joan, I am. I am faithful. I was faithful in the past; I am faithful now; and I will always be faithful. That is why My Word says that Jesus Christ is the SAME, yesterday, today, and forever. Faithful means I never change. If I was ever faithful one single time, I am faithful forever, because I don't change. If I was ever good one single time, I am always good. If I was ever kind one single time, I am always kind. Know this and it will help you many times when you wonder and have possible doubts. Remember that I don't change. I AM FAITHFUL.

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

What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all! (Romans 3:3-4)

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them - the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Psalm 147:5-6)

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)

To the faithful you show yourself faithful. (2 Samuel 22:26)

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. (Psalm 33:4)

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. (Psalm 145:13)

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them - the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Psalm 146:6)

And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. (Hebrews 3:6)

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. (1 Peter 4:19)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. (Revelation 19:11-17)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Revelation 1:5)

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4)

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. (Psalm 117:1-2)

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

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WHAT WE BEHOLD WE BECOME

(Craig Kingsley - Sanctifying the Imagination)

Unfortunately, many Christians think about the problems surrounding their day. When this happens, they actually use their imagination to empower fear and anxiety. Instead of focusing on the problems with a kingdom mindset that says, "God can fix that; He's a big God," they focus on the problem and actually make it out to be bigger than God. But let's resist that temptation and remember that what we behold we become.

~ 9 ~

I, THE LORD, WILL RETURN WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN

Yes, Joan. I will return. Be watching and ready for I will come at a time you will not know. It will be a surprise for all, but especially good for those who are watching for Me. I will return just as is spoken in these scriptures - with the clouds of heaven. It will be marvelous to behold - a once-in-eternity event. Watch for it. "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:61-62)

At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. (Mark 13:26-27)

Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds - his name is the Lord - and rejoice before him. (Psalm 68:4)

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:27)

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. (Revelation 1:7)

By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Exodus 13:21)

See the Lord rides on a swift cloud. (Isaiah 19:1)

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. (Psalm 104:3)

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. (Daniel 7:13)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book. (Revelation 22:7)

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (Revelation 22:12)

Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed. (Revelation 16:13)

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. (Revelation 19:11-17)

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. (Revelation 14:14)

So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. (Revelation 14:16)

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:30-31)

In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven. (Matthew 26:64)

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LIKE A TIME MACHINE

(Quotes from *Secrets of the Secrets Place* by Bob Sorge, p. 128-131)

The secret place is a time machine, transporting us from our time zone to His. Here we step into the eternal and begin to view all of life from the perspective of the Ageless One who is without beginning or ending of days...

The closer you get to God, the more you realize He's in no hurry...

Once we press through and cross the boredom threshold, we open to the joys and adventures of waiting on God...

To wait successfully, we must come to derive more fulfillment by being with Him than by working for Him. When being with Him fully satisfies us, we can wait for as long as necessary - just as long as He stays with us...

But to give you the fullness of what He has planned for your life, He will use the season of waiting to prepare you as a vessel, and also to prepare circumstances around your life so that you will be able to step forward into the proper sphere when His release comes to you. He's waiting so that He can crown you with an even greater blessing...

Even though you may wait on God for many years, there is a day coming when God will change everything in a moment of time! He may take seemingly forever to get around to it, but once God moves, He can change everything in a day.

This is it, Joan. This is what I am going to do. Just hold this in your heart - that I WILL move in his life and I WILL change everything in a single day for him.

~ 11 ~

I, THE LORD, WORK IN YOU TO WILL AND TO ACT ACCORDING TO MY GOOD PURPOSE

I work in YOU. I work in you to will according to My good purpose. I work in you to act according to My good purpose. That is the way I function, Joan. I work in you. Your part is to be willing to let Me work in you and to ask Me to work in you. Then we can work together as co-partners in the work I've called you to do.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)

I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. (Psalm 40:8)

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. (Psalm 143:10)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. (John 7:17)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

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

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Psalm 51:12)

Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. (Daniel 3:28)

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FATHER, DRAW ME BACK TO YOU

(*Experiencing Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost)

Finally, *choose to dwell daily in Father's embrace*. The outward man seeks for the power of God to deliver him from his circumstances. The spiritual man seeks for the presence of God to fellowship with him and be with him through his circumstance.

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

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

~ 13 ~

I AM THE GOD OF GLORY

I am the God of glory, Joan. I am total glory. That is who I am. I give out "particles/pieces" of glory to all who belong to Me and this glory invades their spirits. When I do this, it does not diminish My glory in the least. My glory never diminishes. And I do not share MY glory with anyone. It is totally and forever Mine.

But you, as My child, receive Jesus Christ who is your "hope of glory." You only find My glory and receive your portion of glory through Him.

What is glory? It is who I am - the totality of who I am. It includes all that I am, including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It includes healing, and wisdom, and truth, and everything that I am. So, write here the Scriptures that I give you regarding My glory.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2)

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

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (Psalm 19:1)

I will not yield my glory to another. (Isaiah 48:11)

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

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. 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)

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels. (Mark 8:38)

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. (John 17:5)

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)

So it will be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. (Revelation 4:11)

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. (Revelation 21:23)

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

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NOTES AND QUOTES BOOK

Today as I sat at the breakfast table talking with Beth she mentioned an idea that the Lord had been giving me recently too - to tell my family about the *Notes and Quotes* book series that I am writing

recently. They might be interested in looking at that series, and notice the other books on my web site also.

As I pondered this, the Lord began to give me ideas of what to say in the next family letter, and told me to go write it down now. So I put those ideas into my next letter. This is what I wrote:

I wanted to tell you about a book I have been working on recently. The title of the book is *Notes And Quotes*. For many years I have read wonderful Christian books and written down favorite quotes from those books. Also I have listened to many Christian CD's and watched Christian videos - and taken notes about those. I really thought those "notes and quotes" were just for my personal use. But recently I felt the Lord leading me to organize them into a book which Beth could put online for me in my web site (www.doveministry.org) so other people could also read and enjoy those. So I have been working on that project, and Beth has put online for me the first book in that series. In book one there are notes and quotes from Neville Johnson, Paul Keith Davis, John Piper, Rick Joyner, Joyce Meyer, Bill Bright, L. B. Cowman, Bob Sorge, Bill Yount, Bill Johnson, Francis Frangipane, Reinhard Bonnke, Michael Sullivant, Larry Walker, Mike Bickle, and Bill Weinkauff. The section by Bill Weinkauff gives notes Beth and I took when we attended a Prophecy class taught by Bill. I mention this so you can read these notes and quotes also in case you are interested.

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I AM THE LORD WHO LIFTS PEOPLE UP IN DUE TIME

I will lift up those whom I will lift up, and I will tear down those whom I will tear down. I choose, and I act, and I do. I chose to use Moses to confront Pharaoh, and I chose Pharaoh to resist Moses and Me. I had my purposes and plans for all of this. I chose Joseph to save his family, the Israelites, at just the right time. And I chose Jesus to come at just the right time, and "to be lifted up and draw all men unto Him." I lift up and I tear down. I choose and I do.

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

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)

(Joseph) It was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. It was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. (Genesis 45:5, 7-8)

(Pharaoh) For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. (Romans 9:17-18)

(Cyrus) This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of...I summon you by name, and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. (Isaiah 45:1, 4)

(Esther) And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)

(Jesus) But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. (John 12:32)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)

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

And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1260 days, clothed in sackcloth. (Revelation 11:3)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God. (Romans 1:1)

I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. (Romans 9:15-16)

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LOVE IS AN ATTITUDE

Love, My love, is not an emotion as you think on earth. Love is an attitude first and then an action. Out of the attitude comes the action (obedience, listening, gratefulness, worship).

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I AM THE LORD WHO KNOWS ALL YOUR THOUGHTS

Yes, Joan, I know everything you think, and I know every motive of your heart. Nothing is hidden from Me. I know ALL THINGS. I know everything about you. I know when you sit. I know when you lie down. I know when you are happy and when you are sad. As you might say it - I know you inside out. But this is a good thing. You do not need to hide anything from Me, because I already know it anyway. You can be completely honest and open with Me.

Yet you know me, O Lord; you see me and test my thoughts about you. (Jeremiah 12:3)

The Lord knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile. (Psalm 94:11)

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. (Psalm 139:4)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:12)

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. (Matthew 10:26)

If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart? (Psalm 44:20-21)

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. (Romans 8:27)

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (Psalm 139:1-2)

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. (Job 23:10)

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THE CHURCH IS HIS VOICE

(Quote from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(pp.204-5 Kris Vallotton)

The angels heed the voice of His word, but the Church is His voice to declare that word on earth. I am proposing to you that the angels actually receive their commissioning from the prayers and prophecies of the saints. I don't think we have to tell the angels what to do; I think we just need to pray and prophesy in the Name of the Lord, and when they hear the word of the Lord they go out and perform it. But we can only declare a word of the Lord that commissions the angels if we are under authority and therefore have authority to send them.

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I AM THE LORD WHO KNOWS THE BEGINNING AND THE END

Yes, I do, Joan. I know the end from the beginning. I AM the beginning and the end. I know all things. I am all things. I am all in all. And I began this world, and I will end this world. I began the life of mankind and I will end the life of mankind. I began your life and I will end your life. All life is in My hands.

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

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (1 John 1:1-2)

I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

Listen to me, O Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens. (Isaiah 48:12-13)

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

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. (Revelation 1:10-11)

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 21:5-6)

Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:12)

I am the root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. (Revelation 22:16)

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SEE IT FROM HEAVEN'S VIEW

(Quote from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(Bill Johnson)

I now pray until I come into a place of faith for that situation. When that happens, my perspective on the problem changes. I begin to see it from heaven's view. My role also changes. Instead of asking God to invade my circumstances, I begin to command the <u>mountains to be removed</u> in His name. It is from this place of faith (or rest) that I discover my role as the pray-er.

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I AM THE GOD WHO REVEALS HIDDEN THINGS

I am a God who likes to hide things, Joan, and then reveal them at just the right time. This is the way I am and the way I act. I hide things. But often I tell ahead of time what will be coming, so it will not be a surprise. I tell it through the prophetic words I give to My servants. I even tell it through someone who doesn't belong to Me, like Caiaphas (John 11:49-52). I can speak through whom I choose. I spoke through the Prophets and I even spoke through a donkey when I chose.

I foretold the former things long ago, my mouth announced them and I made them known; then suddenly I acted, and they came to pass. (Isaiah 48:3)

I told you these things long ago; before they happened I announced them to you. (Isaiah 48:5)

From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. (Isaiah 48:6-7)

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)

Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

I (Paul) have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness - the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:25-27)

Then he placed his right hand on me (John) and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later." (Revelation 1:17-19)

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THE KINGDOM OF LOVE AND LIGHT

We've a story to tell to the nations That shall turn their hearts to the right A story of grace and mercy A story of love and light A story of love and light For the darkness shall turn to dawning And the dawning to noonday bright And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth The kingdom of love and light

As I found this song going over and over in my mind this morning, I realized the Lord was leading me to the topic I believe He wants me to write about today in the *Revelation* book - His coming kingdom.

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES CROWNS TO MY BELOVED

Yes, Joan, there are crowns. There are many crowns available to those who believe in Me and follow Me. I want you to have the crowns that rightfully belong to you, and there are several. A crown of righteousness is due for everyone who believes in Me because I am your righteousness, and you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. And there are many other crowns especially suited to each individual person. And I have MANY CROWNS on My head, many crowns.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are *many crowns*. (Revelation 19:11-12)

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)

Finally, there is laid up for me the *crown of righteousness*, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on the Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8)

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. If anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the *victor's crown* unless he competes according to the rules. (2 Timothy 2:3, 5)

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take *your crown*. (Revelation 3:11)

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had *crowns of gold* on their heads. (Revelation 4:4)

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get *a crown that will last forever*. (1 Corinthians 9:25)

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive *the crown of glory* that does not fade away. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the *crown of life*. (Revelation 2:10)

You will be a *crown of splendor* in the Lord's hand, a *royal diadem* in the hand of your God. (Isaiah 62:3)

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IN ITS TIME I WILL DO IT SWIFTLY

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

I pondered how much has changed over the last 70 years of my life and thought:

- no cell phones
- no TV
- no credit cards
- no internet
- no robots
- no drones
- no terrorists
- no flashdrives
- no computers
- no CDs
- no DVDs
- no Microwaves

The scripture that came to me was: "In it's time I will do it swiftly." 70 years is swiftly for all of these to come into being so they are used on a daily basis by many people.

I told you I would do it swiftly, and I have. New things are being developed every day, things you don't know about or hear about. Some are good things and some are devious things, meant for evil. Both sides are developing quickly - the darkness and the light.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

It is, Joan, and quickly.

Give us this day our daily bread

I will continue to be with you and your prayer bundle, all the days of your life and of their lives. Your prayers don't stop at a predetermined time, they continue on in existence and in effectiveness. So don't ever think your prayers are wasted time or effort.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

Forgive everyone you need to forgive whether you remember the people or events or not.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

I am doing that right now, Joan. I am delivering you and your whole prayer bundle from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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I AM THE GOD OF ORDINARY MIRACLES

Yes, Joan, I am the God of ordinary miracles. I put My hand upon you each day to bring about good things in your life. I do so many things that you do not even comprehend or notice. So today, I am going to tell you some of the ordinary miracles I do for you each day.

I put My hand upon you and give you this book.

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets, so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-4)

Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. (Isaiah 30:8)

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

I walk with you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. (Revelation 3:4)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. (Psalm 23:4

I talk with you.

The word of the Lord came to me, saying... (Jeremiah 1:4)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 2:29)

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

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice. (John 10:16)

I reason with you

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. (Isaiah 1:18)

I protect you

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble, and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name." (Psalm 91:14)

I created you.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

I tell you what to do

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

I tell you what to think

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

I am your friend

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. (John 15:13-15)

I gave you the trees, the grass, the sun, moon and stars.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (Genesis1:26)

The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. (Genesis 1:12)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place... (Psalm 8:3)

I give you the air you breathe.

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

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

I answer you when you call to Me.

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

How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. (Isaiah 30:18)

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:12)

I help you find Me when you seek Me.

If you seek him, he will be found by you. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. (Jeremiah 29:13-14)

When you are in trouble I help you.

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. (Psalm 91:15)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)

I give you legs to walk and eyes to see and ears to hear.

Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? (Psalm 94:9)

I give you a heart to understand.

So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong (1 Kings 3:9).

I will give you a wise and discerning heart. (1 Kings 3:12)

I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. (Jeremiah 32:39)

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them: I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. (Ezekiel 11:19-20)

I can show you the way to go, to walk.

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 30:21)

I give you creative plans.

"All this," David said, "I have in writing from the hand of the Lord upon me, and he gave me understanding in all the details of the plan." (1 Chronicles 28:19)

I give you sleep.

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. (Psalm 3:5)

He grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:2)

You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid. (Job 11:18-19)

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

I wake you up.

When I awake, I am still with you. (Psalm 139:18)

I give you gifts - good gifts and perfect gifts.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

I am with you all the time and wherever you go, even in old age.

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 121:7-8)

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:7-10)

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green. (Psalm 92:12-14)

What is man that You would do all this for him?

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:1, 3-9)

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YIELDED AND STILL

(A song) Have Thine own way, Lord Have Thine own way Thou art the Potter I am the clay Mold me and make me After Thy will While I am waiting Yielded and still.

This is the song going through my mind this morning. So I am waiting and listening to learn what He wants me to do. I hear that He wants me to work all day on the *Revelation* book and not spend time doing much cooking or other projects. So that is what I intend to do.

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I AM GOD OF THE WEDDING FEAST WITH MY BRIDE

I love My bride, Joan. And you are part of My bride. There are many others also. Collectively you all are called My bride. And I will feast together with all of you at the "wedding feast of the Lamb." You will be there. You will love it! It will be so great it will be "immeasurably more than all you can ask or imagine." So look forward to it, My daughter, My bride, for it will be coming soon.

Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find. So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. "Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" The man was speechless.

Then the king told the attendants. "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"For many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:8-14)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And from the throne came a voice that said, "Praise our God, all his servants, all who fear him, from the least to the greatest." Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." (Revelation 19:5-9 NLT)

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. (Revelation 22:17)

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AUTHORITY

This is what I thought about and texted to myself last night:

Authority - everything in the kingdom works by authority. That's why Satan tried to steal Adam's authority - and succeeded. He succeeded by tricking Adam with a lie and causing Adam to act outside the authority he was supposed to stay under. He disobeyed God's command and so came out from under His protection.

When the Centurion declared the authority pattern he knew, Jesus called it faith.

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I AM GOD OF THE HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM

Don't you know this is greater than anything you can imagine? It is so beautiful and so glorious and so marvelous that you do not have words to describe it. But that is where My bride will live and where I will live with her. It is already prepared and ready and waiting to receive all of you. I am looking forward to this great joy. You may look forward to it too.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-4 NIV)

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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:9-14)

The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 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 21:26-27)

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AN OVERCOMER

I had two difficult dreams during the night. I woke up wondering why I had such frustrating dreams and if I was to learn something from the experience.

Then I spent my time praising and thanking the Lord and trying to draw near to Him. I kept thinking about the Scripture -

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

I asked the Lord to tell me about the dreams, if they were from Him, if I had left something undone, if I wasn't cleansed rightly, etc. I felt He said He would tell me but first I needed to get into peace with Him.

It was something for you to overcome. I know you want to be an overcomer, so I allowed this for you to overcome. You did. You looked to Me and took your focus off the difficult situation and put your eyes on Me. That was the right thing to do. And then you waited to see what I would say/teach you about the situation. That was the right thing to do. I am pleased, and you have overcome.

I AM GOD OF THE RAPTURE

This is what is going to happen, Joan, and it will be very soon, perhaps even within your lifetime, even more likely within the lifetime of your children. This is My blessed hope for all who belong to Me - they will be caught up in heaven to be with Me - and be with Me forever! This is My promise, and I am faithful to fulfill My promises.

We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 NLT)

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53 NLT)

I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:2-3)

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

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)

Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. (Genesis 5:24)

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. (Hebrews 11:5)

(The two witnesses) Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. (Revelation 11:12)

This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come....so you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:39-42, 44)

(Jesus speaking) "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.'' (Matthew 25:1-13)

While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, 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)

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." (Revelation 22:20)

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BOOKS IN HEAVEN

This morning I found myself thinking back over my many friends at CBC and thanking God for them and asking Him to bless them. He said to turn on my computer and listen as He wanted to say something to me.

This is what I planned for your life - and you followed Me closely and well. You ministered in My name for many years, in many places, and to many people. This is all recorded in heaven in My book about your life. It is a beautiful story that many have read and are still reading.

You see, people in heaven have access to the treasury room of heaven and to the room of books of records/remembrances. They may go there and read the amazing stories of people who have lived on earth before them, during their times on earth, and after them. That's new to you, isn't it? I said I would tell you great and mighty things you do not know. This is one of those great and mighty things.

The stories of each person you were thinking about, who really belonged to Me, are written in these books, and you can read them when you come to heaven. I invented language and I invented writing and I invented books, Joan. They were invented/created for My use in My kingdom.

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I AM GOD WHO SAVES YOU FROM THE WRATH

The wrath is real, Joan. It is not only real, but it is coming, and soon. It is coming AFTER I take out those who belong to Me, because I do NOT cause My righteous people to go through the wrath. The wrath is for the ungodly ones. It is for the destruction of all things which are not committed to Me. It is the destruction of the devil and his work before the Millennium begins. It is to cleanse the earth of evil. It comes in stages. There are some who will be saved during the time of the wrath, but My bride will not be on earth at that time, but in heaven with Me.

Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. (Revelation 3:10 NLT)

But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? (Matthew 3:7)

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! (Romans 5:9)

When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:32)

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

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:7)

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (Jude 14-15)

Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing - to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ... He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." (Genesis 18:25-26, 33)

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. (Psalm 91:7-8)

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MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

Last night I heard the Lord say He wanted to give me an extra special gift. He said it is more precious than rubies, diamonds, gold, silver, houses, lands, cattle, or livestock. Then He told me the gift was *Godly Wisdom*. He explained that this Wisdom is made up of several things - understanding, counsel, knowledge, discernment and revelation. He said

I want to give you that wisdom. Do you want it?

Yes, Lord, I do - very much.

Ask Me.

I ask You, Lord, for Godly Wisdom as You described.

It is now yours, Joan. Expect to experience it. It is a gift for your faithfulness in writing the book on Revelation of Me. This Wisdom is like in Proverbs 1-8.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 1:7)

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

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I AM THE GOD OF COVENANT

I am a God of covenant, Joan. Covenant is very important with Me. I work on the basis of My covenant I make with people, with human beings. I make a covenant with each one who comes to Me and seeks Me and finds Me. I make the covenant that Jesus sealed with His blood. And I never break My covenant. Mankind may break our covenant, but I never break it. It is in effect unless and until man himself breaks it. I am very serious about this. This is very important to Me. I made many covenants with people in the Bible, which you can read about.

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

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice. "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.

He got up the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." (Exe 24:3-8)

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets - all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.

The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord - to follow the Lord and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant. (2 Kings 23:1-3)

I will make an everlasting covenant with them; I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. (Jeremiah 32:40)

Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. (Isaiah 55:3)

So I will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the Lord. (Ezekiel 16:62)

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. (Psalm 25:14)

"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write in on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." (Jeremiah 31:31)

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:14-20)

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Hebrews 9:16-22)

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20)

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VISIONS AND DREAMS

The Lord said I was to work on *Notes And Quotes, book 3* today, so I will do that. As I did that, I came upon personal notes from the Lord to me that I put in the various writings by Christian writers that I used in the book. So I cut those personal notes out and put them here in my journal to review. I wrote them so long ago that I forgot them.

I gave you visions for awhile, Joan, to awaken you to the seer quality I have put in you. Then I stopped the visions (and you wondered why) to awaken you to dreams and interpreting them.

Now I am ready to do both in you at the same time. I started with the "vision" of the bluebird flying from left to right over your head with a seed in his mouth. That represents

My Holy Spirit coming over you from the spiritual to the natural realm and carrying My Word in His mouth to deposit in you as a divine visitation or divine impartation. It's time for both now.

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I AM LORD OF THE MILLENNIUM, MY KINGDOM ON EARTH

Yes, Joan, it IS amazing when you study about the Millennium, My thousand-year reign upon the earth. It IS the time I fulfill all My promises to Israel. It IS the time I have My righteous ones, who belong to Me, rule and reign with Me. It IS a time of peace upon the earth and a time of justice finally ruling and reigning there.

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. (Revelation 20:1-3)

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Revelation20:4-7)

(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:5-6)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Revelation 1:5)

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

See a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. (Isaiah 32:1)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:7-10)

While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the souls of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever." (Ezekiel 43:6-7)

And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE. (Ezekiel 48:35)

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains, it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nations will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. (Isaiah 2:2-4)

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

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

LIKE FIRE IN YOUR BONES

It will be like fire in your bones that must be expressed, Joan, like a pressure inside which must come out. And this will flow primarily in your writing, but sometimes by speaking it too...like at your LIFE group in prayer time.

I've started you out with a few words, and you have been faithful to speak those few words. Now, later, I will increase what I cause to flow through you. Look for that, but don't "make any up" on your own, just speak what I put in you, whether it is one word, or a whole flow of words. When I stop giving you words, then you stop speaking them, ok?

Yes, ok. Keep reminding me as I need it, Lord.

I will. I want to use you to speak My words, Joan, but first I had to stop you from speaking your own words and making up things yourself that you wanted for that person or situation out of your human reasoning. Now you have shut that down to almost nothing. Now I can begin to pray through you My way.

Yes, Lord, that is what I want - not my human prayers, but your divine prayers running through me like a stream of water gushing forth. I want to speak ONLY Your words, Lord.

I know you do and that is why you quit going to prayer meetings where you felt such pressure to say something from your human spirit. I know you can do that, but that is not what I was and am preparing you to do for Me.

I want you to speak ONLY from My Spirit directly through your mouth and through your writing. There often wasn't enough quiet in your previous prayer meetings to listen to Me and speak only from Me. So I had you quit going to them. I have My plans and purpose for you if you will "follow Me."

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I AM THE LORD WHO SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Yes, I am He. I sit at the right hand of God the Father. The Father and I are One. We rule together. He sent Me to earth to do the mighty work of redeeming mankind, and He brought Me back to heaven to sit at His right hand. When you come to heaven, you will see Me here, by My Father's throne. It is a position of great glory and honor.

Let us <u>fix our eyes on Jesus</u>, 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 12:2)

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father. (John 16:28)

And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. (John 17:5)

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55-56)

For he (David) says, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." (Matthew 22:41)

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end. (Luke 1:31-33)

We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven. (Hebrews 8:1)

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13-14)

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:20-22)

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:21-22)

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations - "He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery" - just as I have received authority from my Father. (Revelation 2:26-28) To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)

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. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. (Revelation 22:3)

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THE REVELATORY REALM OF HEAVEN

The Lord showed me I have already experienced the "revelatory realm of heaven" in the many "vision pictures" I have had. This will increase and get greater. Sometimes it comes in <u>dreams</u> (like the dream of finding the 'new number' of the place for C to live). Sometimes it will be in the form of a <u>word or idea</u> put in my mind, which I am to speak to someone (like to Bill R last week asking him if he had made his 'peace with God'). Sometimes it will be a <u>vision picture</u> (like Christ blessing the CFO group).

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I AM THE GOD OF PARADISE AND I AM THE GOD OF HADES

I am the God of Heaven and Hell. I am the God of Paradise and Hades. I created both. I bring those who belong to Me to Heaven to be with Me, and I place those who do not belong to Me in Hell, separated forever from Me.

(Luke 16:19-26)

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores, and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire."

But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in

agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

(Luke 23:39-43)

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him, "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

(2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows. And I know that this man...was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

(Revelation 2:7)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

We are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord...We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

(Philippians 1:21-24)

For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two; I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

(Matthew 25:41, 46)

Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

(Matthew 8:12)

But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

(Matthew 10:14-15)

If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

(Matthew 5:29-30)

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

(Matthew 10:28)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

(2 Thessalonians 1:6-9)

God is just; He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you, and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.

(Revelation 19:20)

But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

(Revelation 21:8)

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.

(**Revelation 14:9-11**)

If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.

(2 Peter 2:3-9)

Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting

them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

(Psalm 139:8)

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths (Sheol-Hades), you are there.

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ROLE AS INTERCESSOR

That's where you were when you taught Discipleship Training - outside the throne room (with only occasional times in the throne room).

Then, in 2000 I told you to stop Discipleship Training so you could spend your time coming closer to Me. Now you have been doing that for over 7 years, and you are much nearer to Me now than you were then.

Now is the time for you to be an intercessor before Me, in My throne room, bringing before Me those I assign you to. That's what this 7 years has been primarily about preparing you to come into My throne room, into My Presence, and to bring your requests before Me. That is the closest you will get while on this earth. It is My best for you. Walk thankfully and steadily in your new role as intercessor before Me.

You come to Me each morning when you come through the "gate" of My name, My works, and your relationship with Me. That gate stays open as you go through your day, and I fill you with truth and life from Me and through Me.

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I AM THE LORD, THE MIGHTY ONE, WITH ALL POWER TO HELP YOU ON THE WAY

This is the truth, Joan. I AM the Mighty One. I DO have all power. And I DO help you along the way as you look to Me and believe in Me. I am your Helper. I am your Guide. I am your Protector. I help you.

This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." (Isaiah 48:17)

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. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. (Psalm 32:10)

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)

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

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

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4)

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:11)

I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 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 121:1-8)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. (Romans 8:26)

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)

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. (Hebrews 13:6)

~ 44 ~

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

I love You, heavenly Father.

You are with Me on My heavenly throne. Remember I seated you with Me on My heavenly throne. Where I am, you are. Where you are, I am. We are in union.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

It is being done, Joan, in you and in Beth and MF. You hadn't thought of it that way, had you? But it is. My kingdom is coming in you three more and more and more - as you pray this prayer over you each week. And it will continue to come this new week also. What a wonderful way to begin your new week - asking for My kingdom to come into you three more, and asking Me to come into your whole prayer bundle more this coming week. I say "yes" to that request.

You always thought of it coming in the world setting, but I make it individual, one person at a time. That's the way My kingdom comes - one person at a time. I started on earth with asking My first disciple, then another, then another, etc. until I had twelve. It progressed from there to the faithful committed 120 on Pentecost. Then to 3000, then to 5000, and so forth.

I know you think of My kingdom coming as worldwide when I return again. And it is that too. And that return is imminent. It is so close, Joan, you would be surprised if I told you when. But I won't. I can't, because I am not allowed to reveal any thing the Father doesn't want revealed. I and the Father are One. I know His will as His will is the exact same as My will. I am the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus. We are One.

Give us this day our daily bread

Yes, My daughter, I will. Daily bread is essential for your life and the lives of all your prayer bundle. I will do that this whole week. I am your daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

I hear that prayer, and I grant that prayer. I will continue to lead you all into total salvation, in whatever level you are in that process: unbeliever, new believer, maturing believer, cleansing believer, learning believer, until you are perfect and holy, as I am holy. (All my prayer bundle, Lord?) Yes, all your prayer bundle. I will continue to work in each one, individually, on this salvation process until all who will choose Me, are perfected. And you WILL be with them in heaven eventually. It is done. It is My promise to you. It is completed already in My eyes. But you know they get to choose, and they will, each one, choose for Me or against Me. It will be very clear and it will be their choice.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

I am sending My angels to do that very thing right now. They are with every person in your prayer bundle and they will continue to be with them until their very last day on this earth. This is My promise to you for your faithful prayers for them day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. I have stored your prayers in My prayer storage room/place here in heaven. They are not lost or wasted. I have every prayer you have ever prayed stored up here, Joan, and they are many. Your cup overflows.

You have been faithful, and I am faithful. You are like Me, and that's the way you have asked to be - like Me. I am an Intercessor, and so are you. We intercede together. (So You are doing this with me?) I am doing this with you.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ 45 ~

I AM THE LORD WHO CHOSE YOU

Many are invited, Joan, but few are chosen. I choose whom I will choose. And I have chosen you to be Mine. I have chosen many to be Mine. And I will not miss a single one who is chosen. I will keep working in the world until I receive unto Me all who are called to be Mine. I chose you to bear fruit - the fruit of My Spirit - the fruit that honors My Father.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. (John 15:16)

He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)

God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. (1 Corinthians (1:27-29)

But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are my servant"; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. (Isaiah 41:8-9)

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. (John 15:19)

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)

Many are invited but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14)

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FREELY GIVE

Listen. Just sit quietly and listen, and you will hear from Me.

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

This is the song that keeps going through my mind today. Over and over. It brings back memories of when I sang it with a small choral group at a church in Indianapolis. Of all we sang, this one

song remains the most in my memory. I loved this song at the time we sang it, and I still do. It is based on the Word of God in Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

Part of it may also be based on John 17:20-21

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21)

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I AM THE LAMB WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

I am the Lamb, Joan, the precious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. I stand beside My Father on His throne. I intercede for all who belong to Me - those who come to Me and believe in Me and give their lives to Me. They are My bride and they are very precious to Me. I was led to slaughter and gave My life willingly to pay for the sins of all who would come to Me. And you are one of them.

Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. (Exodus 12:3)

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:32-35)

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. (Revelation 5:6)

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. (Revelation 6:1)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7: 9)

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

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 looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues - last, because with them God's wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb. (Revelation 15:1-3)

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with him will be his called, chosen, and faithful followers. (Revelation 17:14)

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. (Revelation 19:7)

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:9)

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. (Revelation 22:1-2)

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DECLARATIONS

I am here. I heard your declarations.

I was declaring the promises to work salvation in all the people in my prayer bundle who will choose Him.

I am with them, and I am with you. Count on this. I promise this. My angels are assigned to them. Yes, that includes J, and A, J and T too as MF's family. That includes all your brothers and sisters and their extended families.

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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

I am the Way, Joan, and all who follow Me follow the way. I am the Truth, Joan, and all who follow Me follow the truth. I am the Life, Joan, and all who follow Me have life in Me - eternal life. So choose Me for the way, truth, and life.

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

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true - even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1John 5:20)

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. (Revelation 3:7)

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. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (John 11:25-27)

You died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:3-4)

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body. (Hebrews 10:19)

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AT THE THRONE OF GOD

(*POWER OF THE BLOOD* by Bob Sorge)

In the Introduction Bob uses language to describe an experience I had last Sunday, which started when I was used by God to anoint someone. While I was doing that, I was strongly, strongly hit by the Holy Spirit. Later He told me I received the same anointing when I anointed that person.

During the worship service after that, I felt I was actually standing before God in the Throne Room in heaven. I worshiped Him and sang to Him during the whole worship time.

When I read these words from Bob's book, they helped describe what I experienced then.

Bob's words were: "may your heart thrill at the magnificent privilege the blood of Christ has provided us—the exhilaration of burning in holiness at the throne of God."

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I AM THE LORD WHO SAYS TO MY OWN - DO NOT FEAR FOR I AM WITH YOU

I have summoned you by name. You are Mine. I am with you all the days of your life, so do not be afraid. I have overcome the world, Joan, and if I live in you, then you also can overcome the world - in Christ Jesus. I give you My peace, a peace that is different than the world gives. My peace is supernatural and is from above. It is not like worldly peace. It is much greater and more effective. So do not fear, My child, for I am with you.

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

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)

I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)

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)

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

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)

Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:4-5)

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

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

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Psalm 56:3)

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)

Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. (Matthew 14:29 NIV)

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

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

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7 NLT)

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 12:2)

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. (Hebrews 13:6)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

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A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S CREATIVITY

(Notes from the CD series *The Creative Spirit* #3 by John Paul Jackson)

- I am a channel for God's creativity, and His work in me is always good.
- My dreams come from God and He has the power to accomplish them through me.
- To the degree I create and listen, I will be led by the Spirit of God. He who has, more will be given to him.
- My creativity heals myself and others because it is Spirit, and Spirit created all that exists.
- There is a divine plan of goodness that is prepared for me. Jeremiah 29
- As I touch creativity within, I am led to God who created me.
- I am willing to allow God to mature my perception of what He wants me to become, so I can create something closer to His purpose.
- Jesus said we will be regenerated, renewed, transformed.

Is this the kind of writing you have been doing, Joan?

I wanted you to know this and be encouraged that I also showed this type of writing to someone you admire and look up to.

It is not the world's type of writing, therefore it is not for the world to read. It is for My people to read, the ones whose lives I want to transform through reading it. Believe in this now.

Know this is what I want and what I will be accomplishing. It is all My work and I will do it. I will use it to change the lives of My people who read it.

Be willing to wait. I will use your writing at just the right time and circumstances—and only I know that. Trust Me.

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I AM THE HEAD AND FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

I am the Head of the church, of all who follow Me. I go first and lead the way and My people follow Me. I am the Head and My church is the body. I am also the Foundation for My church and the Capstone for My church. Those who follow Me are on a firm foundation that will always stand firm and will never fall.

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22)

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line." (Isaiah 28:16-17)

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone." (Acts 4:10-11)

In Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message. (1 Peter 2:6-8)

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is? ...What about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16:13-19) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:15)

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. (Ephesians 5:23)

Jesus said the them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." (Matthew 21:42-44) 34:15)

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

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

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)

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THREE PHASES OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

(Notes From *The Art Of Hearing God* By John Paul Jackson)

The called phase: the calling happens quickly in a moment of time. In this stage the gifts God has given us are identified and begin to grow.

I see my "called stage" happening in 1971 when God put it in my heart to choose to believe in Him and ask Him what I should do next to follow Him. He led me to go to CFO camp where I recommitted my life to Him and chose to follow Him only from then on. It came as an inner leading of the Holy Spirit.

The training phase: we begin the process of learning how to operate in the gifts. The process is initiated and sustained by humbling ourselves. It is the most difficult stage and encompasses a lifetime. During this stage He addresses our character deficiencies.

I see this phase in my life from about 1971 until now. During that time I did lots and lots of Bible study, established a Quiet Time daily, learned a lot about prayer, attended church services, developed Christian friendships, learned about worshiping, became aware of revival and became zealous for it in my life and others' lives, and, most of all, learned to listen to the still small voice of God and write what He said to me.

The commissioned phase: an angel of the Lord, or Jesus Himself, comes into our physical realm in all His grandeur and splendor for a personal visitation, but it only lasts a moment. Others will recognize the commission and respond due to it.

I believe this phase for me will be after the Rapture when I will speak/teach others through the writings the Holy Spirit and I are preparing now, before the Rapture.

Actually, Joan, you are commissioned right now. It began on May 1, 2004 when I spoke to you to begin writing a book about THOUGHTS AND STORIES. We (you and I) are working together in this commissioning stage right now as we write together. The culmination or fruit of this commissioned time will be shown after the Rapture when your/our writings will be used to minister to others who become children of God during that time. You are "My servant" right now as you write daily.

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I AM THE LORD WHO CAME TO EARTH AS A HUMAN BEING

This is the wonder, Joan, the marvelous wonder...that I, Lord of the Universe, came to earth as a human being so that I could save and redeem all those who belong to Me. Even the story of My birth is marvelous to behold. I was conceived by a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit and grew as a child on the earth until it came time for My ministry to begin. This is the story of My birth.

In the sixth month God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. (Luke 1:28-38)

Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished! (Luke 1:45)

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:4-7)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:8-14)

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19 KJV)

Simeon: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

Simeon: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." (Luke 2:34-35)

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

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TALKING WITH THE LORD

The Lord talked with me today about many things. He said He wanted me to spend one hour a day with Him from now on in just sitting and listening and talking with Him. He had me do that today and we talked about many things. The things I remember that we talked about include:

He talked about judgment day.

He spoke over and over that He is the Author and Finisher of our faith, that He began it, and He is the One to finish it. We are to co-operate with Him, but He does the work.

He talked about greatness. He said He put a certain amount of "greatness" in each of us who belong to Him. That means gifting, anointing, opportunity for serving Him, etc. We are to fulfill that "greatness" He has given us. The key to fulfilling it is to "deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him." (Luke 9:23).

He brought to my mind many who had great "greatness" which I consider much greater than my "greatness" such as Derek Prince, Bobby Connor, Paul Keith Davis, John Paul Jackson, Walter Beuttler, Bill Johnson, Cindy Jacobs, etc.

He reminded me of the widow's mite He talked to His disciples about and how she gave more than those who had more finances because she gave all she had.

Also, He reminded me of the parables He told about men being given three different amounts of money and then giving an account to Him about how they used those amounts. The top one multiplied his, and the second one multiplied his, and they were called good and faithful servants and given rewards of responsibility in His kingdom. The man who didn't use his money, but hid it, was punished for not using what he had been given.

Basically, He said it was what you did with what you were given that was important.

He spoke about KM, telling me that she is in His hands and my part of working in her life was completed or nearly completed when she was a child. He said that I did my part, and now it is time for others to do their parts in her life...and He is the Author and Finisher of her faith also. So, He will bring into her life what she needs to grow in her salvation (*sozo*).

He had me consider the people who are in my prayer bundle now that I pray for regularly: Then He had me count them and I counted at least 63. He reminded me that I could remember that number as it is the reverse number of my birth year (36). He wanted me to see that I was involved in ministry of intercession for 63 (at least) people on a regular basis, and that was adequate for me just now.

He talked to me about L and E - about how He used me at a specific time in each of their lives to do something with them to help them look at their spiritual lives and try to help them grow in them. He said I followed Him and did what He put in my heart to do at those times...and that was my part. I did my part, and He will use others in L's life to help her now. My part was finished. I was to rest in Him and trust Him for working in her and for working in KM.

He talked to me about love and what it was. He said it was "caring" about certain people as He led me to care about them. He showed me I "cared" about those who took MasterLife and other discipleship courses while I was in ministry at CBC.

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I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO ABIDE IN ME

Abiding in Me, Joan, is one of the great secrets of the kingdom. If you abide in Me, then I will abide in you. If you abide in Me, then I will give you rest. If you abide in Me, I will keep you safe. Abiding in Me is living with Me and dwelling with Me - all the time, day and night, night and day. It is the place where you pray without ceasing, where you rejoice in Me always, and where you give me thanks in all things. It is in your mind, in your thinking, in your heart, that you abide with Me. Abiding in Me, in My dwelling place, is a wondrous place to be.

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

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5)

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. (Psalm 31:20)

Abide in me, and I will abide in you. (John 15:4)

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

Surely goodness and love (mercy) will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. (Psalm 65:4)

How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. (Psalm 36:7-8)

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GREATNESS

I saw this today in a quote from the book *Good to Great in God's Eyes* by Chip Ingram and thought it fit in with what the Lord was telling me today in Quiet Time about greatness. Interesting the Lord used that term today with me since He knew I would read Chip's quote.

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True greatness is serving others for the glory of God. In a nutshell, that's the way to higher standing in God's kingdom. We take our eyes off of ourselves and turn them to God and others. We become great in God's eyes by helping others become greater than ourselves.

Greatness comes through building others up, by aiming for their greatness more than we aim for our own...In God's economy, someone else's gain is our gain, and someone else's loss is our loss. The best way to greatness in an economy like that is to pursue greatness - for someone else.

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Good Christians live the Christian life. They love God, walk in integrity, demonstrate faithfulness to their mates, spend time in the Bible because they want to hear from God, make the effort to discover their spiritual gifts, use those gifts in their local church, give their tithes and offerings, go on mission trips, and help their kids grow up to be godly men and women. They do what God calls them to do, and they serve him well.

Great Christians, on the other hand, do all that and then pass it on. You can be a good Christian by obeying God and loving people, but if you haven't poured your life into others, your life ends with a period. Great Christians end with a comma. They live the life of faith in a way that takes God's grace to them and imparts it into the lives of others. They multiply themselves again and again and again. Good Christians "live the life;" great Christians "leave a legacy."

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Help many, train a few. You have to invest wisely...You can contribute to the lives of many, but you can't invest deeply in everyone. You have to choose....The first step is to pray..."Lord, I want to focus and invest my life in a few people, so I need to be discerning. Please guide me in this. And God, who is more interested in your becoming a great Christian than even you are, has promised to answer. (James 1:5)

Look under your own roof. Empowering great people starts with those for whom you are morally responsible....begin with those who live with you.

After praying and looking under your own roof, look for F.A.T. people: Faithful, Available, and Teachable...*Faithful* people are the ones who complete an assignment, who actually take care of a problem when they say they'll take care of it, and who call you later because they promised they would....He [God] looks at the heart. Those who are faithful have put themselves in a position to grow in maturity. Instead of listening to what people say, watch what they do with their responsibilities. When you see faithfulness, you see potential.

To invest your life wisely, you'll want to choose people who are *available* in addition to being faithful.

Look also for people who are *teachable*. A person who thinks he or she has already mastered certain aspects of life is not going to be open to instruction or even subtle suggestions. There's no point in investing in someone who isn't aware that the investment is beneficial. People who are teachable are in position to grow and bear fruit.

You discover whether people are teachable by how they respond when confronted with hard things to hear. Do they hear constructive criticism with humility? Do they respond with character and demonstrate surrender and perseverance?...God chooses the lowly things of this world in order to shame our worldly standards (1 Cor. 1:27-29)...I encourage you to look beyond people's history and look at their heart...if they are faithful, available, and teachable, they can become who God really wants them to be.

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

Know that this is true, Joan. I, the Lord, give you assurance and security. I give you many, many scriptures that tell you this. Believe My scriptures. They are true. I am your assurance and I am your security. Rest in Me and trust in Me, for I am faithful.

I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 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 121:1-8) The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. (Isaiah 32:17)

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

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

Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long. (Deuteronomy 33:12)

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous. (Psalm 1:6)

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

Surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:12)

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. (Psalm 16:6)

I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. (Psalm 16:8)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3)

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. (Psalm 23:4)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5 KJV)

Surely goodness and love shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

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

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. (Psalm 37:3)

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. (Psalm 37:5)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 27:7)

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23)

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness. (Psalm 57:2-3)

The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:11)

He that dwells in the shelter (secret place) of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:1-2)

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4)

If you make the Most High your dwelling--even the Lord, who is my refuge-then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him." (Psalm 91:14-15)

He grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:2)

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

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Proverbs 2:1-8)

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)

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment...they will be life for you...When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. (Proverbs 3:24)

The righteousness of the blameless makes a straight way for them. (Proverbs 11:5)

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7)

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:12)

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

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. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1b-2)

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DREAMS ABOUT NEW THINGS COMING

I had dreams about new things coming.

I asked the Lord if the dreams were from Him and He said yes. I was to write them out and ask Him what they mean.

Dreams About New Things Coming

Scene 1: EC represents church to me as she was the secretary at CBC. The pictures represented scenes of things that have been for the church. They were beautiful and very attractive to me. She represents the old.

Scene 2: The coloring pages with outlines of pictures were desires I had for things to come which I wanted for my children. But somehow I sensed they didn't belong to me and I wondered if I should ask for them.

Scene 3: A new building represents something totally new coming for those who were learners. It was not quite ready yet but close to being ready. The workers represent many people, perhaps new to the scene or to the church, who would be used to build this new building/new church/new paradigm or situation. These workers were spiritual as they all wore blue. They stood in line to get their food so they were fed for doing their work. The food line was changed to a new place so they became arranged differently. This may mean the situation was fluctuating. This represents something new and different coming, being built by the Lord, for His people to learn in and to get food in - spiritual.

The worker who spoke to me and told me his name represents an angel among the workers who came to me to reveal something to me. That I didn't understand or recognize his name means I didn't know him and wasn't able to perceive him precisely. In this scene I was one who watched what took place mainly, and was given information through the angelic person. This shows me that I am being made aware of the "new" that is coming, but not shown the timing for it to be finished (which I asked if he knew - and he didn't). It also shows me as a watcher and not a participant in this new structure.

What does this dream series mean, Lord?

It means you are watching something totally new coming about in front of your eyes spiritually. It means the old way was beautiful in its way, but that something totally new is being built even now. This new will involve new people who don't have distinct individual features or stand out as individuals, but who are a line or team that work together for the new building, the new place of learning, the new place of getting spiritual food.

My angel came apart and informed you about this in this dream so you could know about it and be encouraged by this. This wasn't something you could "take home to give your children" because it didn't really belong to you. You were only aware of it and wanted it for them. Your children are all those whom you discipled (including your own children) and those you desire to disciple (mainly through your books).

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU BLESSINGS AND PROSPERITY

Yes, I am the God who gives you blessings and prosperity. I give freely. I give because I love. I give because I care. I give because I am faithful. I give to those who love Me and to those who don't love Me. I grant my blessings to the rich and the poor. To all who follow Me I give these promises of My blessings and prosperity.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. (Genesis 12:3)

So Abraham called that place THE LORD WILL PROVIDE (Jehovah Jirah). And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." (Genesis 22:14)

I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me. (Genesis 22:17-18)

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today -- to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul -- then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deut. 11:13-15)

There (the place where God wants you to worship Him) in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you...and you are to rejoice before the Lord your God in everything you put your hand to. (Deuteronomy 12:7, 18b)

The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. (Deuteronomy 28:8)

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. (Deuteronomy 28:12-13)

Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. Accept instruction from his mouth and lay up his words in your heart....the Almighty will be your gold, the choicest silver for you. (Job 22:21, 22, 25)

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:3)

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. (Psalm 34: 9-10)

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. (Psalm 37:25-26)

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. (Psalm 111:5)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. (Psalm 112:1,3,7)

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. (Psalm 128:1-2)

I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food. (Psalm 132:15)

Long life is in her (Wisdom's) right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is the tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. (Proverbs 3:16-18)

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full. (Proverbs 8:17-21)

Blessings crown the head of the righteous (Proverbs 10:6)

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. (Proverbs 10:22)

The light of the righteous shines brightly. Prosperity is the reward of the righteous. (Proverbs 13: 9, 21)

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. (Proverbs 13:22)

The house of the righteous contains great treasure. (Proverbs 15:6a)

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

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

A faithful man shall abound with blessings. (Proverbs 28:20)

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart. (Ecclesiastes 5:18-19)

They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord. (Isaiah 65:21-23)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matthew 6:25-27)

So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. (Matthew 6:31-32)

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

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38)

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Galatians 3:6-9)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13)

God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6:17)

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

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WHAT WOULD I DO IF I KNEW THIS WERE MY LAST DAY ON EARTH?

The Spirit is asking me this morning this question: "What would I do if I knew this were my last day on earth?" (He has asked me this before and I think He wants me to focus on what is really important to me.)

I said I would spend the day with Him and that I would write Him a letter. So He said I should go and write that letter in my Journal today.

MY LETTER TO GOD

To my dear, dear, wonderful, glorious God!

How much I love You today. How close I feel to You today. You are my life's Companion and will continue to be my Companion forever, wherever I go after leaving this earth. You have chosen me to belong to You and have led me in the pathway of life while I was on this earth. I have so much to be grateful for and to thank You for.

I love you with all my heart! You say in Your Word that if I love You I will obey Your commands. I have tried to obey your commands, Lord. Even though I have not been perfect, You have loved me anyhow. You love me with an everlasting love. I find that hard to grasp, what an everlasting love is, but I believe You because You are Truth. I believe You by faith, and You even give me that faith. You are my all in all, Lord. Everything I need in every situation and in every way, You are that.

Thank You for Your love to me. Thank You for being my Companion, my love, all the days (and nights) of my life. You brought me into this world and knew me then. You watched over me and guided me with Your mighty right hand. You have kept me in the shadow of Your protection every day of my life and kept me safe in many situations when it was dangerous.

I look back over my life and see how You drew me to Yourself over and over:

- Even as a young child when You gave me such a sense of awe at Christmas time watching the blue lights on the Christmas tree at church,
- At Easter time as I heard the solo sung at church about the Holy City,
- In church camp as I watched Your love modeled toward me by the camp counselors,
- At camp as I learned more about You and Your Word,
- At camp as I heard a young man sing "Blessed Assurance" and "There Were Ninety and Nine",
- At camp when you tugged on my heart to commit my life further to You at vespers when we sang "Just As I Am,"
- In college as our a cappella choir sang "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross",
- At college when I felt your presence as I walked across campus at night past the chapel and watched the soft snowflakes fall all around me,
- At CFO camp when we were singing worship songs and You gave me a vision of Yourself and angels in the room,
- At CBC during the revival meeting where you were so close and then gave me a vision of the pastor blessing me,
- At the Shelter Garden fountain where Your joy bubbled up inside me while I sat and watched it,
- At Bible Study Fellowship leaders' retreat when Your presence was so mightily upon me as we sat in silence before You,
- At CBC when we were giving the Pageant and I saw You pictured upon the cross dying for me,
- During my Quiet Times as You came and gave me visions of what would be coming there (to CBC) leading up to revival, and then showed me a beautiful picture of revival and the rapture (as a ball of fire touching people),
- In Lee's Summit as you showed me I was to move there around Easter Sunday,
- In Columbia during my Quiet Time when you told me about the book you wanted me to write in Lee's Summit (Thoughts and Stories on a Life God Leads, Guides, and Protects),
- In my daily Quiet Times day after day as You come and speak to me,
- Night after night as Your presence hovers near me and watches over me
- And many more times I don't even think of right now.

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, Jesus. Thank You for taking those beatings so that by Your stripes I have been healed. Thank You for giving up your heavenly glory for awhile and

coming to earth as a human being, living with us, and teaching us Your ways. Thank You for being entirely obedient to Your Father and my Father.

Thank You, God, for giving me life on this earth. What a privilege! I praise You and want to glorify Your Name.

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I AM THE LORD - BE STILL BEFORE ME AND LISTEN TO MY VOICE

Be still. Be still. There is so much noise in the world right now - so much noise around you. Set yourself apart unto Me and listen quietly until I come and speak to you. Go into your secret place, into your closet, and seek Me there. Be still and listen so you can hear My voice. And I will lead you and guide you and help you understand My ways.

Be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

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 your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

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

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 37:7)

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 13:13-14)

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. (Proverbs 1:5)

Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling. (Zechariah 2:13)

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. (James 1:19-20))

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 10:27-28)

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GREAT JOY

This is a day of great joy, Joan. The joy is up here in heaven from watching things transpiring there on earth. The joy is for seeing the great overcoming you and others are going through. So be joyful with us.

I open the door now into the throne room. Come before Me for a pronouncement. You are clean before Me.

There are great and mighty things going on in heaven today. It is a day of great activity and celebration for the great and long waiting time is over and now things/activities will begin to complete the mighty work I have been doing in you.

You will watch and see these mighty things be manifested shortly on earth. They will appear suddenly and you will know this is what we have been doing here in heaven - to bring this about.

I want you to see that this is good and rejoice with Us regarding this. I do things in 7's. We are now free to pour out this "best part" upon earth, and We are enjoying it immensely. I want you to rejoice with Us too.

This is the best part. You've been through all the hardest parts. You have persevered and overcome, so be happy and rejoice with Us...for you have overcome mightily. And there will be great rewards for overcoming. Look again at the rewards I told you about in Revelation.

- *Right to eat from the tree of life which is in the paradise of God.*
- Not be hurt at all by the second death.
- Given some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it. (It will be a great privilege to have this hidden manna and white stone with a new name written on it, Joan and you will be very happy you earned it by overcoming).
- Given authority over the nations just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.
- Be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

- Made a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name.
- The right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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I AM THE LORD WHO TELLS YOU TO STAND

It is very important that you take your stand and remain in that position. Standing firm is very important so you do not waver and do not become double minded. Standing strong for what you know and believe will keep you from falling. I had to stand up to many men who opposed Me, and you will have to also. So stand strong, My child, and keep standing - for Me.

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 13:13-14)

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:17)

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give. (Habakkuk 2:1)

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

By standing firm you will gain life. (Luke 21:19)

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. (Romans 14:4)

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)

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

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then. (Ephesians 6:13-14)

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you. (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. (James 5:7-8)

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MANY ROOMS

(Notes from "The Father's House" by Todd Bentley. He listed various rooms in the spiritual realm and what they were used for)

In my Father's house are many rooms. (John 14:2)

There's a writing room, Joan. I've taken you there many times.

As I meditated on visiting the rooms Todd mentioned, and his going through a hallway to get there, the Holy Spirit began to teach me that I've been to a number of these "rooms" or places in the Spiritual realm already. He said I didn't go through a hallway and open the doors to get there as Todd did. The Lord has worked with me a little differently but yet taken me to a number of places in my experience. He reminded me of these:

Music room: this is where I am when I sing in the spirit at home to the Lord. I am in this room when I am worshiping at church too. This is where I go when listening to great music which takes me to this realm.

Beach room: this is where He has taken me several times when He has me picture myself and Him sitting on a bench in the shade of trees but looking out toward the sandy beach and the Gulf of Mexico. We sit on the bench and talk together, and He tells me things. He also took me there when I walked out of the water up to the shore and He was there and gave me a gift.

Protection room: this is where He took me when He gave me the picture of myself inside a bubble of protection and told me to stay in there.

Vision of the future room: He has taken me there many times when He showed me something that was coming...i.e. when He showed me the series of vision pictures in 1985 which included the picture of the Rapture. He took me there recently when He gave me a revelation about the next season of my life and what I would be doing. Also, He showed me there would be revival in Hawaii, and that we are now in the valley of decision.

Guidance and instruction room: He took me here when He showed us walking along a pathway with Him walking backward facing me, and us holding hands. He showed me He would keep me on the right pathway and not let me get off the side of it if I would keep my hands in His. He also took me here when He showed me the fan tail picture with instructions printed on it. My instruction was "follow Me." This is also where He took me when I saw myself in a maze and He was guiding me. He also took me there when He showed me a picture of Himself as a Shepherd and me as a sheep walking along beside Him through a valley.

Sunshine room: room of light and illumination on something that was previously dark and not understood. He took me here when He came to me on the front porch of my home in the dark, and suddenly it was light, and He then led me into a grassy area where we danced. He led me there also on the day at camp when it became suddenly clear to me that our marriage was finished, and I could rightly take off my wedding ring that I had been holding on to.

Angel room: the place where we see angels. He took me there in the vision at camp where I saw three angels with trumpets.

Warfare room: this is the place He teaches me how to fight the war with the enemy. He took me there the time He showed me an ant (which represented the enemy) on the kitchen floor and indicated I could step on it...that Satan was that small compared to the Lord's great power which I have to overcome him and fight him.

Provision room: this is the place He takes me when I need food to strengthen me, or financial provision, etc. He took me there when He gave me the picture of birds eating seeds one seed at a time, and He told me He would provide for me the same way.

Well room: this is the room where He shows you Himself as the well of salvation. He took me here at camp when I saw a well in front of me and dipped water from it into myself.

Nursery room: this is the place where we nurse new life and help it grow. This is where He takes me when I dream about being pregnant with something new. He brought me there last night as I watched my new baby grow into a young child in just a few days.

Travel room: this is the room where He shows us places He wants us to go or will be going. This could involve actual bodily travel or traveling through writing my books. He took me there when He gave me a prophecy through Walter that I would go to other countries.

Garden room: He takes me there many times when I sing the song "In The Garden" and picture us walking in a flower garden together.

Teaching room: this is where He teaches me things I didn't know. He takes me there sometimes when I am studying Scripture and learning things. He also takes me there when He gives me information about something or someone like last Sunday during church service.

Discipling room: this is where He disciples us and gives us ideas about how to disciple others. He took me there many times as I sought Him about what to do in the discipleship program at CBC.

Counseling room: in this room He gives us guidance about counseling others and understanding ourselves. He has taken me there when He showed me people I needed to forgive and things in my past experience that needed to be dealt with.

Writing room: here is where He takes me often as I seek Him for what He wants written in our books we are writing together. I spend many hours in this room—in fact, that is where I am writing from right now. He guided me to put these ideas in writing for others to see later. He took me there when He showed me the vision about the white desk with spiral bound books in a drawer.

Throne room: He has taken me there many times as I "see" Him at His Father's right hand, and they are high up, and I worship them.

Blessing room: I was there the time He showed me a vision picture of myself kneeling and the pastor blessing me.

Treasure room: He took me there at the Glory School when He showed me a picture of treasure being poured down from above into my head. He also took me there when I saw the bluebird fly over my head with a gift, a revelation, that He was planting into me for it to grow like a seed.

Warning room: He took me here when He gave me the impression about a cat coming out from under an end table showing me that something was going to be revealed that previously was hidden regarding my personal life and relationships.

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I AM THE LORD WHO COUNSELS YOU TO WAIT FOR ME

Wait for Me, My child. Wait for Me. I know it seems like you have to wait a long time much longer than you think you will - but wait patiently for Me. I will come at the right time. Timing is very important to Me and crucial to carrying out all My plans. But My timing involves your waiting. So trust Me in this, and wait for Me. I will come - at the right time.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, and out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. (Psalm 40:1-2)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. (Psalm 130:5-6)

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)

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all. (Isaiah 7:9b)

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him. (Isaiah) 30:18)

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3:24)

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. (Acts 1:4)

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 37:7)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. (James 5:7-8)

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THE HIDDEN MANNA AND THE WHITE STONE

Yesterday I was meditating again on the hidden manna and the white stone as I wrote out the rewards for being an overcomer in the book of Revelation. Then, later, I read an article by Rick Joyner online (www.morningstarministries.org) called "The White Stone Promise" about that very Scripture. Here is what Rick said:

The hidden manna and stone with their name on it that no one knows speaks of a secret provision and relationship with the Lord. All Christians that refused to bow their knee to the new institution of the church [referring to Pope, etc] had to remain hidden because they were hunted and persecuted by the increasingly corrupted church. We can only imagine how confusing this was, but God took care of the faithful. There has always been a remnant that kept itself from the corruption of the world.

In Roman trials, the accused would be given a black stone if found guilty and a white stone if found innocent. By the Lord promising those who overcome in this period a white stone, He was saying to the overcomers that He found them innocent and has given them a new name, even if it could not be revealed yet. To be given a new name is one of the greatest honors from the Lord, such as when He gave Jacob the name Israel, and He also gave different names to some of His disciples. The names given by God are a reflection of how He sees us, who we really are. It is far better to be known by God than by all men.

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I AM THE LORD WHO CALLS YOU TO BELIEVE IN ME

If you believe, Joan. Those are precious words - if you believe. I came to save all people who will come to Me and believe in Me. So I call all to believe in Me so they will be saved from death and have eternal life in Me. But they must believe. Some do and some don't believe. All who believe in Me will have eternal life, because believing means obeying Me and following Me. It is not just some head knowledge, but it is believing with your whole heart and soul. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 NLT)

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:17-18)

Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. (1 John 5:10)

For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus. (Romans 3:25)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. (Romans 10:9)

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? (Romans 10:14)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. (1 Corinthians 1:21)

It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you. (1 Corinthians 15:2)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:8 NLT)

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11 NLT)

But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said. (John 2:21 NLT)

We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. (John 6:69)

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)

I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He. (John 13:19)

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him. (Romans 16:26)

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EYES, EARS, AND HEART

Paul Keith Davis has often referred to our needing "eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand" like Moses mentioned. I wondered where this Scripture could be found. Today I found reference to it in his 2010 e-newsletter. The reference is to Deuteronomy 29:4

But to this day the Lord has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear. (Deuteronomy 29:4)

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I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT

Contentment is very important in a Godly life. When I was on earth I was content with having very little in the way of earthly goods. I was content to not have a home of My own to live in. I was content to live on whatever My Father brought to Me. I was content to be humble and not famous. I was content with My relationships with My Father and with others around Me. I want you to be content with what I give you also.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13)

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? (Matthew 6:25)

Some soldiers asked him (John), "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely - be content with your pay." (Luke 3:14)

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. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

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CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

(A song) All hail the power of Jesus' name Let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

I felt led to sing that song to the Lord today. Then I heard Him say that we, His bride, would watch this - His being crowned Lord of all. He said it would take place after the marriage supper of the Lamb. I was surprised, as my thought was He would be crowned before the marriage supper, but He said after. Interesting!

Because the marriage supper takes place before the completion of the overcoming of all the power of the evil one at Armegeddon.

The marriage supper takes place, and then we return for the final battle. AFTER the final battle with evil, and it has been totally overcome, then I will be crowned Lord of all.

THEN I will set up My kingdom on earth and rule and reign there for 1000 years during the Millennium. And you will reign with Me.

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I AM THE LORD OF LIFE AND DEATH

It is very important to understand what death is, Joan. Death is the moment in time when your human body ceases to live. That is the natural death.

But there is a spiritual death also. Spiritual death is the condition where the soul is separated from God, unless that soul is saved by believing in Me. That is eternal.

If a man believes in Me, he is saved from eternal death and has eternal life. If a man does not believe in Me, he is not saved from eternal death, but goes to the place of death (Hades/Hell) when his natural body dies. This is an eternal state. It lasts forever.

Forever that man is separated from God. Since God is all that is good, then that man is eternally separated from all that is good.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12)

Death is the destiny of every man; the living should take this to heart. (Ecclesiastes 7:2)

For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death. (Proverbs 8:35-36)

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:16-18)

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24) Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men (Romans 5:12)

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1:17-18)

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. (Revelation 20:6)

The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14-15)

Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. (Matthew 25:41, 46)

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)

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TUNE MY HEART TO HEAR THY VOICE

(A song) Come Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to hear Thy voice.

Ok, I will tune your heart to hear My voice. Right now. I am doing it right now, even as you write this. My sheep hear My voice, Joan, and you are My sheep. You do hear My voice. This is a great privilege and honor for you to get to do this. I want you to know that. There are MANY who would like to do that, and don't know how.

My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me, and you are following Me. I am leading you. I am your Good Shepherd. I am your Word of Life. I am your life. I am your Instructor. I am your Counselor. I am your Meet-er of every need. *NOW* we are ready to communicate. *NOW* you are ready to listen and *NOW* I am ready to talk with you. You have proven that you put Me first.

This is My word for you today. Write it.

I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly.

Ponder this, Joan. Have I given you life abundantly?

Oh, yes, Lord! So very abundantly!

I know. And I want you to ponder that today and write it down. What is life abundantly?

It is life lived with Me.

Forevermore. Forevermore. Life lived with Me. That is abundant life. That is life to its fullest. That is the fullness of life on this earth - life lived with Me. And you are experiencing it and rejoicing in it today and every day. That is the culmination of your faith walk here on earth - life lived with Me.

I am the Good Shepherd and those who walk with Me walk in abundant life.

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I AM THE LORD WHO GIVES YOU COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

People need lots of encouragement, Joan, and these scriptures help with that. I am a God of comfort and encouragement for those who belong to Me. I will never leave them or forsake them.

I have every answer they need and I can communicate those answers to them as needed. I can communicate all things to you. I can always give you comfort as you look to Me and seek Me for that. I am the God of all comfort.

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7)

The joy of the Lord is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)

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

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:18)

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15)

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6)

He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Proverbs 2:7-8)

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

When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. (Ecclesiastes 5:19)

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

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

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:29)

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

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

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)

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance; character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippines 4:6-7)

We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens - always full of the joy of the Lord. (Colossians 1:11 TLB)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

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

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others. (1 Timothy 4:16)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. (James 5:7-8)

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony. (Rev 12:11)

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BLUE SKIES FROM NOW ON

(A song) Blue skies smiling at me Nothing but blue skies do I see Blue birds singing a song Nothing but blue birds all day long Never saw the sun shining so bright Never saw things going so right -------When you're in love my how time flies Blue birds singing a song

Blue birds singing a song Nothing but blue skies from now on.

Last night I watched the movie called "Blue Skies" with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. I had not seen it before. The Lord said He had something in it for me. So when Bing was singing this song and sang the very last line, I was touched by the Spirit that that was a promise He was giving me: "Nothing but blue skies from now on."

I believe this means to me that I am finished with the trials He has had me walk through, and this is a promise of good times, times of peace and love, from now on for the rest of my days on earth...however many that may be.

"Never saw the sun, shining so bright, never saw things going so right."

Is that right, Lord? Never?

That's right, Joan - never. Things are going SO RIGHT for you now. You are in right thinking, right attitude, right praising, right worshiping, right singing to Me, right communing with Me - so right. You don't determine how right things are by your bodily aches and pains, but by our relationship - yours and Mine. And it is right.

Do you know you have authority with Me, Joan? Do you know what authority is? I want to talk to you about authority.

It is power. It is power to back up anything you say. So you must be very careful what you say, as it has power and authority behind it. That's why I had to teach you to be very careful with your tongue, because I was going to give you this authority. So watch your tongue, at all times, because it has power and authority behind it. And you want to send forth, speak forth, just the right things - the things of God only.

Jesus had that authority. What He said had My eternal power behind it. He knew that. That is why He said He spoke ONLY what the Father gave Him to speak. And I want it to be that way with you from now on. Speak only what I give you to speak. Then My authority won't be used wrongly.

I've saved the best for last.

He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world. (John 8:26)

I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. (John 8:28)

I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence. (John 8:38)

As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. (John 8:40)

I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say. (John 12:49-50)

I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. (John 17:8)

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. (John 17:14)

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I, GOD, DESIRE TO SAVE THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO BELONG TO ME

I, the Lord, do care about all the children of those who belong to Me. I give extra attention to the salvation of those children because of the parent who is Mine. I give you many scriptures to tell you, that because you are saved, your household is also saved.

So trust in My word, Joan, that you AND your children are saved. You taught your children about Me and who I am as best you knew how at the time. I will honor that teaching and promise to work on bringing them into My fold.

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

All your sons will be taught by Lord, and great will be your children's peace. (Isaiah 54:13)

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3)

Repent and be baptized...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children...for all whom the Lord our God will call. (Acts 2:38-39)

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household. (Acts 16:31)

For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. (1 Corinthians 7:14)

I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:2)

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. (Matthew 19:14)

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TEACH US TO PRAY

With Christ In the School of Prayer by Andrew Murray

(p. 10) "Lord, teach us to *pray*.

This is what we need to be taught.

Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeblest child can pray, it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise.

Prayer is fellowship with the Unseen and Most Holy One.

The powers of the eternal world have been placed at prayer's disposal.

It is the very essence of true religion and the channel of all blessings.

It is the secret of power and life not only for ourselves, but for others, for the Church, and for the world.

It is to prayer that God has given the right to take hold of Him and His strength.

It is on prayer that the promises wait for their fulfillment, the Kingdom waits for its coming, and the glory of God waits for its full revelation.

Only the Spirit of God can enable us to do it right.

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Jesus has opened a school in which He trains those of His redeemed ones who especially desire to have power in prayer.

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We offer ourselves as learners. We want only You to teach us.

Even when we know what to ask for, so much is still needed to make prayer acceptable.

It must be to the glory of God, in full surrender to His will, in full assurance of faith, in the Name of Jesus, and with a perseverance that, if need be, refuses to be denied.

All this must be learned.

There is One - the Beginner and Finisher of faith and prayer - Who watches over our praying and sees to it that *in all who trust Him for it*, education in the school of prayer is carried on to perfection.

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We can depend on His teaching us to pray.

Nothing delights Him more than to find those whom He can take with Him into the Father's presence, clothing them with power to pray down God's blessing to those around them, training them to be His fellow-workers in the intercession by which the Kingdom is to be revealed on earth.

By His Holy Spirit He has access to our hearts and teaches us to pray by showing us the sin that hinders the prayer, or by giving us the assurance that we please God.

He teaches by giving not only thoughts of what to ask or how to ask, but by breathing into us the very spirit of prayer and living within us as the Great Intercessor.

(p 14)

Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, only how to pray.

To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to man.

Let us take time, not only to meditate, but to pray, to sit at the foot of the throne and be trained for the work of intercession.

As He makes us partakers of His righteousness and His life, He will make us partakers of His intercession, too.

You are most of the way there. There are only a few more things I want to teach you. We will meditate on this together, and I will reveal hidden things to you, things which have been hidden and are hidden until a person is ready to learn and receive them. You are now ready, so I have led you to this book so we can begin this "school of prayer" together and continue it from now on during the rest of your life. You are ready. I am ready. So let's begin.

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I AM GOD WHO BLESSES THOSE WHO FEAR ME

This is why I desire the fear of the Lord, Joan. Read all these Scriptures and realize how much is given to those who fear Me. And I desire these wonderful treasures for all My people.

So, they must fear Me to receive all these things mentioned here. So, fear the Lord, all you people, and you will receive great rewards for it.

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5)

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who fear Him. With them He shares the secrets of His covenant. (Psalm 25:14 NLT)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. (Psalm 111:10)

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! (Deuteronomy 5:29)

And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin." (Exodus 20:20)

Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. (Hebrews 12:28)

He who called you is holy; you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear. (1 Peter 1:15-17)

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12)

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. (Psalm 19:9)

By the fear of the Lord one departs from evil. (Proverbs 16:6)

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. (Psalm 34:9)

For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. (Psalm 89:6-7)

Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear. (Hebrews 5:7)

Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! (Psalm 31:19)

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

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy. (Psalm 33:18)

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:11)

He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. (Psalm 111:5)

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield. (Psalm 115:11)

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. (Psalm 134:19)

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 1:7)

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble. (Proverbs 15:16)

The fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil. (Proverbs 19:23)

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4)

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. (Jeremiah 32:40)

Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. (Psalm 25:12)

How happy are those who fear the Lord--all who follow His ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How happy you will be! How rich your life! Your wife will be like a fruitful vine, flourishing within your home. And look at all those children! There they sit around your table as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. That is the Lord's reward for those who fear Him. (Psalm 128:1-4 NLT)

The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. (Isaiah 33:5-6 NIV)

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IT WAS A TEST

It was a test I gave you yesterday when I wouldn't let you help a person except for what I told you. It was a test to see if you would give him more than what I gave you for him. And

you only gave him what I gave you, even if it seemed to upset him that you weren't helping him.

It's ok. You can take it if he doesn't understand you. People will not always understand you and you must learn to accept that and just trust in and lean on Me. I'm teaching you about authority, remember? And about intercession. That's what we talked about yesterday, and that's what we will continue to talk about for awhile.

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I AM THE LORD WHO TEACHES YOU HOW TO FIGHT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

I am the Lord and I teach you how to fight negative thoughts. I know it is hard to live on earth and deal with all the negative things you must live around each day. So I have given instruction in My Word as to how to fight negative thoughts - all thoughts that are not from Me.

I want you to learn how to take every thought captive unto Me. These Scriptures tell you how to do that. You must use your shield of faith to extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Those fiery darts are lies with which the enemy tries to accuse Me and criticize Me.

So when those come, hold up your shield of faith, refuse those darts in My name, and extinguish them. Then declare the truth - the Word of God - your Sword of the Spirit - with your voice, out loud, and the truth shall set you free.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every

pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

(Psalm 141:3) Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.

(Psalm 19:14) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

(Acts 27:25) So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.

(Romans 10:9) If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

(Romans 14:23) But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

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

(Romans 1:17) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Romans 10:17) Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 5:7) We live by faith and not by sight.

(Galatians 2:20) 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.

(Hebrews 11:1 NIV) Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

(Hebrews 11:1 NLT) Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

(Hebrews 11:6) Without faith it is impossible to please God; because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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

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

(1 John 5:10b) Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

(Hebrews 3:12) See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

(Romans 8:25) Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

(James 1:2-4) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

(James 1:5-8) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts if like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

(James 1:26) If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

(Revelation 2:26-28) To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.

(Revelation 3:21) To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

(Psalm 37:7,9) Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

(Isaiah 40:31) Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR

"And to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, he who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens,' I know your works. See I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." (Revelation 3:7-8 NKJV)

When I read this scripture today, He quickened it to me and said this is for me. So, I copied and pasted it here from the article I was reading. The Lord has given me this scripture before, especially back in my early days of seeking the Lord in Columbia when I attended the prayer coffee group and GH prayed that scripture over me about a door being open that can't be shut.

Yes I wanted you to have this scripture again today, Joan, and realize that it is fulfilled, and being fulfilled every day in your life now. I gave you that special scripture back then, and have brought you back to it many times since then - because it was something I had already given you, and wanted you to know about it, that it existed.

That door, that special door, is what I have placed before you many times for you to walk through (like when you needed a job in 1986, and when you needed to make a decision about moving to Lees Summit in 2004). You have walked through many doors and I have opened each one before you. THAT'S what I wanted you to know today, My daughter.

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I AM LORD OF FINANCES AND PROSPERITY

Yes, I am. I am the God of finances and prosperity. I give and I take away. I provide what My own people need and fulfill their every need. Not their every want, but their every need.

And only I know completely what they need. I never let my children beg for bread. I provide abundantly for them. This is part of their heritage as My children. I take care of My own as a Father takes care of His own children.

BUT, there is a part you must follow to bring this prosperity about. You must obey Me and carefully follow all My commandments. Do this and you will be blessed.

(Deuteronomy 28:1-14) If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high

above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

- You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.
- The fruit of your womb will be blessed.
- The crops of your land and the young of your livestock.
- Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.
- You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.
- The enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you.
- The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to.
- The Lord will bless you in the land he is giving you.
- The Lord will establish you as his holy people.
- The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity.
- The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.
- You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.
- The Lord will make you the head, not the tail.
- You will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

(1 Chronicles 29:12) Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

(1 Chronicles 29:14) Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.

(1 Chronicles 29:16) It (abundance) comes from Your hand; and all of it belongs to You.

(Ecclesiastes 5:10) Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.

(Isaiah 5:2) Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

(Haggai 2:8) "The silver is mine and the gold is mine" declares the Lord Almighty.

(Malachi 3:8-12) "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," say the Lord Almighty.

(Matthew 6:1-4) Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

(Matthew 6:9-11) Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

(Matthew 6:19-21; 24-33) 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.

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 (mammon).

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or eat or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Romans 13:8) Let no debt remain outstanding.

(2 Corinthians 8:7) See that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man

should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

(2 Corinthians 9:10-11) Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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

(James 1:5) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

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

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A SIMPLE DESIRE TO LOVE HIM

(From Patricia King's article on intimacy with the Lord - #13 in *Notes and Quotes book 5*)

Contend for intimacy for yourself and the rest of the Body. What you sow into others you will also reap.

(From article by Francis Frangipane on "Inconvenient Worship" in *Notes and Quotes book* 5 #15)

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Beloved, if worship flows genuinely from our hearts, the Lord will repeatedly invite us into His presence. His invitation will approach the doorstep of our souls quietly. It will come disguised as a simple desire to love Him. If we follow this desire, it will lead into the presence of God

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## I AM THE LORD WHO CARES ABOUT WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND NEEDY

I give freely, Joan, and I want you to give freely too. I love and care about the widows, orphans, and needy. I want you to care also about them. Give and it will be given unto you, pressed down and overflowing. With the measure you give, it will be given back to you.

(Luke 6:38) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

(Acts 20:35) It is more blessed to give than to receive.

(Matthew 10:8) Freely you have received, freely give.

(2 Corinthians 9:7) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(Proverbs 28:27) He who gives to the poor will lack nothing.

(Matthew 10:42) If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

(Matthew 6:4) When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.

(2 Corinthians 8:7) See that you also excel in this grace of giving.

(Romans 12:13) Share with God's people who are in need.

(Acts 2:45) Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

(Ephesians 4:28) ...but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

(1 Timothy 5:3,5) Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need...The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and ask God for help.

(James 1:27) Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

(1 John 3:17) If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

(Acts 4:32, 34-35) All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

(Matthew 25:34-36, 40) Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

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### YOGA

During quiet time He reminded me of taking a yoga class many, many years ago, and had me come out of agreement with that, rebuke it, bind it away, and close the door on it. He said my peace was to come from Him, not through some other god like yoga tries to do. I did bind it.

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## I, THE LORD, DETEST GOSSIP AND SLANDER

I, The Lord, do not like gossip and slander. In fact, I detest it, Joan. I want everyone to know how I feel about it.

It causes much unneeded trouble and much heartache to people on earth. Gossip brings judgment. Slander brings judgment. Gossips and slanderers will not inherit My kingdom. I want this to be made loud and clear.

So everyone who belongs to Me must carefully watch their tongue and not let it cause them to sin against Me or My people.

### Do not go about spreading slander among your people. (Leviticus 19:16)

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men. (Titus 3:1-2)

When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. (1 Corinthians 4:13)

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. (Romans 2:1)

Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. (Titus 2:3)

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret. (Proverbs 11:13)

A gossip separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts. (Proverbs 18:8)

Without gossip a quarrel dies down. (Proverbs 26:20)

Give the enemy no opportunity for slander. (1 Timothy 5:14)

They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful... Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:30-32)

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

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## TAKE YOUR BRIDE AWAY

Today in my quiet time I found myself singing the song "Even So" by Terry McAlmon.

(A song)

Even so, come Lord Jesus come Even so, take Your bride away How my heart longs to be with You, my Lord Even so, even so, come Lord Jesus come.

As I sang it, I realized it can refer to "taking me away" right now and into His presence right now in spirit, into the spirit realm, in my quiet time, where He can talk to me and instruct me and teach me. I previously only thought of "taking me away" as being when He raptures me into heaven to be with Him forever. Now I see it means both.

He said one day He will "take me away" like this and will just take me on from there and not have me come back. I read once someone who thought that may have happened to Enoch who had such a close walk with the Lord.

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## I, THE LORD, HAVE GREAT POWER IN MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND

There are many ways I reveal My righteous right hand. I use it to bring blessing and I use it to punish.

My right hand represents My power at work in the world. It also represents the place of honor to be at My right hand in heaven.

*I* want all *My* people to experience the great power of *My* righteous right hand in blessing.

So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. (Exodus 3:20)

If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back, the hand of the Lord will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses and donkeys and camels and on your cattle and sheep and goats. (Exodus 9:3)

So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and said, "Send the Ark of the God of Israel away; let it go back to its own place, or it will kill us and our people" For death had filled the city with panic; God's hand was very heavy upon it. (1 Samuel 5:11)

Therefore the Lord's anger burns against his people; his hand is raised and he strikes them down. (Isaiah 5:25)

Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. (Job 19:21)

It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:31)

All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations... (Isaiah 65:2)

No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" (Daniel 4:35)

In the hand of the Lord is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs. (Psalm 75:8)

I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. (Nehemiah 2:18)

When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back, but my face must not be seen. (Exodus 33:22-23)

Surely it is you who love the people; all the holy ones are in your hand. (Deuteronomy 33:2)

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. (Ps. 31:15)

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24)

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:9-10)

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:16)

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? (Isaiah 40:12)

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53:10)

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62)

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)

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 10:22-30)

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### ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME

(A song) All night, all day Angels watching over me, my Lord. All night, all day Angels watching over me.

In this quiet time He talked to me a lot about angels. He said there were millions of angels and that he created them to help Him run the universe. He said that man is in charge of running the earth, but the angels work for Him to run the universe.

He said there are myriad's of them around me and around MF and Beth all the time "having charge over us." And He said they were around those in my prayer bundle too.

I asked Him if He would let me hear the angels singing and He said yes. So I look forward to that.

I remembered reading a story one time of a couple walking in the woods and hearing and seeing some angels flying above them singing and talking as they flew by overhead.

And I remember hearing angels sing along with Michael Danforth as he led worship at CTC during a Kevin Basconi conference.

And I remember another time at OCF when I could hear "other voices" singing along with us during worship.

### I AM THE LORD WHO SENDS MY HOLY SPIRIT TO WORK ON EARTH

I am God and I am three in One. I am Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Whenever My Holy Spirit works, I work. I and the Spirit are One. I work on the earth through My Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The whole Bible talks about My Spirit and what I do through My Spirit.

(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God (plural) created the heavens and the earth.

(Genesis 1:2) Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

(Isaiah 11:2) A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him--the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(Psalm 139:7) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

(Joel 2:28) And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

(Zechariah 4:6) "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.

(Acts 1:4-5) Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 8:5-6) Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

(Romans 8:9) You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

(Romans 8:11) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:13) If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

(Romans 8:26-27) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

(1 Corinthians 2:9-10) No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him, but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things; even the deep things of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:12) We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

(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 6:19) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

(2 Corinthians 3:6) 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 3:17) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

(2 Corinthians 5:5) While we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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

(Ephesians 1:13-14) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

(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.

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

(Ephesians 5:18) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

(Ephesians 6:17-18) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

(1 Thessalonians 5:19-22) Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.

(2 Thessalonians 2:13) We ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

(2 Peter 1:21-22) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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## **STUDYING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Matt 3:11 Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire
- Matt 3:16 Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove
- Matt 4:1 Jesus led by Spirit into desert
- Matt 10:20 You will be given what to say by Holy Spirit, He speaks through you
- Matt 12:18 Father put His Spirit on Jesus
- Matt 12:28 Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit
- Matt 12:31 Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven
- Matt 12:32 Anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven
- Matt 22:43 David spoke by the Spirit
- Matt 28:19 Baptize in name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Luke 1:15 John Baptist filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth
- Luke 1:35 Holy Spirit came on Mary
- Luke 1:41 Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke

| Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke                         |
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| Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him                       |
| No one can enter kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit   |
| The Spirit gives birth to spirit                                            |
| God gives the Spirit without limit to Jesus                                 |
| Spring of water welling up to eternal life (the indwelling Spirit)          |
| Spirit not given until Jesus glorified                                      |
| Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth                       |
| Father will send Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. He will teach you all things.  |
| He will remind them of everything Jesus said to them.                       |
| Holy Spirit will testify about Jesus                                        |
| Unless Jesus goes away, Holy Spirit will not come to them. If Jesus goes,   |
| He will send Holy Spirit to them                                            |
| Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. He will speak only what He hears |
| and will tell you what is yet to come                                       |
| Holy Spirit will bring glory to Jesus                                       |
| Holy Spirit is the power of service                                         |
| Holy Spirit is Wind                                                         |
| Holy Spirit is Tongues of fire                                              |
| Filled with Holy Spirit, spoke in other tongues                             |
| Sometimes Holy Spirit imparted by laying on hands                           |
| Holy Spirit guides members in their service                                 |
| Holy Spirit seals us for God                                                |
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1 Cor 12:7-11 Holy Spirit imparts gifts for service

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## I AM THE LORD YOUR HOPE

# I AM the Lord, Your Hope, Joan. I am your hope every day of your life on this earth. Your hope for eternal life and life abundantly is always from Me, and from no other source.

(Psalm 42:5) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

(Psalm 62:5-6) Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

(Psalm 119:74) May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

(Psalm 147:11) The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

(Isaiah 40:31) Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

(Romans 5:4-5) We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

(Romans 8:24) But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

(Romans 12:12) Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

(Romans 15:4) For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

(1 Corinthians 13:7) Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

(1 Corinthians 13:13) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

(Colossians 1:27) To them [the Saints] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

(1 Thessalonians 5:8) Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

(1 Timothy 6:17) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

(Hebrews 6:19) God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

(1 John 3:2-3) We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

(1 Timothy 4:10) We have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

(Titus 2:11-13) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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#### SEE DARKNESS AS LIGHT

I sang this song today:

(A song) Father, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You. Jesus, I adore you Lay my life before You How I love You. Holy Spirit, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You.

This is what the Lord spoke to me today: *In my new body I will see darkness as light* - as Jesus does. The Scripture for that is:

Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:12)

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### I AM THE LORD WHO WAS HUMBLE - AS YOU ARE TO BE HUMBLE

*Oh, Joan, this is SO important - humility. It was the basis of all I did on earth - humility before My Father.* 

And I want all who follow Me to be in humility before Me and before My Father too. All who are humble will be lifted up. I will give grace to those who are humble.

Humility shows respect towards Me and for Me. Humility is the basis for walking in My way.

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

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6)

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. (Psalm 25:9)

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

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

This is the one I esteem; he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Isaiah 66:2b)

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:4)

With humility comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2b)

Show true humility toward all men. (Titus 3:2)

In humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

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### TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)

#### O Lord, I say to you, "You are my God." (Psalm 140:6)

And I say to you, "You are My daughter!" And you will ALWAYS be My daughter as you are the bride of My Son, Jesus Christ. I will ALWAYS be your Father, so call Me Father now, and treat Me as a Father now, for that is what it is.

# If I have found favor in your sight, teach me your ways so that I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)

And you HAVE found favor with Me, Joan, and I WILL teach you My ways. Listen to Me and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. Yes, My Son and I are the same. We are both gentle and humble in heart. That's why, to become like Me, you also must be gentle and humble in heart. Know this. That is one of My ways.

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### I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO ASK OF ME

Asking is very important, Joan. I want you to know this and understand this today. Ask Me. Ask Me. And ask Me.

I will listen to you and answer you. I do hear when you ask Me. I do hear. If I do not send your answer immediately, it does not mean I didn't hear you. And it does not mean I will not answer what you ask for.

It MAY mean you asked with wrong motives, but not necessarily so. It also MAY mean it is just not the right timing to answer. It will be answered - in due time. In its time I will do it swiftly.

(Psalm 2:8) Ask of me, and I shall make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

(Isaiah 7:11) Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

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

(Zechariah 10:1) Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone.

(Matthew 6:8) When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

(Matthew 7:7) Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

(Matthew 7:11) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

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

(Matthew 21:22) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

(Luke 11:13) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

(John 14:13) And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

(John 15:7) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

(John 16:26) I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

(Ephesians 3:20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

(James 1:5) If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt.

(James 4:2) You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

(1 John 3:21-22) Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.

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

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## THIS HEALING BELONGS TO ME BECAUSE OF...

(John Arnott article on "The Great Commission" (#24 in *Notes and Quotes book 5*)

Pray this now: "Oh God, help me. Give me boldness and anointing."

The hardest part for most of us is to get over our timidity and just do it.

Ask the person: "Do you have pain in your body?"

This is the prophetic demonstration.

Say to them if they have pain: "Repeat this prayer after me. 'This healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done. I receive my healing now as a free gift."

All the while, let God's power flow from you into them. That's the power part.

Now you ask them to check their body and, while they are still shocked and amazed, tell them, "That was Jesus on the outside, would you like Him on the inside?"

Then lead them to Jesus. This is love in action. This is the kingdom of God coming to earth, and into the hearts and lives of people.

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## I AM THE LORD WHO WANTS YOU TO SEEK ME

Seek Me, Joan. Seek Me in every situation you find yourself in. Seek Me in the good times and in the hard times. Seek Me in EVERYTHING, and I will be found by you.

I know you want to find Me, and listen to Me, and honor Me, and this will take place - if you seek Me with all your heart. All your heart means with ALL YOUR HEART! I will be found by you, when you seek Me with all your heart.

(Deuteronomy 4:29) But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

(1 Chronicles 28:9) If you seek him, he will be found by you.

(2 Chronicles 7:14) If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

(Psalm 119:10) I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

(Isaiah 55:6) Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

(Matthew 7:7) Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

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

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## I DO ALL THINGS WELL

*Turn your computer on. I want to tell you something.* 

I want you to know that this isn't going to go on much longer - this waiting period. I know you are eager for you to come up here. I understand this, so I am telling you that this waiting period will not last much longer.

I am teaching you much during this time that is very important for your growth and maturity and therefore it is very important to walk through. But it will soon be over, and soon your hopes and dreams will be fulfilled.

Know that this is so, and learn to wait patiently and in contentment - contentment because you trust Me to know what is best for you, even if it is difficult. If it were easy it would not accomplish all that I want to accomplish in you. Count on Me to know what I am doing and to do it well. I do ALL THINGS WELL. I finish what I start. I am the Author and Finisher of your faith. And I do all things well.

That is My word to you today and what I want you to know - AND STAND ON.

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Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us. (Isaiah 26:12)