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TO FACE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

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On January 1, 2019 Jesus said to Kathleen:

“You are My prepared Bride. Share with others the truths I have given you over the years. The time is short before no one who walks in the truth will have the freedom to speak.

“Publish these truths. Be extravagant in your sharing. Embellish not, but give the simple truths as they are. They will be well received for such a time as this.”

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DEDICATION

For those who are passionately desperate for more of Jesus
and won't be satisfied until—they meet Him face to face.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

As Kathleen's husband, I will begin by recounting where my relationship with my precious wife began. Six years ago, as I worked on my legal studies, I stood at my desk faced with the awareness I needed to learn the New Testament. In that moment, I said a prayer asking Heavenly Father to bring me someone to teach me, as I did not have the time required to understand it and then apply it in the creation of my legal documents. Little did I realize what I prayed for.

Six months later Kathleen danced into my life. Immediately, I found myself not wanting to be away from her. In a Holy Spirit whirlwind, I asked her to be my wife, and she agreed. She then explained to me that I was the man Heavenly Father had promised to bring to her. How that seven years before we met she received several prophetic Words from Jesus detailing the man Father had chosen for her. Her explanation was the icing on my marriage proposal. Overcome by the miracle of being brought together and now agreeing to be married, I began my journey of transformation.

Shortly afterward, I accepted Jesus as my Messiah. I asked Kathleen to teach me how to fellowship with Him. At that time, I had no idea what I was asking for, but my answer came like a freight train on an express run through the desert, unstoppable. This started a fast-track journey requiring multiple leaps of faith into a world foreign to me. A world where I was no longer in control of my life but dependent on the Holy Spirit to lead me. A lifestyle of serving others rather than them serving me.

Raised in a secular Jewish home, I studied many religions except Christianity. I ultimately chose the path of my fathers, Judaism. During my Jewish studies of the Old Testament heroes, I imagined what a lifestyle of faith looked like. But seeing a living example in

Kathleen and then being a part of that lifestyle is something much different.

Early in our marriage I said to my dear wife, “I will accept what you teach me, but you need to be consistently aligned with the Bible in word and deed, or I will have a problem.” It is my testimony after more than five years of being married to Kathleen she “walks the walk” in her private and public lives. Her actions consistently line up with scripture on multiple levels.

Witnessing Kathleen daily rely on the power of Elohim (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), I have witnessed multiple people physically healed; individuals be set free from traumas, broken hearts, and despair; words of knowledge imparting loving encouragement and spot-on prophecies; angelic visitations and divine intervention preventing loss of life; and heavenly appointments with complete strangers setting them free from their personal demons.

In all this, the only title Kathleen will attribute to herself is “Bride of Jesus” as well as His Scribe. As a Scribe, she has faithfully recorded the divine messages given to her. I can also tell you she is most certainly one of His Love Ambassadors.

In closing, the messages within *Bridal Heart Diary* are meant not only for Kathleen but for you and me too! They inspire us to be on the spiritual “fast track” with Jesus. I invite you to open your heart like I did to incorporate the anointed truths presented in this book. They are producing a dynamic miraculous lifestyle for me that is now available to you.

His Freeman Servant,

Marc Kaplan

NOTE FROM AUTHOR

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his wife has made herself ready.
—Revelation 19:7

It is common knowledge not every engagement ends up in a marriage nor does every believer in Jesus become His beloved wife. The difference between a believer and a Bride ready to be His wife is—preparation. The believer chose to remain in the condition Jesus found them, and the Bride chose to become transformed into His image.

Within *Bridal Heart Diary*, the Holy Spirit will customize your path with holy revelations and inspire you to experience Jesus as you bask in the incredible wonder of His love letters to you. These letters are some of my most cherished possessions. Over the past forty-seven years, I scribed each letter in my personal journal as I received it. Then I carefully stewarded them through the ever-changing evolution of computer technology from floppy disk storage to CDs to a USB thumb drive. Now the time has arrived to share these treasures with you within this book.

For clarification, these letters are not a substitution for the Bible or a new revelation outside of the Bible. They are scripturally supported heart-to-heart communications from Jesus to His Beloved Bride. Through these, the Holy Spirit will strategically guide you on the bridal path into the secret place to be with Jesus. It is in the secret place where you will dive deep into intimacy with Him and emerge empowered to fulfill your divine destiny.

If you believe as I do that our Bridegroom King is returning very soon, join me in becoming His prepared Bridal Heart—ready for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

Kathleen Kaplan

Bridal Heart Ministry

SECTION 1
DIARY:
MY JOURNEY OF PREPARATION

WHO ARE THE BRIDAL HEARTS?

Like a mirror, Bridal Hearts reflect the glorious image of Jesus. These Brides include men and women because there is no gender divide in Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Galatians 3:28 says, "...there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." So men, I understand it takes a strong man to embrace his feminine side. However, you are in good company. The disciple John the Beloved was a New Testament Bridal Heart.

As John walked and talked with Jesus, John discovered a love he didn't know was available. He was like a man living in a desert who found water for the first time. His heart clung to Jesus even when they were apart. When they were together John's masculinity wasn't threatened when he rested his head on the chest of Jesus listening to His heartbeat. John was passionately in love with Him. Not in a sexual way, it was agape love.

Agape love centers around the best interests of another, not on self. This love doesn't emanate just from feelings, sentiments, or friendship, but from a free will decision to love. Agape love expects nothing in return. It keeps on giving regardless of a person's reaction or lack of reciprocation.

As our Savior, Jesus demonstrated agape love by redeeming us. Some of His redeemed ones, He calls His Bridal Hearts. These Brides have hearts ablaze with an intense love for Him. All who see these Brides recognize they experience fellowship with Him in the 'secret place'. They are robed in His righteousness and glory. They walk in holiness, nobility, integrity and honor. Like Jesus, they show agape love for others.

Bridal Hearts are dependent on the Holy Spirit for His guidance and empowerment for their miraculous lifestyle. They listen and patiently wait for His voice to know what to do, how to do it, where to go, and when to go. When marching orders are given, they obediently

step out in faith without looking back. They share the gospel of Jesus with lost souls and set the captives free from demonic bondage. Signs, wonders, and miracles flow through them as the beloved partners of Jesus on earth.

Bridal Hearts live by Heavenly Father's biblical guidelines. They don't entertain their carnal desires or bow their knee to the world's influences. They redirect the accolades of men by giving all the glory to Him and Jesus. Because of this, Bridal Hearts are entrusted to be Love Ambassadors of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth.

Many are called to be Bridal Hearts, but few are chosen. I believe you have what it takes to become chosen. How can I be so sure? Because Jesus told me the ones who read this book are some of the ones—He has chosen to become His Bridal Hearts.

MY LOVE STORY WITH JESUS

He is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved, and this is my friend.
—Song of Solomon 5:16

One day after I experienced a crushing heartbreak, I thought,
What is real love?

Most of us have only experienced conditional love. You know what I mean. Love with strings attached. In other words, the person offering you love expects something in return from you. If you don't give back or perform according to their expectations, suddenly their love is not love at all. It becomes all about their best interest, not yours, but in a relationship with Jesus, only real love—unconditional love is experienced...a you-centered love.

Today, over sixty years since my first encounter with Jesus at the age of five, I am completely His. I have come to know His multifaceted personality and character traits as passionately intentional, playful, generous, honest, witty, not religious, and humble. Each new day I experience increased levels of joy in my secret place with Him. When I'm not there, my heart aches for His presence.

Are you hungry for the real? Would you love to know Jesus more? Hear from Him? Spend quality time with Him? With you in mind, He asked me to publicly share our love story in a condensed format to attract you into a love story of your own with Him.

Now I will show you the Jesus kind of love I am talking about. You will see how He faithfully stood by me through my life's twists and turns to miraculously arrive where I am today.

- Once there was a little girl with the stars in her eyes and the moon on her hair. She loved to sing, but one day her song

was taken from her. When I was abused as a child, Jesus, my *Safe Place*, was where I ran to receive His comfort and love to soothe my battered soul.

- When I was isolated and bedridden at six years of age with rheumatic fever, Jesus, my *Good Shepherd*, filled my bedroom with His peace, chasing away my fears.
- When I ran away from home on many occasions, Jesus, my *Protector*, divinely shielded me from all dangers lurking in the dark of night aimed at a vulnerable girl.
- When a surgeon botched my tonsillectomy at the age of twelve and I was drowning in my blood, Jesus, my *Redeemer*, intervened...saving my life.
- When divorces devastated me, Jesus, my *Bridegroom*, soothed and healed my broken heart with the reminder that He is my loyal husband.
- When a disk in my lower spine herniated, debilitating me with excruciating chronic nerve pain for four years, Jesus, my *Mercy*, healed me instantly when I reached the end of my rope in my ability to endure the pain.
- When the car I was driving hit black ice on a rural road, tossing it into an icy stream upside down with no way for me to escape, Jesus, my *Rescuer*, sent His holy angel to pull me from the submerged car and carry me in his strong arms to safety.
- When an incapacitating stroke caused the right side of my body to be paralyzed and I could not speak, Jesus, my *Restorer*, healed my body to dance once again and returned my speech, enabling me to fulfill my call to preach.
- When I asked why I was being requested to do my eighth faith-challenging start-up company, Jesus, my *Role Model*, who always answers “yes” to Father’s requests, said to me, “When

others say ‘no’ to Father’s requests, you are His ‘yes’ daughter.”

- When Ménière’s disease produced severe vertigo, migraine headaches, and extreme nausea, making me unable to function, Jesus, my *Deliverer*, set me forever free from its torment.
- When my close friends betrayed me, breaking my heart, Jesus, my *Best Friend*, stuck by me with words of consolation and fellowship.
- When I was scheduled for heart-valve replacement surgery, Jesus, my *Divine Surgeon*, intervened by replacing my diseased heart valve with a perfect one and astonished the elite team of doctors who had been assigned to my case.
- When I was asked to move for the fortieth time in my life, Jesus, my *True Home*, reminded me I am a wayfarer like Abraham, whose home on earth was found in his fellowship with Heavenly Father.
- When lupus crippled my body, making me unable to dress or feed myself, Jesus, my *Healer*, completely removed lupus and its antibodies from my blood, along with its damaging effects on my body.
- When months of unemployment hit with the devastating impact of bankruptcy, Jesus, my *Provider*, brought employment in His perfect timing, restoring my finances beyond what I had before.
- When my appendix ruptured, producing life-threatening peritonitis, and no one expected me to survive after the emergency surgery, Jesus, my *Resurrection and Life*, raised me up from my deathbed.
- When subtle deception gradually led me into extreme darkness, Jesus, my *Truth*, gently guided me back to the

narrow path lit by His holy presence and embraced me with His unconditional love.

- When my thyroid was radiated due to a life-threatening case of Graves' disease, Jesus, my *Prince of Peace*, gave me His serenity as I fearlessly walked through the fire of radiation therapy into recovery.
- When I was to live the rest of my life as a single woman, Jesus, my *Sacred Matchmaker*, revealed His will for my future. He promised me a Jewish husband that Heavenly Father had chosen to protect me. Seven years later Marc arrived, and we were married.
- When I believed my golden years were to be a season of privacy, Jesus, my *Bridegroom*, asked me to write *Bridal Heart Diary* to reveal my preparation process and to share with the world His love letters for His Bride.
- When I thought my life as a senior would be limited to a close circle of friends, Jesus, my *King* and the *Commander of Heaven's Army*, asked me to call together His faithful Bridal Hearts that He has hidden away for such a time as this.

Is it any wonder I love Jesus as I do? No, it's not a mystery. He has kept me alive for this time in history to be a living testimony of His safe love and divine protection through life's mountaintop highs and valley lows. As Jesus was there for me—He is here for you.

THE MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children.
—Ephesians 5:1

In my passionate pursuit of becoming a ready Bride, I've come to know Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit as my friends. Now I make them known to you.

What is the Magnificent Obsession? It is a term of endearment for the trio of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In my ongoing journey of developing a closer relationship with them, divine encounters with them forever changed my life. Now, as I navigate my bridal path, I know the Magnificent Obsession as my constant friends.

You see, when I read Jeremiah 33:3 for the first time, "Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know," I took it literally. I then prayed asking for the ability to hear, Jesus answered me, and for over forty-seven years His "still small voice" has been my constant experience (1 Kings 19:12).

You may be thinking, *How does Kathleen know she is truly hearing the voice of Jesus?* My answer is found in John 10:27: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Simply put, His messages have been fulfilled in my life, confirming what I heard from Jesus to be correct. Also He has never told me anything contrary to His infallible Word. The Bible is my reliable source for my confirmation and validation. Second Timothy 3:16 says, "Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness."

For further confirmation, Acts 9:10–18 serves as a wonderful example of a divine conversation taking place between the resurrected Jesus and Ananias, a New Testament believer. Hearing Jesus like Ananias has been my reality since January 23, 1973, when I

had the incredible experience of the Holy Spirit baptism. This experience was separate from my acceptance of Jesus as my Savior. However, for some people, these two events are experienced at the time of conversion.

Over the years, my heartfelt interactions with Jesus became more frequent and turned into full, thought-provoking conversations. Today, I have the ability to start conversations with the Magnificent Obsession. These awe-inspiring exchanges have proven to me they enjoy communicating with us.

The dates posted before each message is the date I received the message.

Relationship with Jesus

One who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him.

—John 14:21

Jesus is all I need. He is the bread of heaven that feeds my soul. He is the living water quenching the thirst of my spirit. He gently leads me to green pastures of peace. He is my Healer, my Savior, my Bridegroom, and my King.



No One Is an Accident

11/06/1994

Jesus said, “I have a way for you, which has been set since the beginning of time. It is not an easy road, but one which I have chosen and prepared for you.”

I said, “You planned for me to be here for this time in history? I was led to believe my birth was an accident. I’ve felt the pain of this my entire life.”

Jesus replied, “Your birth was not an accident. I designed it for My glory. Don’t lean on your limited understanding concerning these things. I will reveal Myself to you, then you will know I have put you here for this time and place.”

Jeremiah 1:5, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I sanctified you.”

Author’s Note: When Jesus shared this amazing truth with me a heavy weight was lifted off of my shoulders. I began experiencing open doors that were closed to me in the past. His truth chased away the lies blocking my divine destiny. He will do the same for you.



His Message for You

06/06/2005

Jesus said, “I am writing a message on your life that I want My people to read, understand, and live it for themselves. It is a message that will run around the world to inspire many of who I truly am. You are My living stone.”

1 Peter 2:5, “You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Author’s Note: *Bridal Heart Diary* is the message Jesus has written on my life.



Prisoners

03/30/2006

Jesus said, “Those in prison are hurting and looking for the Shepherd of their souls. In their distress I will comfort them. You will speak to them of My love. You will share with them the peace I have for them. This peace will calm all their fears even in the face of death.

“I will use you mightily among them. When you stand before them search for Me and you will find Me among them. You will see My face as you look into their eyes. You will be ministering to Me when you minister to them.”

Matthew 25:34-40, “Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ “The King will answer them, ‘Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

Author's Note: For one year I preached in a maximum-security women's prison. During that year, I saw Jesus in the prisoner's eyes and witnessed the Holy Spirit manifest among them in miracles, signs, and wonders. However, the greatest miracle I witnessed was the time Jesus poured out His love on a prisoner who practiced witchcraft. As she stood in the prayer line before me, I discerned the evil spirits on her. When it was her turn for me to pray over her she opened her mouth to pronounce a curse on me, but she quickly discovered she was unable to speak. The Holy Spirit was in charge, not the demons who tormented her. As I prayed over her, she began to shake violently. Then she proclaimed, “I feel His love... Jesus is real!” I asked her if she wanted to accept Jesus as her Savior. She answered “Yes!” This

prisoner was set free that day and became a Love Ambassador of Father's Kingdom within the prison. The testimony of her transformation brought many other prisoners to the chapel searching for the love of Jesus she now exhibited among them.



Making Him Your Source
07/19/2006

Jesus said, “How I love the way you seek My face and identify with Me in My sufferings.

“The world let Me down many times while I was on earth, just as it has you. My disciples left Me more than just the times in Gethsemane and at My arrest. There were times I shared My heart with them, and they simply stared at Me in disbelief. They could not begin to fathom what I felt and saw by the Spirit. They could not understand because they themselves had not gone to great depths of intimacy with Father.

“Without an intimate walk with Father, you are limited in your comprehension of the things of the Spirit, for Father is the key and the source of all things. Many try to reach intimacy but fall short.

“Yet you have not pulled away from Father when He shared His heart with you. Your heart is one He can confide anything to and one He can trust. You then carry His burden as your own. Oh, how Father loves a heart like yours!

“Your identification with Me also pleases Him. The Father loves how you look to Us as your source of strength and life! We are your life, and nothing on earth will replace Us throughout your life, regardless of what you might experience. Your love for Us will carry you through the hardest of times and bear you on eagle’s wings during your times of joy.”

Revelation 22:12–13, “Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Author’s Note: I love how Jesus is always pointing me to Heavenly Father as my source. It’s no surprise to me. During Jesus’s life on earth, He always sought out the Father for everything He needed to fulfill His destiny. We can do the same.



Live without Limits

10/24/2010

Jesus said, “Let us proceed with the insight to shift your thinking. Out of the darkness comes light. This light cannot be contained, as it was created to overcome the darkness found in this world.

“My light is abundant and free. There is a misconception of My light or presence having a limited supply and being difficult to experience. This is a lie. The truth is it surrounds you and is in you.

“The only thing separating you from experiencing it is the belief that we are separate. We are one. I live in you, and you live in Me. Because I live in you, you have access to *all I am*—all I can be in meeting your needs, healing...provision...no limits!

“Limitations are illusions, so recognize them, and blow them away. Once destroyed, they will not be rebuilt.

“Live your life to the fullest. Do not limit yourself because I have not limited you. I rejoice in your fulfillment, not in your lack.”

1 John 1:5, “...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”



Correcting a Misunderstanding
05/8/2011

Today is Mother's Day. As I sipped my morning cup of coffee, I reflected on my life with my mom. She died four years ago. She had many issues as we all do in this fallen world. As I spoke to Jesus about some of my memories of her, I took the opportunity to forgive her one more time. When I did, He opened my eyes to see into the spiritual realm. I saw high above me a portal in heaven. Standing in the portal, I saw my mom looking down on me with a smile on her face. She appeared to be about thirty years old.

Jesus said, "Your mother's issues didn't go with her to heaven. She is now watching your life and cheering you on. In fact, she is one of your biggest cheerleaders up here."

I sobbed with tears of joy. My mom is finally free of her issues. This priceless gift healed my heart and delivered me from an incorrect perspective. In that moment, I understood forgiveness was the key to my freedom.

Mark 11:25, "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your transgressions."



The Secret Place

06/14/2017

Jesus said, “You sitting with Me here in this secret place is one of the highlights of My day. Each time you come, it is like an old friend has come to visit. It is familiar and comfortable—warm and unassuming. Your laughter fills Me with such delight that words cannot express it. I long for you when I do not see you for a while. My heart yearns for your presence. You have no idea how precious you are to Me. Come close, and come often.”

Matthew 6:5–6, “When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Most certainly, I tell you, they have received their reward. But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”



Seeing the Best in Others

12/07/2017

Jesus said, “You see others through rose-colored glasses. When you see evil, you are surprised. This is very endearing. The Father sees His creation this way.”

Matthew 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Author’s Note: The phrase rose-colored glasses is not a reference to actual glasses with corrective lens. It is an idiom that refers to an optimistic viewpoint and a positive opinion of others being better than they really are. Being pure in heart is seeing others through Father’s perspective.



Prioritize

03/24/2018

Jesus said, "Trilogy."

I asked, "What is this, Jesus?"

Jesus answered, "The three parts of a man: number one is his spirit. Number two is his soul consisting of emotions and intellect. Number three is his flesh consisting of the body and its appetites.

"Prioritize your spirit above all else. When you do, you will be operating in your natural state of being. This is how Father created you. The world reverses the order of priority, putting the flesh first. Feed the one you want to be first."

Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth."

1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, that with it you may grow."

Author's Note: To keep my spirit fed, I study and meditate on the Word. I routinely have a time of solitude in my secret place as I soak in Jesus's presence, listen for His instruction and assignments, intercede for others, and worship. I also have times of fasting and serving others.



Holy Oneness

06/03/2018

“We (the Trinity) are complete in our unity—no division, no separateness. This may be hard for you to understand. It is similar to what you know as morphing. The expression of Father manifests through Me and the Holy Spirit. When you see Us, you see Father. I spoke of this in My Word. Yet it remains not understood.

“The fullness of Father isn’t hindered in any way when He expresses Himself through Me or the Holy Spirit. His fullness can be perceived. It is only limited by your belief. Let all hindrances to full belief go! Then you will perceive face-to-face experiences like Moses did. These experiences are not being withheld from you by Us—it is within you where the hindrances to these experiences reside. Believe with all your heart, and the experiences of being with Us will be yours. Trust and see.”

Mark 9:23, “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’”



Holy Fire

06/10/2018

“The enemy pours buckets of water on My Bride attempting to put out the fire of My Spirit within you. Stoke this holy fire. Stir yourself up to righteousness. Live as My Bridal Heart. Nothing else will do in these last days. The fire of My Spirit within you contains all you need to endure to the end and be victorious.”

Luke 3:16, “He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire...”

Author's Note: We stoke the holy fire in us through extended times in our secret place. This Holy Spirit fire purifies us. Then our steps of faith—led by the Holy Spirit, carried out in His power, and done for the glory of Jesus—will help transform us into His prepared Brides.



First Desire of Jesus

02/06/2019

I asked Jesus, “What breaks your heart the most?”

He answered, “When My children don’t listen to Father. If they did, all would be well.”

I asked my second question: “What is your heart’s first desire?”

Jesus replied, “To be united with My Bride. I love her so!”

Matthew 17:5, “...a bright cloud overshadowed them. Behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.’”



Forever Friends

02/27/2019

Jesus said, “I have something to show you in My Word. Turn to John 15:14–16: ‘You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his lord does. But I have called you friends.’

“This is the foundation of us walking together on the earth: friendship! I walk with those who are close to Me. Those who keep Me at arm’s length block friendship with Me, but those like you I gather to Myself to share intimate things close to My heart with.”

James 2:23–24, “...’Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness,’ and he was called the friend of God. You see then that by works, a man is justified, and not only by faith.”



Heaven Is Our True Home

02/28/2019

Jesus said, “Come play and leave the world behind. Come up here.”

Immediately, I found myself in heaven. I was standing on a brilliant green meadow under a clear azure blue sky. I was delightfully barefoot. I wiggled my toes and the soft grass tickled. I giggled like a little girl.

Then to my left I saw Jesus walking towards me. His eyes sparkled as they focused on me. His long thick wavy brown hair with blonde and auburn highlights framed His smiling face. He was wearing a long iridescent cream robe with a gold sash tied around His waist. I noticed He was barefoot also. As He drew near, tears of joy trailed down my cheeks. When Jesus reached me, He gently took my left hand and held it. We gazed into each other’s eyes in a moment of pure delight.

Jesus said, “Let’s walk this way.”

As we walked hand in hand, we skipped like carefree children laughing in the sheer joy of being together. When we reached our destination, it was a perfect setting of a crystal-clear river with large mature shade trees on both sides of its banks. We stood on the river’s edge in silence. I became aware that the running river water had a voice. It was singing melodic praises in three-part harmony. On the other side of the river was a deer peacefully drinking. Knowing this location had some of my favorite things I enjoy on earth, Jesus smiled and said, “You can come here any time you want.”

Each time I’m taken to visit, I come away from the experience with new images, details, and revelations promoting my spiritual growth. Paul writes about his visit to heaven in 2 Corinthians 12:2, “I know a man in Christ who was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I don’t know, or whether out of the body, I don’t know; God knows.”



The Jesus I Know

07/20/2019

Jesus said, “I yearn for My Brides, each one of them. This is a whole-being experience for Me. I do not compartmentalize My emotions. When I think of each of you, a rush of love flows through Me. A love not centered on Me but on you. Love experienced on earth can be a self-centered experience, but for Me, it is all centered on you.”

“Jesus, I am overwhelmed by your love for me! How do I describe you in my book?”

“Compassionate. I understand your sufferings. Gentle as a lamb. Kind. I will not even hurt a fly. Joyful. Joy bubbles out of Me. Childlike. I always believe the best about you. Faithful. I’m always with you.”

“This is exactly how I know you.”

Titus 2:13–14, “...Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works.”



A Lost Soul
04/28/2019

As I waited on Jesus in my secret place, He said to me, “Take My hand. Today you will walk the earth with Me.” He took my spirit to a village road in Nepal where a poor disabled man was sitting in the dirt actively begging from people walking by. Jesus said to me, “Here is a man who doesn’t know he is a son of Father. His mind is bound by the lie of satan.” When I was brought home, I sobbed as I prayed for the poor man to know the truth. I understood in that moment the reason Jesus took me to Nepal was to join Him in compassionate intercession for the freedom of this lost soul.

As the Brides of Christ, we have the privilege of joining our Bridegroom in His ministry of intercession.

Hebrews 7:25, “Therefore He [Jesus] is also able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, seeing that he lives forever to make intercession for them.”



Kingdom Living
10/17/2019

Jesus said, "Allow nothing of the world to own you."

"How do I know what owns me?"

"Where do your thoughts gravitate to? When you identify these, resist them and do not participate in the behavior. After a period of time, these thoughts will no longer come to you because their life source has been cut off. Their life is dependent on your participation. Once your participation or agreement is removed, they die.

"Now, it is up to you to not divert from your new lifestyle of Kingdom Living. If you make a choice to reengage with them, they will come in like a flood, bringing new-world enticements with them.

"Stand your ground, and keep your guard up through study of scripture and prayer. These will safeguard your mind."

Romans 12:2, "Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God."



Come Out of Babylon, My People
04/12/2020

Jesus said, "On this day of celebrating My resurrection, many look to other things rather than Me. Their minds are set on matters that distract them rather than draw them closer to Me.

"My Body has lost its way through the traditions of men. Teach them, Kathleen, how to remove these distractions and to focus on Me. It will serve them well as they embrace their futures."

Most of us do not realize the holidays we celebrate do not line up with scripture. Since learning about the pagan roots of holidays that I have celebrated most of my life, I have chosen to quit practicing them. Below is a brief description of holidays with pagan roots:

- Christmas: Pagans worshipped the sun god Odin, and the winter solstice was celebrated by decorating with evergreen trees and mistletoe and by giving gifts of clay gods to be displayed on home altars.
- Easter: Pagans celebrated Eostre, the goddess of new life, during the spring equinox. Parents taught their children that a bunny delivered candies to them as symbols of fertility and rebirth.
- Halloween: Pagans believed spirits wandered the earth at this time of the year, so they wore costumes and masks to avoid harm and keep the spirits away; they also made bonfires and sacrifices to gratify the spirits for a good harvest in the coming year.
- Thanksgiving: Before 1621 BC, pagans celebrated the fall-harvest festival to bring good fortune and good harvest. These festivals were dedicated to their god Marduk.

Joshua 24:15, “If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.”

Relationship with Holy Spirit

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
—Romans 5:5

The Holy Spirit moves into our hearts at our spiritual birth, commonly called the “born-again” experience. He brings the divine power and guidance needed to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I’ve discovered being filled with the Holy Spirit isn’t a single experience. It is a daily experience. Through the years, my dependence on Him has increased dramatically. Now I don’t begin my day without first spending time with my precious friend, the Holy Spirit.



01/21/1973

Today I was introduced to the dynamic person of the Holy Spirit. I read the book of Acts where the stoning of Stephen is recorded. I was amazed that his faith did not crumble as he faced death, and he forgave his accusers. I wanted this kind of faith and ability to forgive. Now my question was: How do I obtain what Stephen had?

01/23/1973

Tonight I visited a Pentecostal church for the first time. At the end of the service, the pastor invited the congregation to come forward to pray for the teens who were going away to college. He instructed the congregation to “lay hands” on them. This was a new term for me. I

watched with curiosity as people left their seats and filed forward to take part. When the front of the church was packed with people, the pastor began praying aloud. As he prayed, I saw the adults place either one or both of their hands on the shoulders of the teens. I thought, *So this is what “laying on of hands” means.*

As I watched, I felt a gentle nudge on my back. I turned around to see who was behind me, but no one was there. Then a compelling urge came over me to get out of my seat and go forward to join the group. At first, I was reluctant, but suddenly a burst of energy hit me. I popped out of my seat and walked down the aisle.

As I approached the front of the church, I had an overwhelming impulse to pray for the teenage girl in front of me. The moment I rested my hand on her shoulder, I felt a warm current of liquid love flow through my body like electricity. From the crown of my head to the tip of my toes, I was filled with indescribable love. I was caught up in a spiritual dimension I had never known. I began hugging women standing next to me as unconditional love flowed through me to them.

After arriving home, I reflected on the events of the evening. I stared at the vast expanse of the evening sky. *How different everything looks.* The stars twinkled more radiantly. The moonshine bounced off the leaves of the trees and sparkled. The air was infused with a heavenly fragrance.

As I continued stargazing, a video played in my mind. I saw a man running down a dirt road. He was headed for a woman who was slowly walking toward him. As the running man got closer to the woman, he held out his arms to embrace her. As they drew nearer to one another, I saw the woman was me and the man running was Jesus. He hugged me with a love so great I thought I would burst. At last, my quest was over. I had found what I have been searching for—the tangible love of Jesus. In one electrifying moment, He answered my every question concerning me being His Bride.

In response, I said, “Jesus, thank you for loving me enough to put in my heart a restlessness that led me to this evening. Your love is

awesome. I had no idea the baptism in the Holy Spirit was so wonderful. Thank you for this gift. He really is the Comforter you promised.”

John 16:12–14, “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming. He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you.”



The Force of Heaven

01/24/1973

This morning I read a book describing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I discovered one of the gifts is speaking in tongues (a language the intellect of a person does not understand). As I read its purpose and function, I wanted it. The book also defined the words *Abba Father*, which kept flowing through my mind the night before. The book explained that when a child begins to talk, the child uses the simplest consonants and the simplest vowels—and because the child knows how to make but one syllable, the child repeats the syllable.

When Heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit, we cry “Abba.” *Abba* is Aramaic for *Papa*. It is a repetition of the two simplest syllables. The Holy Spirit fills a child of Father and teaches him or her to look into Father’s face and cry “Papa, Papa!” I prayed, “Father, if this is what you want me to have, then it’s what I want; but if for some reason this gift isn’t meant for me, then I don’t want it.”

Immediately, I had the same thought I had had the night before: *Abba Father*. Only this time, I felt compelled to say it aloud: “Abba Father.” As I spoke it, a warm feeling spread through me. Wow! What if I said this repeatedly? I began saying, “Abba Father, Abba Father, Abba Father.” Before I knew it, I was so caught up in the wonder of His presence that I lost awareness of what I was saying. This went on for several minutes before I realized I was speaking a language I had never heard before. A rush came over me. *I have received the gift of tongues!*

Since that moment, my prayer language has become my “hotline to heaven” when I minister to others, in times of intercession, and when I simply want to spend time speaking my native language in bringing heaven to earth.

Acts 2:1–4, “Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Tongues like fire appeared and were

distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak.”



Holy Spirit Manifestation

01/03/2004

Today marks a year-long season of being a caretaker to a physically debilitated family member recovering from major surgery. I was feeling extremely exhausted as I ran down the stairs for the twenty-seventh time from the master bedroom to the kitchen. Additionally, it has been a very frosty winter, so the house is closed tight to keep out the bitter cold as much as possible.

About twenty minutes ago, it was time for my patient to take their medications. I went to retrieve a snack for my patient to take with their medication. As I entered the kitchen, I was unexpectedly struck by a shimmering holy presence and a fast-moving warm wind blowing around the kitchen island. In response to the presence of holiness, I pivoted, hiding my face against the refrigerator. I wanted to melt into the refrigerator as my body trembled. Not in fear but in utmost reverence for the manifested presence of the Holy Spirit.

As the rushing wind continued to blow around the kitchen island, I audibly heard His authoritative, trumpeting voice: “*I...will...bless...you!*” As the heavenly wind flowed over me, I experienced each one of Holy Spirit’s character traits penetrate my entire being: boundless love, childlike joy, true peace, merciful kindness, immense goodness, and nurturing gentleness. Now I was no longer trembling but sobbing uncontrollably with tears of heavenly delight. This experience solidified for me the fact of the Holy Spirit being pleased with my acts of service to my family member.

Words fail me as I attempt to describe this spiritual experience. This was the first time the Holy Spirit appeared to me in this way. It reminds me of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended from heaven manifesting as a mighty wind.

When Jesus asked me to follow the Holy Spirit’s lead, I found out very quickly how faithful the Holy Spirit is to supply everything required. I wondered how Jesus would accomplish all He had asked of me, but I have discovered it seldom happens as I expected. Over the

years, provision has come to me through well-meaning people, and even angels have delivered finances to me. So as you walk the path Jesus has asked of you, Holy Spirit will deliver all you need.

As I walk with the Holy Spirit, some have ridiculed my lifestyle, but Jesus told me it is because the forces of darkness are threatened. So I take it as a compliment as the ridicule flows off me like water on a duck's back. It does not impact me. I have come to realize if I am not a threat to the enemy's kingdom, then I do not have intimate fellowship with Jesus, and I am not following the Holy Spirit.

Another spiritual principle I have learned—if satan cannot silence me, he will attempt to discredit me as a credible voice to others. I am grateful my goal is to please Heavenly Father as I'm no longer a people pleaser.

Romans 8:14–16, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God...”



02/05/2020

I asked, “What is on your heart today, Holy Spirit?”

Holy Spirit replied, “Who is available for Me to flow through in calling others to repentance? I search through the earth high and low, looking for willing hearts who will go and call them to repent.”

I asked, “What prevents hearts from being willing?”

He said, “Self-centeredness. Many are bound by self-centeredness. They want for themselves and care less about their brothers or sisters. If they have nothing to gain personally, their heart is shut.”

Luke 9:23–24, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save

his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake, will save it.”

Relationship with Heavenly Father

Call no man on the earth your father,
for one is your Father, he who is in heaven.
—Matthew 23:9

I no longer call Him God—I call Him Father. He chose me to be His daughter and I embraced Him. Over the years, I’ve spiritually grown from being His daughter to also being His friend.



05/22/1978

John 14:6 says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.”

Today, Jesus said to me, “It’s time for you to meet Father.”

Oh no! I thought to myself as my heart skipped a beat. Not Father!

Throughout my childhood, terrifying fear of Heavenly Father was instilled in me by the church we attended. Consequently, I never prayed to Him.

I replied, “Jesus, must I meet Father? I’m afraid of Him, but I enjoy my relationship with Holy Spirit and You.”

Jesus compassionately responded, “I won’t leave you alone with Father. When I bring you to heaven to introduce you to Him, I will be to your left a short distance away. You can call Me to come to you at any time. Please understand it is imperative you meet Him. He has great plans for your life. You need to be in a close relationship with Him also to fulfill your destiny.”

I said, “Okay, if You say it’s best. I will meet Him.”

Several days later during my prayer time, Jesus came.

I asked, “What’s on your heart today?”

Jesus answered, “Today is the day I introduce you to Father. I’ve been looking forward to bringing you to Him.”

I let out a deep sigh at the realization I was about to meet Heavenly Father. As I gathered my emotions and put my best foot forward, I said, “Then I’m excited to meet Him.”

Jesus smiled and the next thing I knew I was in the throne room of Heavenly Father. However, I kept my eyes fixed on Jesus as He stood next to me on my left. I did not want to look around. Then Jesus slowly backed away from me as His smile communicated His love and promise. When Jesus was standing beyond my ability to see Him any longer, I turned to look in front of me where I imagined Father’s throne was located.

As I faced forward, I did not see a throne. Instead I saw a huge wave of what appeared to be water coming right at me. I was surprised, but I was not afraid. I was at peace and fascinated by the sight of it. When the enormous wave rolled over me, I was infused with unconditional love such as I had never experienced...this love filled every part of me. I felt completely loved, accepted, and affirmed. I realized this love is Father Himself! In that moment of awareness, I knew I am His daughter. All the fear I once had about Him was erased in that moment. In its place was a connection with Him, which has deepened over time.

1 John 3:1, “See how great a love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God!”



Patience Is Key

02/24/1987

Heavenly Father said, “I am calling you to a deeper walk in Me. I want you to walk so close to Me you will hear my whisper.

“Jesus will hold your hand and strengthen you. Your flesh will grow weaker and succumb to My Spirit in you. Give it time.”

Romans 8:13–14, “For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God.”

Romans 8:25, “But if we hope for that which we don’t see, we wait for it with patience.”



Garden Restoration

10/08/1997

Heavenly Father said, “I have set you apart for myself. Your ministry is to minister to Me, just as the priests did in the temple. You will offer up prayers for the people. You will cry out to Me on their behalf. Why will you do this? Because you walk with Me as a friend does. Just as you have been a friend to others on earth, so will you be My friend. You will listen to Me. Pray to Me. Join Me in My sorrows and joys.

“I long for an intimate relationship with you, but others stand in the way of your heart. Things distract you from walking with Me closely. Things, such as worries of this world, take your focus away from Me.

“Allow Me to join you in every moment of your day. I want to walk and talk with you, just as I did in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. Read Genesis, and see how intimate and pure our relationship was. I want to restore this to you. I can do what I desire, and this is what I desire to do in your life.

“Others may seek Me, but you will find Me. Trust Me and know this is My will for you and My promise of things to come. I love you.”

Zephaniah 3:17, “Yahweh, your God, is among you, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will calm you in his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.”

James 2:23, “...Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness, and he was called the friend of God.”



Our Perfect Heavenly Father

11/03/1997

Heavenly Father said, “Those who trust in Me find real peace. For I am the only One who has control of all things—things for the good of people and things for their discipline. I am a loving Father as I watch over all My children. I know the very number of hairs on each of them. Can you say this about your own children?”

“No, I can’t, Father.”

“Then let Me watch over them. I will do an excellent job.”

There is a general misconception that Heavenly Father—who *is* love—brings destruction, death, sickness, and poverty. This belief causes a block in trusting Him. How do I know this? There is a phrase people use when natural disasters strike. They say, “This was an act of God!” And when sickness or premature death occurs, they say, “It must have been God’s will for this to happen.” No! It was not Heavenly Father’s will. He is the author of life and love. It was satan, the thief, who comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

Isaiah 26:3–4, “You will keep whoever’s mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in you. Trust in Yahweh forever...”



Holiness

07/14/2019

Messenger Angel said, “Tremble at the sound of Father’s voice, for He is holy. None can approach Him without preparation. Holiness and reverence are required.”

The Holy Spirit taught me true reverence for Father is absent of fear. Father only has perfect love for His children. So we are made perfect in love when we understand and receive His perfect love for us. This removes our fear of Him.

Fear and trepidation are only for those who are outside of a relationship with Father. You are His child, so fear is not to be a part of your relationship with Him. On the other side, we should not take Father for granted or nonchalantly approach Him like He is a fast-food pickup window. Balance is key to walking in the truth.

1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love.”



Death Not His Design

12/29/2019

I asked, “What is on Your heart today Father?”

He replied, “The death of My people. Death is not part of My plan for My creation. Death steals what I have deposited My own breath and life into.

“Death was not My design, but the devil, the thief, who takes what I have birthed. My Son conquered him on the cross. Yet, My heart is saddened when I see My people die. Death is not of Me. I am life and love. When death touched life itself, My Son, all of creation trembled.”

Matthew 27:50–52, “Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. Behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth quaked and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.”



Bride Army
02/10/2020

Heavenly Father said, “I have much for you to do, My daughter.

“Raise up an army to do My will. These people will slay dragons for My Kingdom interests. They will heal the sick and set the captives free. Many will be astounded at the exploits of this army.

“I will open the doors necessary for you to do My will. Many will be amazed at the doors I will open for you.

“Go forward into your destiny of walking with Me in all you do. Many will tell you to stop, but you must go forward empowered by My Spirit.”

Matthew 10:7–8, “As you go, preach, saying, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Freely you received, so freely give.”



Seek Father

03/03/2020

Heavenly Father said, “Many of My people are suffering. Fear has overtaken them. They hide in their homes, seeking refuge, but they are not seeking Me, their true refuge. Show them how to make seeking My face their first response to challenging circumstances. Psalm 91 will serve them well if they understand the requirement for the blessings to flow in protecting them.”

Psalm 91:14–15, “Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him.”

Author’s Note: Did you notice Father’s promises in Psalm 91 are conditional? For these benefits to flow in our lives, loving Father with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds is essential. This is what it means to know Father, and it is required for the blessings of Psalm 91 to manifest in our lives.



Be with Me

04/25/2020

Heavenly Father said, “The universe contains My glory. Man attempts to degrade it by reducing it to matters that are explainable in terms they created. My glory is unexplainable, for it is Me. My essence. I AM THAT I AM. This they cannot confine to a box of their understanding, so they dismiss Me.

“The human mind is in conflict. It desires to be in control of what it experiences and at the same time knows it is incapable of full understanding of the unexplainable. This is where pride steps in. Pride is a coping mechanism, creating a false sense of being superior to those who do not have the level of understanding they possess. Satan is the expert of this. He knows his limitations. He knows I AM is in control. He knows I AM is beyond understanding, so he dismisses Me from man’s mind through smoke and mirrors.

“When someone chooses to experience Me in spirit and in truth, they will understand the secret of the universe...Me. I AM the center of all.”

1 Chronicles 28:9, “...Yahweh searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you.”

The Magnificent Obsession: First Encounter

If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him,
and we will come to him, and make our home with him.

—John 14:23

10/08/2002

Today is the first of three days of solitary prayer and fasting. Jesus called me to this time of devotion. The Holy Spirit told me this morning these three days are not about something new—it is all about death. If death does not take place in my carnal nature, there will not be a resurrected life for Jesus to live through.

This prayer-and-fasting experience is focused at dying to self—to produce not my way but His way, not my will but His will, not my path but His path, not my words but His words, not my purposes but His purposes, and not my outcomes but His outcomes.

Jesus said, “Kathleen, this is where the rubber meets the road. Go for a walk, and pray for the world’s nations.”

After I completed praying for the nations, I returned to my room. Jesus said to me, “As you travel the earth, My Spirit will go with you.”

Curious by what He meant, I asked, “Where are you sending me, Jesus?”

He answered, “To the ends of the earth.”

A little overwhelmed by this endeavor, I replied, “I will go where you send me.”



10/09/2002

Second day of my fast began with Jesus saying to me, “Listen to My heart. It cries for all those in pain. Their suffering breaks My heart.

What they need is My love. Take My love to the nations, Kathleen. Take My name to them. Love them as I love them—unconditionally. This task might seem impossible, but My Spirit lives within you. It will be Him who will love them—all you must do is be willing and yield. Then rivers of living water will flow from you, bringing healing for their souls and answers to their dilemmas.

“My Spirit will be successful in all I want accomplished. You just have to go along for the ride. I have chosen to use men to reach those throughout the world who cry out to Me. You are one I have chosen to bring My Kingdom to earth. You will travel much.”

Author's Note: Father's goal is our partnership with Him in reaching the unsaved souls with His love and truth.



10/10/2002

Last day of my fasting and prayer. After my morning prayer time, Jesus said to me, “Pick up your cross, and follow Me. When others look at your life, they must see your cross. Even as you go, many will see Me reflected in your face. I have a specific message I want you to give them. I will give it to you before you leave. I have heard their cries, and I am sending you with a message of hope, courage, and love. Follow My lead, one step at a time.”

As I was preparing to go home, I bent over to put on my shoes. Suddenly a holy presence came into the room. When I looked up in the direction of the presence, I saw three figures surrounded by glory walking shoulder to shoulder toward me. I was overcome by their holy presence and threw myself on the floor with my face in the carpet in reverence.

In unison they said, “We commission you to preach to the nations We send you to. We will fill your mouth. Trust us, the Magnificent Obsession, to do this. We will fill your hands with anointing. We will bless your feet.”

My body was shaking as they spoke. Then silence. Believing they had left, I slowly lifted my head to cautiously look around the room. They were gone. I now understand one of the reasons Jesus called me to this fast—to prepare me for my first visit from the Magnificent Obsession: Heavenly Father, Jesus the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Abraham had an experience with the Magnificent Obsession as recorded in Genesis 18:1–2, “Yahweh appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and saw that three men stood near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth...”

The Magnificent Obsession: Second Encounter

11/26/2018

As I was praying in my secret place, a holy presence came into the room and said, “We are the Magnificent Obsession. We are here to help guide and assist you on your way.

“Doubt not We are with you. Your every step and breath are in our hands. Breathe Us in. This will produce less of you and more of Us in you.

“For such a time as this were you born. Prepare yourself to receive downloads from heaven. It will help multitudes.

“We will come again.” Then they vanished.

John 20:21–22, “Jesus therefore said to them again, ‘Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit!’”



The Magnificent Obsession: Third Encounter

08/21/2019

This morning during my prayer time, I had a conversation with the Magnificent Obsession.

I asked, “What is on your heart, Father?”

Father said, “The intimidation of My people—satan is a bully. He goes around roaring like a lion, but he is toothless. His threats are acts of bullying. No more than that. The only way he gains any power to do more is when My children forget who they are and fall into fear. Then and only then is he able to do harm.”

I said, “My heart breaks when I see one of your children bound by fear. What is on your heart, Holy Spirit?”

Holy Spirit answered, “The task I have ahead of Me.”

I asked, “What is the task?”

Holy Spirit said, “To prepare Father’s people for the return of His Son. My task requires cooperation from all Brides, but how will they open their hearts and put into practice what is required of them?”

I asked, “How will they?”

Holy Spirit said, “I will send you to sound the alarm. Time is short. It is either now or never. It is not an ultimatum. It’s the day of reckoning.”

I said, “I will go as you lead me, Holy Spirit. What is on your heart, Jesus?”

Jesus said, “Compassion for My people.”

I said, “The depth of your compassion astounds Me. Is there anything else?”

Jesus answered, “You.”

I asked, “What about me?”

Jesus said, “I appreciate how you love Me and spend daily time with Me. Your thoughtfulness toward Me amazes Me. Thank you. I will

reward you for this—not what the world offers you but what is priceless.”

I said, “It is my absolute delight to spend time with you!”

Romans 8:14–16, “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. For you didn’t receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God...”

MY MIRACLES

He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you
and does miracles among you,
does he do it by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith?
—Galatians 3:5

Miracles are awe inspiring events demonstrating divine intervention in response to the faith of a person or a group of people. A multitude of miracles are recorded throughout the Old and New Testaments all testifying to Heavenly Father's desire to play a loving, demonstrable, and compassionate role in our lives.

As wonderful as physical miracles are, the greatest miracle is salvation. What exactly is salvation? We find our answer in Romans 10:9-10. It says, "...if you will 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 with the heart, one believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation."

I have seen many people receive miracles, and I am the recipient of many miracles. You will see how each of my miracles was unique and amazing. Without these divine interventions, I would not be alive today.



I Was Raised from Dying

03/19/1973

During my recovery from the birth of my third son on February 23, I began experiencing bronchial issues. Due to the demands of being a new mother along with caring for my other two sons, ages four and two, like most mothers of little ones, my focus was not on myself. My physical depletion went unnoticed. Gradually, my health deteriorated, and I became very feeble, yet I was not fully aware of how sick I was.

About three weeks later, I became extremely ill. I coughed, extremely fatigued, and ran a fever. Even in sickness, my demanding daily schedule was focused on taking care of my newborn and my other two little ones—I progressively neglected myself.

One afternoon during this time of illness, the father of my children took the two older boys to a park to run some energy off. After their departure, I fed my newborn and laid him down in his bassinet located in our master bedroom. Immediately I felt so weak I collapsed on my bed. I struggled to breathe and felt like I was dying. I said a quick prayer for Jesus to help me before I blacked out.

The next thing I remember is hearing my name being called by a woman somewhere in our home. I could not respond to her calls nor open my eyes. When the woman entered my bedroom, she rushed to me. She put her hand on top of my head and prayed in Jesus's name, commanding the spirit of death to leave me.

As she prayed, I felt a holy presence infusing strength into my body. A warm sensation surged from the top of my head to my toes. I was able to slowly open my eyes. As I did, Elizabeth, an older woman I knew from our church, was standing over me. After she saw I was responding, she went to my crying baby and brought him to me. I was now able to sit up in bed to take care of him. As I did, I asked Elizabeth what had just happened. She began describing how she was at our local grocery store when the Holy Spirit told her to rush to my home to pray for me. She did not have our address, so she asked the Holy Spirit to lead her to our home. She found the front door

unlocked. This was unusual. We always kept our front door locked, even when we were home.

As she entered our house, she did not know what she would find inside. Elizabeth called my name, trying to locate me. It was then she heard my baby crying. She ran to the master bedroom where we both were. When she saw I was unconscious, she gasped. She said I was lifeless. As she prayed, a flush of color appeared on my face before I sat up.

John 14:12, "...I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father."



My Baby's Heart Healed

04/15/1973

This afternoon, during my baby son's six-week physical checkup, I learned a lesson in overcoming fear and embracing faith.

After the doctor listened to my baby's chest several times, he announced he found a heart problem. His flushed facial expression and serious tone of voice indicated an issue of great concern. He informed me a pediatric doctor specializing in this type of heart issue just happened to be in the hospital. He left the room to retrieve this doctor to examine my son and get a second opinion.

After he left the room, I began to feel my heart beating out of my chest as fear raced through my entire being. Here was my precious baby faced with the possibility of a life-threatening heart problem. As my mind raced with fearful thoughts, and my emotions were setting me up to burst into tears, I heard the gentle calming voice of the Holy Spirit instructing me to lay my hand on my baby's chest and speak healing to his heart in Jesus's name. After hearing this, I set aside my fears and stepped out by faith. I gently laid my right hand on my son's bare chest and simply prayed, "Jesus, please help me. Heal my baby's

heart.” The moment I finished, the doctor returned accompanied by the pediatric specialist, whose facial expression also appeared genuinely concerned.

The specialist listened to my son’s chest, moving the stethoscope from left to right. While he was listening, he looked up at the doctor and asked him to tell him again precisely where he had detected the problem, because the specialist could not locate it. My doctor then listened again to my baby’s heart; to his utter amazement, the problem was gone. Bewildered, my doctor explained again in detailed medical terms to the pediatric specialist what he had found earlier. Now both doctors examined my baby again and still could not find the slightest hint of a problem. Puzzled, perplexed, and astonished, they gave my son a clean bill of health.

I took this opportunity to explain to them that I asked Jesus to heal my baby’s heart. They both shook their heads in absolute disbelief, but they could not deny the empirical evidence they both had of my son’s perfect heart.

Mark 16:17–18, “These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new languages...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”



My Marvelous Bottomless Milk Jug
04/06/1975

A week ago I had a fearful thought about a time in the future when I would not have enough food to feed my three children. In response to this, Jesus asked me, “Do you believe I can manifest meat on your barbeque grill if you were without food?”

I responded, “Of course you could. All things are possible with you.”

He said, “Then trust Me to care for you no matter what.”

At that time, our family of five consumed one gallon of milk a day. Since my dialogue with Jesus, the gallon of milk in our refrigerator was continuously full for one week. He provided this miracle as a manifestation of His ability to care for us. It erased my fear and increased my faith in His provision.

1 Kings 17:14–16, “For Yahweh, the God of Israel says, ‘The jar of meal will not run out, and the jar of oil will not fail, until the day that Yahweh sends rain on the earth.’ She went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, ate many days. The jar of meal didn’t run out, and the jar of oil didn’t fail, according to Yahweh’s word, which he spoke by Elijah.”



My Leg Grew Out
07/18/1978

Today's speaker for the Christian women's luncheon was a medical nurse. She had fasted and prayed for a week with the belief miracles would manifest in today's meeting.

At the end of her presentation, she received words of knowledge regarding physical ailments of the women in attendance. With each word spoken, a woman stood up identifying herself as having this issue. I was one of them. I had a history of lower-back issues due to my left leg being about a half inch shorter than my right leg. The speaker asked all those who responded to come forward for her to pray for us.

Amazing miracles took place as I watched the women prayed for. When it was my turn, I was asked to come up on stage and sit on the chair. I was wearing a dress, so all in attendance could see my calves. As she prayed in Jesus's name, immediately a glowing white light appeared encircling the middle of my left calf. Then miraculously my leg lengthened. It was amazing to witness. I will never forget this experience. My legs are now balanced, and my lower-back issue is resolved. Thank you, Jesus!

Acts 3:2–8, “A certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask gifts for the needy of those who entered into the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive gifts for the needy. Peter, fastening his eyes on him, with John, said, ‘Look at us.’ He listened to them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, ‘I have no silver or gold, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!’ He took him by the right hand and raised him up. Immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength. Leaping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God.”

Acts 3:16, “By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which is through him has given

him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”



I Was Pulled from a Sinking Car

11/18/1983

I recently experienced a devastating divorce. I was brokenhearted and rejected. I was also running from Heavenly Father. I had entrusted Him with my Christian marriage. I felt I could no longer trust Him with my life. I quit praying and reading my Bible. I was not sure why I chose this, but my heart seemed incapable of trusting anyone.

One morning as I drove to work on a rural Colorado road, the rain began to turn to sleet. I was in my Volkswagen two-door hatchback, which had a security feature stopping the hatchback from being opened on the inside.

As I began driving up a steep hill, I noticed patches of ice developing on the road. Just then, a semitruck hauling an extrawide load crested the top of the hill in the oncoming traffic lane. To miss hitting the wide load encroaching into my lane, I swerved. The truck passed me without any problems. But now on the downside of the hill, my car was spinning out of control. It spun five times before slamming into the curb. The force was so tremendous it threw my car up into the air, flipping it upside down and landing it in the cold creek running parallel to the road. No one saw the accident. The only vehicle I saw all morning was the truck.

On impact I hit my head on the roof, and the window vents popped up. None of the other windows were impacted and remained closed. Freezing water and mud were now pouring into the car, covering me in freezing-cold sludge. I looked for a way to escape, but there was no way out. There was only an inch above the waterline where I could look through the windows to see outside.

The desperate reality of my situation hit me. *I am going to die in this car!* Instantly I prayed for the first time in six months: “Father, help

me!” My prayer then transitioned into my prayer language. Within seconds, I heard a tapping on the passenger window. I strained to see above the waterline. Standing in the creek’s muddy, icy-cold water was a man. He had the most radiant smile and the bluest eyes I had ever seen. His hair was sandy blond and pulled back in a ponytail. He wore a red bandanna around his forehead and a red plaid flannel shirt.

The stranger pointed to the ignition. My keys were still in it. I then understood he wanted me to hand him the keys so he could open the hatchback door from the outside. As I went to hand him the keys, I realized I could not open the door or the window. I looked at the man with questions in my eyes. How was I to get these keys to him? Then suddenly he reached through the window without breaking the glass and took the keys. I could not believe what I had just seen.

With my car keys in his hand, the man made his way to the back of the car and opened the hatchback. Then he called me to him as he stood in the water with his arms opened wide. I crawled through the mud and water to the back of the car. He reached in and lifted me into his arms. As my hand rested on his shoulder, the familiar and comforting feel of the soft flannel shirt, a fond memory from my childhood, helped to soothe my fears. He said with a delightful tone, “You’re taller than I thought.” As he turned us around to walk to the edge of the road, he slipped a little on the creek’s muddy floor and laughed. I detected absolutely no fear in this man. This brought me a familiar peace.

As we reached the road, he gently helped me stand to my feet. He put his left arm around my shoulders, and as we crossed the road together, he said, “From now on everything will be all right.” He guided my shivering, cold body to a small school bus parked on the side of the road. As we climbed the steps into the bus, the female bus driver did not say a word. The man who saved me stared at me, studying my face. I thought to myself, *I must look awful all covered with mud and water from the top of my head to my boots.*

Then the kind man gently led me to the first-row seat and helped me sit down. Before he turned to leave, he looked me straight in the

eye. I felt like he could see right into my soul. He smiled his broad, engaging grin once again and said, "From now on everything's going to be all right."

He turned and stepped out of the school bus. He walked to an old, beat-up, and rusty pickup truck parked directly in front of the school bus. As he began to drive away, I noticed the truck did not have a license plate. As I continued to watch the truck move further away, it seemed to be vanishing. Not due to the distance but because it dematerialized before my eyes. Then it vanished! Now I knew I was in shock.

When a police officer arrived on the scene, he asked me many questions about the accident. After preliminary questions about my personal information, one of his last questions was "how did you get out of the car?" I looked over at the school-bus driver as my witness to what I was about to say, because I knew she had seen the man. I answered, "A man opened the hatchback with my keys and carried me out." The police officer turned to look at the bus driver for her response, and she shook her head no and said, "She got out of the car by herself."

The police officer then asked me, "If a man helped you out, where is he now?"

I answered, "He drove away in his pickup truck."

The police officer asked, "What was the license plate number on his truck?"

I answered, "It didn't have a license plate."

With my answer, the frustrated police officer said, "I'm taking you to the hospital to be examined."

When we arrived, a nurse approached me requesting a urine sample. At the time, I did not know they thought I was on drugs or drunk on alcohol, which would have explained my unbelievable answers. When the test came back negative, the doctor quickly ordered an X-ray of my head thinking I had experienced head injuries, which would have explained my ridiculous explanation of the man who saved me.

The X-ray came back showing no sign of injury. I sustained only a bump on the top of my head and a bruised right shoulder. Before the doctor released me to go home, he said, “I do not know what happened to you out there, but you are extremely fortunate to have escaped the accident with your life and no injuries. Go home and rest.”

Home in bed, I reflected on my near-death experience. Even though I had been running from Heavenly Father, He divinely intervened and rescued me by sending an angel. Hebrews 1:14 says, “Aren’t they all serving spirits, sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” Not just any angel but one dressed exactly as one of my dearest uncles once dressed. This uncle had passed away twenty years earlier, and tragically, at the age of twenty-eight. He gave me the best hugs I can remember. I always felt very safe in his arms. The flannel shirts he wore were soft and brought me the comfort my little-girl battered heart desperately needed.

Overwhelmed by the realization of Heavenly Father’s merciful love for me, I prayed. Then I picked up my Bible, and it instantly fell open to Psalm 18. My eyes were directed to verses 17–19, “He drew me out of many waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me. They came on me in the day of my calamity, but Yahweh was my support. He brought me out also into a large place. He delivered me, because he delighted in me.”

Heavenly Father’s love for all His children is unconditional and unbreakable!

Romans 8:38–39, “For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from God’s love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



I Was Healed of Debilitating Vertigo

05/07/1991

During my prayer time this morning, Jesus said to me, “Your heart will be stripped of this world. Are you willing to suffer many things?”

“Yes, I am willing.”

“Remember, My promises are true, so rest in them.”

This afternoon the room began spinning. I lost my balance and fell to the floor. Nausea overwhelmed me. This went on for hours before I was able to stand up. This was my first vertigo attack.

04/12/1992

After a year of multiple vertigo attacks and medical testing, I have been diagnosed with Ménière’s disease—an incurable condition and genetically inherited. My dad suffered with it most of his life. This syndrome dramatically affects my ability to function. Knowing Jesus is my healer, I began thanking Him for the healing of this condition to be manifested bringing Him the glory for my miracle.

05/24/1993

I had another severe vertigo episode this morning. I immediately went to bed to wait it out. The television was turned on in my bedroom, and the *700 Club* program was on. I lay in bed with my eyes closed as I listened to the program.

About ten minutes later, it was the segment in the show where Pat Robertson prayed for people. As he prayed, he received a word of knowledge that a woman watching the program was currently experiencing a severe vertigo attack, and it would be her last one. He went on to say Heavenly Father would also answer all her prayers for her family. I knew I was this woman. Faith leaped within me, and instantly the vertigo symptoms vanished.

12/11/2019

Update: I have not had another vertigo episode since May 24, 1993.

John 15:7, “If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.”



My Diseased Heart Valve Was Miraculously Replaced

09/04/1992

After a relaxing evening with my family, I was in the kitchen serving up some frozen yogurt for us all when I felt an unusual painless shift in my body and instantly fell to the kitchen floor. I was unable to move the right side of my body or speak. My family came running into the kitchen. When they saw the condition I was in, they called 911. It was not long before an ambulance arrived and took me to the local hospital.

For the next three days, a series of tests were taken in search of the root cause of the stroke. When the test results were analyzed, it was discovered my mitral valve was diseased, caused by the rheumatic fever I had as a child. This valve was causing blood clots to form within the heart chamber, producing the stroke. My cardiologist prescribed anticoagulant medications. He informed me I would need open-heart surgery to replace the valve within five years. On the fourth day, I was released from the hospital with my faculties miraculously restored.

For the next four and a half years, I took the prescribed blood-thinning medicines as I renewed my mind and believed for a miracle. The stroke was a wake-up call to focus on erasing my fears and replacing them with faith. So I took my medicine and renewed my mind as I continued to believe Heavenly Father for the healing of my heart valve.

07/03/1997

Tonight I watched the *700 Club* television show. During the time of prayer, Pat Robertson received a word of knowledge regarding a woman with a defective mitral heart valve. Pat said, "Jesus is healing your valve." Then Pat added, "Jesus isn't just healing the valve, He's

doing a creative miracle because the valve is diseased and needs replacing.” Immediately peace filled me as I knew this healing was for me. I received it and thanked Jesus for it.

07/07/1997

This morning I called my cardiologist to confirm my healing by asking for an ultrasound-test appointment. She looked at my chart and said, “Your surgery is scheduled to take place within the next three months, so I’ll schedule an ultrasound test for you.”

07/21/1997

The ultrasound test was performed this afternoon. During the test, I watched the monitor and noticed a difference between what my valve looked like now compared with what it looked like on my first ultrasound test after my stroke. The “new valve” looked different. I am very hopeful for a good report confirming my miracle.

07/29/1997

I received a phone call from my doctor. She said, “The tests revealed your heart valve is absolutely perfect! I don’t know what you did, but congratulations!”

I responded, “I believe in miracles. Jesus gave me one. I’m so thankful.”

03/12/2011

Update: an echocardiogram revealed my mitral valve and heart remain in perfect condition.

Mark 3:10–11, “For he had healed many, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him that they might touch him. The unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him and cried, ‘You are the Son of God!’”



Directed to Buy a Car

08/23/2002

I needed to replace my car. I was working in the editorial department of a local Christian publishing company, so a reliable car with four-wheel drive was a necessity for the icy winter roads. After days of test-driving moderately priced vehicles of various makes and models, a salesman I had met called to inform me about a fantastic bargain, which had just arrived this afternoon as a trade-in. It was a previously owned, low-mileage, and fully loaded Mercedes S500. He asked if I could come in immediately to look at this beauty and take it for a test drive. When I hung up, my first thought was, *I am a pragmatist. Would owning a Mercedes go against the grain of my conscience?* I asked the Holy Spirit for direction. He directed me to go test-drive it, so I left for the dealership.

Upon my arrival, the salesman led me to the Mercedes he had described on the phone. Indeed it was gorgeous. Not a scratch or dent on it. The vehicle appeared to be brand new, even though it was two years old. The salesman explained a retired military officer previously owned it and used it only to drive himself to the golf course every week, so its fantastic pristine condition was understandable.

When I sat in the driver's seat and started it up, the powerful engine made the most pleasant purring sound. I knew it was a sign of a well-maintained, well-engineered, and well-calibrated engine. As I drove off the dealership lot onto the freeway, the acceleration was smooth and fast for a heavy car like this one. By the time my test-drive was finished, I felt the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit to proceed forward to negotiate its purchase.

Before I sat down with the salesman, I took a moment to check in with the Holy Spirit for one last confirmation. At this point, I asked, "Why are you directing me to purchase this luxury car?" Then He answered, "One day this car will save your life." His answer resonated in my heart. It did not create any fear, and I knew somehow it would prove to be true one day.

Now, you might be wondering, *What is going on here? How can someone claim to hear the Spirit talk?* Well, the answer is simple: the Holy Spirit is not just an imaginary or religious phenomenon. He is a living, active, and intelligent being. He will speak to you if you allow Him into your heart. The Holy Spirit will give us a heads-up about our futures if we are willing to take the time to ask, listen, and obey the instructions He gives.

Back to my story, the Holy Spirit went further to give me the purchase price I was to offer the salesman. Surprisingly, the price was much different than the asking price. I had learned from previous car-buying experiences the car would become mine for the price told to me if I remained firm in faith and did not allow fear to compromise the price. Within a few minutes of Holy Spirit-guided negotiations, the Mercedes was purchased for the exact amount the Holy Spirit told me. I drove it home, and its four-wheel drive performed perfectly on winter roads.

Galatians 5:24–25, “Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Spirit, let’s also walk by the Spirit.”



Escaped a Demonic Setup

10/07/2004

This morning I began a thirteen hundred-mile road trip in which I will be driving my Mercedes alone. As I started out, it was beautiful sunny weather. I was making good time, and by 9:30 p.m., I arrived in Flagstaff, Arizona. I was driving on a four-lane freeway running through a thickly forested, undeveloped area. The road conditions were excellent, the sky was cloudless, and the moon was full. The light of the moon lit up the forest, casting a beautiful glow on the pine trees, which grew about one hundred feet from the road.

I was traveling the posted speed limit of seventy-five miles an hour and had just passed a semitruck when out of the forest a large, white wolf emerged, catching my eye. He appeared to be running full speed and for whatever reason aimed toward my car. My headlights shone on the wolf as he came closer. Within seconds, the wolf crossed over the lane to my right in front of the semitruck I had just passed. I realized an accident was about to take place.

The Holy Spirit said to me, "Don't turn the steering wheel or apply your brakes. Keep steady. Go straight ahead." I obeyed. Then for a split second, as the beautiful, white wolf stood in front of the Mercedes, his glazed eyes were lit up by the headlights. Then the car slammed into its body with full force, and I continued driving straight ahead as I was instructed. My car ran over the unfortunate creature. I was grieved and traumatized by what I had just experienced. Despite this state of mind, I continued to receive clear direction from the Holy Spirit. "Don't pull over to check the car for damage. Drive straight through without stopping." I did as instructed.

Before arriving at my destination, the next morning I called my insurance company to report the accident. The agent told me to drive to a specific autobody shop for the mechanic to inspect the car for a repair estimate to be added to the accident report.

Upon my arrival, the mechanic informed me he would drive the Mercedes into his garage to put it on the lift for inspection and for it

to be weighed. As I waited for the mechanic to check the car over, I sipped on a cup of coffee and reflected. I replayed the unbelievable event several times in my head, trying to make sense out of the situation. I thought to myself, *I am an animal lover. Why would a wolf run out of the forest where he was safe in his natural habitat to run into an oncoming vehicle?* The Holy Spirit said, “The wolf was simply used by the devil as an instrument to inflict an attack on your life.”

Just then the mechanic came out of the garage, shaking his head in amazement as he approached me. He said, “Lady, do you know how heavy your car weighs?”

I replied, “No.”

The mechanic exclaimed, “It weighs nine thousand pounds! If your car did not weigh this much, it would have been totaled, and you may not be alive today. You see, the force of impact created by any car other than your car traveling seventy-five miles an hour, along with the weight of the large wolf, would have spun a lighter-weight car into the path of the semitruck on your right or tossed it off the road as it tumbled over and over itself. Your Mercedes protected you from severe injuries or, worst-case scenario, losing your life. Amazingly as far as the damage goes, the Mercedes only received a small crack in its front bumper where it hit the wolf. While I have your car on the lift, I will wash off its underside as there is dried blood, pieces of fur, and tissue on it.” It was in this moment the words of the Holy Spirit, which were spoken to me a year before, replayed in my head: “One day this car will save your life.”

About six months after the accident, the Holy Spirit revealed the Mercedes had fulfilled its purpose in my life, and now it was time to let it go. I responded in obedience just as He asked of me. Many years earlier I learned we are only stewards of material items and not to tightly hold on to them believing we are the owners. The truth is: Heavenly Father is the owner of all. As a result, we are to care for everything entrusted to us with an open hand.

2 Corinthians 10:5, “...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”



Jesus Matched Me with My Husband

10/17/2012

“Jesus, why do I feel like I’m on hold?”

“I’ve promised you to a man as a reward for his faithfulness. You are more than he ever imagined I would give him. He is a man after My own heart. In other words—the same mold. Remember when I looked down on my mother as I hung on the cross?”

“Yes, I do.”

“Well, My concern was for her provision and protection. I entrusted her care into the hands of a friend I had come to trust. This man I have chosen for you has a heart of gold like Mine. We are men who take our roles seriously. We step up to the plate and don’t shrink from it when it presents itself.”

05/18/2013

“Trust Me, Kathleen, to bring you the man who will fulfill all My will for his life and yours. In the days ahead, you will need someone to stand by your side to protect you when the enemy comes in like a flood. The man I am bringing you will provide this protection. He is looking for you now. He is praying for you. He is expecting you. I have shown you to him. You will meet him when the time is right. Just hold on, and it will take place. I am putting things in motion to bring it about. When he sees you, he will know instantly you are the one he has been looking for.

“I know this is difficult for you, as your heart has many questions. Just trust Me. He will be all you have ever prayed and hoped for in this world. He will support your ministry. He has compassion for others and will give the shirt off his back if needed. You will laugh together. He is younger than you, and he is Jewish.

“Trust Me to provide for you and watch what I do on your behalf.”

“I have a question. Why would a younger Jewish man be interested in me?”

“He is looking for a woman who is completely sold out to Heavenly Father. You are exactly what he wants and needs. The time is short, so prepare yourself.

“Look to Me to direct you to this man I have chosen for you. He will remain true to you and Me. It will be obvious to all who see you two together it is a perfect fit. Your ministry will blossom. Divine providence will intervene in your situations. I will open doors for your benefit. Through divine interventions a way will be shown to you.”

08/11/2014

Marc, a cordial man I briefly met two days ago, asked me to meet him this afternoon at a local restaurant for iced tea. I was familiar with the restaurant he suggested, so feeling safe during daylight hours, I agreed. As we sat in the booth for over an hour, he talked, and I listened. Our meeting proceeded nicely, but I had my guard up, as I was waiting for the one Father had chosen for me. The sun was setting, so my thoughts turned to saying goodbye in order for me to be home by dark. I concluded Marc was not the man I was waiting for. I was preparing to leave—then suddenly the Holy Spirit lifted a veil from my eyes. A veil I had been unaware of until then. What I saw impacted me to my core. Marc’s chest became transparent, allowing me to see his heart—it was gold! The Holy Spirit said, “Here’s the man Jesus chose for you.” Overcome by the revelation, I swooned. My body slumped over like a wet noodle. Marc instantly responded by catching me in his arms. As my head rested on his shoulder, I could not speak. I could not move my body. All I could do was “be” in his arms. I have never experienced anything like this before or after. It is what I imagine being in the arms of Jesus is like—safe and protected.

When I was finally able to walk out of the restaurant on my own accord, Marc walked me to my car. I did not share with him he was the man Jesus had chosen for me. I kept it to myself. I trusted Jesus to work out His plan in His way and timing.

After several lunch and dinner dates over the next few days, to my amazement on the fourth day, Marc asked me to marry him. Of course I said yes!

Our divinely arranged marriage is a true partnership.

You may be wondering how and when Jesus revealed a vision of me to Marc before we met. When Marc was sixteen years old, as he waited for a ride to school, the Holy Spirit gave him an open vision. In the vision, he saw a tall blond woman dressed in jeans, a plaid flannel shirt, and hiking boots. She was standing on the side of a mountain. She was smiling at him and waving to him to join her as she climbed the mountain toward a huge wall of fire to the top of the mountain. She appeared fearless, and his protective nature wanted to shield her from all potential danger. Marc carried the image of this woman throughout his life as he looked for her. It took forty years for him to find me.

Sometimes it takes great patience for Heavenly Father's plan to manifest in our lives, but as our story reveals, the payoff is worth whatever it takes to arrive at our divine destination.

Romans 8:25, "But if we hope for that which we don't see, we wait for it with patience."



Overcoming Death by Decree

03/22/2012

Today I was taken by a family member to the local emergency room. The symptoms I had experienced for the previous five days seemed to me to be a very painful case of the flu. I was terribly mistaken. After extensive medical tests, the results revealed my appendix had been ruptured for five days and a softball-sized mass along with peritonitis filled my abdomen. The doctors ordered immediate surgery. A team of nurses rushed me to the surgical floor and prepared me. A nurse then wheeled me on a gurney into a cold operating room with the surgical team waiting for my arrival. As I slowly moved onto the operating table, Jesus filled me with His peace as I prayed for the trauma surgeon. Then I entrusted my life into the care of my divine Healer.

The next thing I remember was waking up in the recovery room, hearing myself screaming in tremendous pain. The nurse came to the side of my bed and explained to me I had not received any pain medication according to my doctor's orders. So I was feeling the horrific unbelievable pain of the extensive three-hour major surgery. I was promised pain relief after I was moved to my private hospital room.

After forty-five minutes, which seemed like an eternity of torment, the nurse transferred me to my room. She immediately gave me an IV with pain medication mixed in it. Shortly after this, my trauma surgeon arrived and gave me the details of my surgery.

Once inside of my abdomen, he discovered the peritonitis had destroyed quite a bit of tissue. He removed twelve inches of destroyed large intestine and the ileocecal valve (the valve located between the large and small intestine) as well as a huge, potentially cancerous mass. He also told me due to the valve removal, I would have chronic digestive issues for the rest of my life along with additional surgeries if complications developed. I was in shock at this news.

Instead of believing the doctor's diagnosis, I chose to believe that I would not need any more surgery, that I would not have any digestive issues, and that the pathology report would be negative for cancer. I learned a couple of days later from one of my CNAs that my doctor and the hospital staff didn't expect me to live through the first night after surgery due to my age, the amount of infection throughout my body, and the damage the infection had caused.

The next evening, when the nurse came in to take my temperature, I had a 105-degree fever, and it was climbing. She said, "I'll go call the doctor to let him know." She left the room and closed the door behind her. As I lay in the hospital bed, I shook violently. Within a few minutes, I became aware of a dark figure wearing a long, black robe with a hood standing to the left of my bed looking down at me. It was the spirit of death.

I realized it was either my time to go to heaven, or it was time for me to declare my healing through Jesus. I said, "Heavenly Father, if it's my time to come home, I have no fear. I am at peace. If it is not my time, then in the name of Jesus, I will not die but live to declare the glory of Heavenly Father." Immediately I saw the spirit of death leave the room. Within minutes, the fever was gone!

Twenty minutes later the Holy Spirit divinely empowered me to get out of bed on my own for the first time since my surgery. I began slowly walking down the hospital hallway with my IV stand in tow. My nurse emerged out of another patient's room and recognized me. She came running toward me. With her eyes as big as saucers, she exclaimed, "Are you the same woman I left twenty minutes ago?"

I replied, "I am. I believe in miracles and the healing power of Jesus. I am standing here healed because of Him. My fever is gone." She was speechless as she escorted me back to my room and helped me to bed.

I felt so much better. I asked her to communicate to my doctor I wanted to be released from the hospital the next day, but my doctor refused. He explained he wanted to keep me for further observation

in case the infection showed up again. It never did. The moment the fever left my body, I believed Jesus cleansed my blood.

Four and a half days later, before my doctor released me from the hospital, the nurse who had witnessed my healing said she had questions and asked if she could speak to me before I was discharged from the hospital. I agreed. During our hour-long conversation, I shared with her the other healing miracles I have received throughout my life. With each healing testimony I shared, she would say, “But it’s medically impossible!”

To which I replied, “Exactly! Only through Jesus are miracles manifested in a person’s life.” She replied, “I will never forget this conversation.” I told her I would have gone through the entire ordeal just so she could hear of Jesus’s love for her. She gently hugged me with tears running down her face.

A week after returning home, I received the pathology report showing the snowball-sized mass removed in surgery was benign. Today my digestive tract functions perfectly. I thank you again, Jesus, my Healer, Deliverer, and King.

Luke 17:15–16, “One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks...”

MY LOVE LETTERS FROM JESUS

How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride!
—Song of Solomon 4:10

Over the years, Jesus gave me personal love notes. They are so dear to me I was reluctant to share them publicly, but out of obedience to His request, here are my Holy Spirit–selected treasured messages.

They are being shared not to highlight me but to illustrate how our obedience in loving Him will be used to help others. As you read, imagine each timeless love note was written to you...because the truth is...it was. He loves you as if you are His only Bride.



Dearest One,

I knew you would be mine before you were born. I saw your light and wanted you for myself. You are My Beloved, whom I carried in My heart for eons. Now you are here.

How I long for the time when we will meet and I can embrace you.

With Love and Anticipation,

Jesus

Author's Note: Knowing the King of Kings desires to be with us...that our presence is longed for, undoes my heart. How about you?



Dearest One,

I have loved you dearly since your birth, and I will not abandon you in any way!

I am a jealous Bridegroom. I want all of you for Myself.

Others may have plans for your life, but My plans will succeed.

I love you. Trust Me.

With Purest Love,

Jesus

Author's Note: These are comfort-filled words. He desires our pure devotion. If we choose to trust His plans for our lives, regardless of how they appear to others, doing so brings a smile to His face. Will you join me in trusting Him more?



Dearest One,

Oh, My sweet. How I long to hold you.

The Father delights in Me as I watch over you. As a bridegroom watches over his bride, I watch over your every step to protect and care for you.

Don't you know I love you? Have I not shown you the depth of My love?

You say, "Yes, Jesus, You have."

You have only experienced a taste of what is waiting for you throughout all eternity.

You Are Always in My Heart,

Jesus

Author's Note: This encouraging word of loving protection erased my fear of the future. Will you join me in fearlessly following His lead?



Dearest One,

I have saved you, and I love you. I am after your heart, all of it! I cannot allow anything of the world to reside in you. You need to become like the pure nard I pour out for others. It will be the sweetest fragrance on earth.

You are special in My eyes in how you long to be pleasing to Me. Know this: you do please Me in all you do for My Kingdom.

Love You Forever,

Jesus

Author's Note: In relinquishing more of my heart to Jesus, I rejected the world's definition of success. This set me free to live out the call on my life in following the Holy Spirit into a Kingdom lifestyle. Will you give Him more of your heart?



Dearest One,

I love you! It will take eons of time for My love for you to unfold. Then you will realize the depth of My love for you. Until then, know and rest in the fact I love you immensely.

Walk and talk with Me. I will show you how.

With All My Heart,

Jesus

Author's Note: Know, rest, walk, and talk...simple, right? We can do this! He wants a close relationship of daily fellowship with us. Will you allow Jesus to show you how to walk and talk with Him?



Dearest One,

I love how you love Me. There was a day when you sought My face and felt like you could not find Me. But now you seek Me, and I am found within you. We are one!

My Heart Belongs to You,

Jesus

Author's Note: At that time in my life, I felt like I could not find Him because I felt sinful and unacceptable to Him. This was what the church I attended at the time taught me. This belief impacted my ability to recognize the presence of Jesus and hear His voice. The truth: He was speaking to me all along. It was me, not Him. False beliefs are brutal. Are you aware of any false beliefs that are hindering your relationship with Jesus? If so, erase and replace them with the truth.



Dearest One,

Your heart seeks Me, even in the night watches. As you sleep, it looks for Me, the lover of your soul.

As you sleep, I watch over you as My most valuable possession. You are precious and irreplaceable. You are a Bride who has come home.

Eternally Yours,

Jesus

Author's Note: Before I doze off to sleep at night, I say good night to Jesus and thank Him for how He has accompanied me throughout my day. When I awake the next morning, my heart aches to be with Him in the secret place. Are you a Bride who will come home?

SECTION 2
DECISION:
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

YOUR CALL TO PREPARE

Jesus is calling you to embrace the most rewarding journey of a lifetime. The journey of becoming a prepared Bride ready to be His wife at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

At this point, you may be thinking *I'm a new believer. This is way over my head and past my comfort zone,* or you may be thinking *I'm a mature Bride. What more can I learn?* Whatever you identify with, the Holy Spirit has a customized experience for you. For the newbies, He will set a pace you can manage, and for the mature, He will stretch you beyond your comfort zone.

Every Bride responding to this call will receive increased divine wisdom and Holy Spirit revelation, catapulting you to new heights in your spiritual quest. Regardless of where you are now, this book focuses on your spiritual growth. As you take time to linger and reflect on each message, my heartfelt prayer is for your takeaway to be a whole hearted passion to spend quality time with Jesus—this is the fervent desire of this Bride.

As you continue to read, opening your heart wide will benefit you. The truth-filled messages in this section will saturate you with His love, open your eyes to the realities of His Bride, and reveal His desire to be your top priority. Why does He want this? Because having Jesus as number one in your life is in your best interest. I've discovered that with Him as my number one priority, everything else in my life falls into a holy alignment.

I LOVE MY BRIDE

You have ravished my heart...my bride.
—Song of Solomon 4:9

Once there was a king who yearned for a bride to share in his life and kingdom. In his search for her, he chose to disguise himself as a peasant. Why? Because he wanted her to fall in love with him, not his kingly position or his wealth. Like this king, Jesus went the extra mile in His relentless pursuit of His Bride. He will not be satisfied until He has captivated all *your* heart.

As your faithful Bridegroom, Jesus wrote you love notes. Each one was communicated to me with you in mind. How can this be? Because Jesus lives outside of time. These timeless notes were intended for you to read on the day you choose to read them. Simply miraculous!



His Love for You

“I love you, and you are mine. None other will take your place in My heart. I love you with an everlasting love no one can come close to replicating.”

Romans 8:38–39, “...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from God’s love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



I Am with You

“My Bride, it’s important for you to know that whatever you do or wherever you go, I am with you. There is no separation from Me. I am everywhere My Bride is. I know your thoughts and desires.

“As a loving Bridegroom, it is my joy to give you what you long for. It brings Me pleasure when I can give you what you want. I even make plans on when and where I will present you with your gifts.”

Matthew 28:20, “...I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



Taste My Love Now

Jesus said, “I cover you with My love! It is the element no one can come against or rob from you. It delivers you from danger and gives you life. My love is a substance, a tangible element. It can be tasted and experienced here and now. You do not have to wait to enter heaven to experience it. ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good’ says My Word. So taste it now. It will catapult you into realms you couldn’t imagine.”

Psalm 34:7–8, “Yahweh’s angel encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that Yahweh is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.”



Remain in His Love

“My love must be the hallmark of your existence because My love will pull you through the most challenging times.”

1 John 4:16, “We know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and he who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.”



Paid by His Blood

“All who come to Me are saved because of their belief in My blood paying for their sins. Their deep shame and guilt are wiped away. They know this is a fact deep in their spirits, yet there are times they experience shame.

“You sometimes charge yourself with the accusations satan wields against you. You come into agreement with him that the accusations are true. The truth is your past actions are no longer held against you. I do not see them. My blood covers them. You are free from shame. I paid the price.

“I love you.”

John 8:44, “He [satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn’t stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.”



Rest in His Love

“Rest in My arms of love.

“I will never leave you nor forsake you. Stand strong in My love, and no one will be able to tear you down. For My love for you is unchangeable, unshakeable, and eternal.

“All that the world can offer you is a counterfeit of My love. There is nothing in the world that can replace My love for you.

“Rest in My love.”

Hebrews 13:5–6, “I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you. So that with good courage we say, “The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?”



His Love Covers the Earth

“I love you very much. I paid the price for your freedom.

“Those who do not see My love are those who have been blinded by the enemy. If you cannot see My love for you, take off your blinders by seeking Me. I am the Fountain of Living Water. When you come to Me, you will be satisfied and thirst no more for the shallow things of this world.”

2 Corinthians 4:4, “...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them.”

CONDITION OF THE BRIDE

All our righteousness is like a polluted garment.
—Isaiah 64:6

Today the condition of the Bride of Christ is very concerning: many of us are on the thrones of our own lives, we go elsewhere to be satisfied, we have not consecrated ourselves, we do not pursue daily fellowship with Jesus, we don't love others as we love ourselves, and many of us look exactly like the world. Our bridal gowns are torn and dirty. It is obvious the Bride of Christ is not prepared for the soon return of King Jesus.



True Condition

On November 28, 2018, I received a spiritual vision from Jesus: I watched a Bride dressed in a magnificent white and iridescent gown with a veil walking toward her smiling Bridegroom. As I continued to watch this scene, I was overcome by the Bridegroom's incredible love for her. With compassion in His voice, Jesus asked me, "Will you help prepare her?" I didn't understand. She appeared flawless to me. Then the Holy Spirit said to me, "You are viewing the Bride through the lens of the Bridegroom's love for her."

Instantly, my eyes were opened to her true condition. Her dress was tattered and filthy. Her face, feet, and hands were dirty. Her hair was matted in disarray. Then the Bridegroom's anguish over the true condition of His Bride hit me. As I sobbed, I answered, "Yes, I will help prepare your precious Bride. Please empower me to do this."

Jesus said, "I will equip you from on high!"

Revelation 3:18–19, "I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. As many as I love, I reprove and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent."



Invest Your Time in Him

Jesus said, “There are many who call themselves Mine, but they aren’t. They have been deceived to believe a simple confession of Me being their Savior is all that is needed, but there is more. First their confession is the simple act of walking through the door. Now it is up to them to pursue their daily walk with Me and to grow in their spiritual development. Most stop at this stage and remain spiritually immature. They do not pursue Me by disciplining themselves to daily study of My Word and time of prayer. Without these two elemental steps in their lives, there will not be advancement in a relationship with Me.

“A relationship with Me is no different than a relationship with others. The personal investment and pursuit are the same. Without it, I remain a concept, a belief.

“Earnest desire and daily time with Me won’t be disappointing.”

1 Corinthians 9:25, “Every man who strives in the games exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we are incorruptible.”



Not Ready

“I’m ready to come for My Bride, but she isn’t ready for Me.”

Matthew 25:10–13, “...the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Most certainly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ Watch therefore, for you don’t know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”



The Bride Is Lost

Jesus said, “I search for those whose hearts long for Me. There are few.

“My heart aches over My Bride’s condition. They say they want Me and to be My Bride, but unlike a true bride, they go elsewhere to be satisfied. Don’t they know it is only a fleeting emotion not able to stand the test of time? If only they would come to Me, their Fountain of Living Water.

“My Bride is lost in the darkness of this world. They treat Christianity like a spectator sport. They sit, observing, being entertained by My speakers, preachers, and prophets. They leave unchanged.”

Philippians 3:8–10, “...I count all things to be a loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith, that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death...”



Attached to the World

Jesus said, “My Bride’s garments are filthy and torn. She has brought this upon herself. Her heart does not long for the return of her Bridegroom. Her heart is fastened to the things of this world. She does not wear My righteousness but her own.

“Much tribulation is coming for the Body of Christ. Many will fall away from the faith. Many will call out to Me for help. Many will become apathetic to My causes. Watch and be warned. Do not count yourself as one of them. Remain devoted to Me and Me alone. I do not want to lose you to another. You are Mine, and I will not share you with another.

“Watch over your own heart so it doesn’t stray from Me. I am the only thing worth possessing.”

Matthew 6:23–24, “But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other.”



Time Is Short

Jesus said, “My heart aches over the condition of My Bride. She is full of spots and wrinkles. Time is short for My people to prepare themselves before I return.”

1 Peter 1:13, “Prepare your minds for action. Be sober, and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

SEEK ME AND FIND ME

I love those who love me.
Those who seek Me diligently will find Me.
—Proverbs 8:17

Has your faith lost its fire? Have you been wanting to hear from Jesus but haven't? Is your present relationship with Him feeling distant? I encourage you to seek Him with all your heart. Put aside every distraction of social media, entertainment, and other worldly activities. Then be patient and don't give up. I promise you will find Him! How can I promise this? Because Jesus told me He wants to be with His Brides more than we want to be with Him.



Many Distractions

Jesus said, “I am so proud of you when you seek My face. Spending time with Me sets you apart from the world. I know this isn’t an easy task when there are so many distractions vying for your attention.”

Psalm 4:3, “...Yahweh has set apart for himself him who is godly: Yahweh will hear when I call to him.”



Your Heart

Jesus said, “The truth is this: many come searching for Me and instead find a spirit of religion. A close relationship with Me is found in a spirit-to-spirit contact. This requires risking control over your life, for control is not of Me. Control is of the kingdom of darkness or fear. Launch out by searching for Me with your heart, and you will find Me. Your heart is to have preeminence over your head or intellect. Stripped of ego is where I can be found.”

Galatians 2:20–21, “I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. I don’t reject the grace of God. For if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing!”



Separateness Is an Illusion

“Set the record straight. Those who seek My face will find Me.

“Even though it appears to them I am far off, I am right at the door, ready to enter to be with them. Despair not if it appears, I am taking My time to meet with you. It is the illusion of separateness I’m wanting to be abolished.”

Jeremiah 29:13, “You shall seek me, and find me, when you search for me with all your heart.”



Jesus Is Waiting

Jesus said, “My Bride is so precious to Me. I hold her in My heart and mind. She is My jewel. She is the ‘called-out one.’ There are those who search for Me throughout their day. They are the ones who count it all for nothing in serving Me. They wait for Me and seek Me with their whole heart.

“‘Search for Me and you will find Me,’ I say in My Word. I am waiting for each one who has been chosen as My Bride to put aside the cares of this world and come after Me, the lover of their soul.”

Acts 7:55–56, “But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’”

Author’s Note: The time appears to be very short before Jesus returns to earth. Are you prepared to meet Him? You can prepare to meet Him by taking part in a bridal lifestyle.

SECTION 3
DEVOTIONALS:
DEVELOP YOUR BRIDAL LIFESTYLE

STEP INTO THE SECRET PLACE

When you pray, enter into your inner room,
and having shut your door,
pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in
secret will reward you openly.
—Matthew 6:6

On November 16, 2019, I asked Jesus, “What does the secret place mean to you?”

He answered, “The secret place is where I meet with each one of My Brides. Where I share what is meant for only them to hear. Where I reveal more of myself to them. My concerns as well as My joys. A time when we simply enjoy each other in a heart-to-heart connection.”

Jesus thoroughly enjoys spending quality time with His Brides in the secret place. The secret place is where we are filled with His presence and our faith increases. It is typically a space in our homes where we go alone to be with Him—a quiet environment void of distractions. It is a place where we focus on Jesus and pour our love on Him through worship, a place where we patiently wait on Him to be with us and where we share our hearts with Him as we would a close friend. Waiting on Jesus is a learned art. It takes patience, discipline, and focus.

When Jesus was on earth, He knew the value of the secret place where He met with Father. He made it His lifestyle, and when faced with life’s challenges, it was His priority. John 6:15 says, “Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.” Mark 6:46 says, “After he had taken leave of them, he went up the mountain to pray.”

Jesus wants to be with us in the secret place more than we want to be with Him. Unbelievable as it may seem, no one can take our places in His heart. He longs for us and misses us when we do not meet with Him. Maybe this is a new concept for you, but the resurrected Jesus continues to experience emotions. During His visits with me, I have seen His exuberant joy, deep sadness, and exhilarating anticipation.



Set the Record Straight

One morning after a very special quality time with Jesus in my secret place, He asked me, “Are you enjoying yourself?”

“Yes, I am!”

“I knew you would. This is what you’ve been looking for all your life. Quality time with Me.” “I didn’t know it was available to me until recently.”

“Yes, I know. Your heart longed for it, but you had been taught by other Christians it was forbidden fruit. Now, you will tell others how to walk and talk with Me.

“I desire to draw many to Myself, but like you once believed, they believe...it’s forbidden fruit. Set the record straight. When you do, many others will experience quality time with Me.”



Your Secret Place

My dove in the clefts of the rock,
in the hiding places of the mountainside,
let me see your face.
—Song of Solomon 2:14

If you do not have a secret place, here are some practical suggestions: my secret place is in my home office. It is quiet and away from family activities. Within my office, there is a comfortable chair, a desk, a writing tablet, my Bible, several pens, a box of tissues (trust me on this, you will need tissues—the presence of Jesus produces tears of joy), a reading lamp, a way to play worship music, and a glass of water.

I go early in the morning before I start my day. Before I enter my secret place, I check my heart for any unforgiveness or sin in honor of the holy presence of Jesus. You may want to do the same.

Below is a list of suggested practices to follow in your secret-place time:

1. Remove the distractions of your watch, cell phone, and other devices. Jesus wants your undivided attention during your time in the secret place, so leave your cell phone and other electronics behind before entering. For many of us, checking for new emails, texts, or voice mails is a habit.
2. Focus on Father and Jesus during praise and worship. We each are unique, and so is each of our voices. It is irreplaceable. Worship is a whole-person experience. We are hardwired for it to be an integral part of our daily lives. If we do not pray, spiritual dryness will set in. Prayer is like water for a plant. Without water, the plant becomes dehydrated, withers, and dies. John 4:23–24 says, “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” To praise is to

celebrate, to kneel, to lift or clap our hands, to shout with joy, and to sing. Through worship and praise, our perspective is changed from an earthly view to a heavenly view.

3. Be expectant, and patiently wait on Jesus. Listen for His voice. Waiting on Jesus: the art of waiting involves rejecting distractions, focusing our thoughts on Jesus, and patiently waiting on Him. He will come and speak to you, so listen and write down what He shares. Song of Solomon 2:14 says, “Let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely.” Our active-listening skills are highly desired by Jesus. It is one of the ways we show we love Him. It is no different in our relationships on earth: others feel loved when we actively listen to them. Active listening is stopping whatever we are doing and giving the other person our undivided attention. How often do we find ourselves giving just a nod of response instead of truly listening? Real listening requires undivided focus on the one speaking by keeping our thoughts on what is being said, not on what we want to say next.
4. Read, study, and meditate on scripture. Write down insights the Holy Spirit gives you. This keeps our spiritual fires lit, and the Word’s truths light our paths. It presents perfect love for the times we feel unlovable and delivers encouragement for our most depressing days and soothing comfort for our broken hearts. Second Timothy 3:16–17 says, “Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that each person who belongs to God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
5. Spend time in prayer. Prayer is the safe sanctuary where we share what is on our heart with Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, then we listen to them. When you pray, use your native and heavenly languages. Our heavenly language is an important weapon in our spiritual arsenal. It attracts angels and chases

demons away. Romans 8:26–27 says, “...the Spirit also helps our weaknesses, for we don’t know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which can’t be uttered. He who searches the hearts knows what is on the Spirit’s mind, because he makes intercession for the saints according to God.”

When you emerge from your secret place, the attributes of Jesus will have rubbed off on you. You will not be aware of this, but others will. Also His peace will go with you as you face the challenges of the day. This is the same peace He walked in during His time on earth. John 14:27 says, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you.”

Incremental steps of integrating these secret-place spiritual disciplines into your life is optimum. Sometimes in our zeal to tackle new things, we take on more than we can manage. Then we might feel overwhelmed and give up rather than stay the course. I’ve found baby steps are best when starting a new discipline.



Hearing the Voice of Jesus

John 10:27 says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” Jesus is constantly speaking to us, although it is rare to hear His voice audibly. I have always heard His voice within my spirit like a soft, gentle whisper. It is different than my own thoughts. Solitude helps in learning to hear and discern His soft voice, so a place where distractions are minimized is the best location to listen.

Listening skills are important in our human relationships, and it is no different in a relationship with Jesus. He is looking for each of His Brides to care enough to spend time listening to Him. Essentially, hearing Jesus can happen anywhere at any time. It is simply conversation.

- Ask Jesus to give you the ability to wait on Him and discern His voice: “All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive” (Matt. 21:22).
- Trust Jesus to speak to you: “...let’s draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith” (Heb. 10:22).
- Be quiet, focus on Jesus, and listen: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps. 46:10).

Hearing Jesus’s voice is essential as a Bride for this time in history. How will we know what to do, where to go, and when to do it if we do not hear Him? There are no formulas for hearing His voice. It is an individual experience, so explore what works for you. You can begin by asking Him a question believing He will answer you—because I know He will. The challenge is being still and patiently waiting for His voice.



Discerning His Voice

The voice of Jesus will always agree with the Bible. He does not contradict Himself in words or actions. It will always be encouraging and loving, even when it consists of words of correction. His voice produces peace. Move forward cautiously if there is an anxious hurry-up tone to the message. If you think you have truly heard from Jesus and yet you continue to experience a feeling of uneasiness as you attempt to obey the voice you heard, wait and reflect. The word may not have come from Him. Waiting for His peace and asking for confirmation from another Spirit-filled Christian is always a good response when in doubt.

I have found when Jesus asks me to do something, He will supply all I need for it to be accomplished, such as finances, time, and favor from others. Therefore, we are to trust Him with the timing and not attempt to open doors He has closed.

The apostle Paul heard the audible voice of Jesus and received directions to avert catastrophe. He had a divine encounter with Jesus standing with him in a prison cell, encouraging him. He had spiritual visions warning him of coming dangers and was slain in the Spirit. All of these can be spiritual experiences for us. However, we are to passionately pursue Jesus and not experiences. The experiences will come as a by-product of our intimate relationships with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit. As Brides of Christ, the more we experience Jesus, the more we desire Him. Our hunger for His presence will become insatiable.



The Prayers of a Bride

Prayer is simply a heart-to-heart conversation with Heavenly Father, Jesus, or Holy Spirit. They wait for us to speak with them and long for a closer relationship with us. An excellent way to increase our relational bond with each of them is through prayer in the secret place.

Jesus is our role model for prayer: Mark 1:35 says, “Early in the morning, while it was still dark, he rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there.” Jesus had the reputation of retreating to a secluded location for His prayer times. He also rose early in the morning to start the day in fellowship with Heavenly Father. It was there Jesus prayed and received Father’s instructions of where to go, what to do, and when to arrive or depart.

In the early hours of the morning, I go to my secret place. It is then I have quality time available for basking in His presence, and I go to receive instructions for my day. You will find this time in your day is the best investment you can make. Now, years later, I can look back and see how Jesus abundantly answered my longing for more of Him. I am now His prepared Bride and His loving partner in fulfilling the desires of Heavenly Father’s heart on earth. It can be the same for any Christian when a close relationship with Him is developed.

If you have young children, here is an encouragement: when I had three sons under the age of five, I got up thirty minutes before my children woke up to read my Bible, pray, and be with Jesus. Then, after I put my children to bed at night, I spent another thirty minutes praying and reading the scriptures before I went to sleep. So I encourage you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with scheduling. He will customize it with everyone’s best interest in mind.



Spiritual Antenna

On August 21, 2019, Jesus said, “When you seek Me, you will find Me! Many have become disillusioned because they believe I have not come to them when they have prayed and prayed, asking for Me to come. I came to them, but they did not perceive Me due to their spiritual antennae not being developed. Develop your spiritual antennae and then maintain it.

“I want you to look for Me throughout your day. Keep your spiritual antennae up for My voice.”

In Acts, Peter’s spiritual antenna enabled him to hear heavenly guidance and act on it. It proved to be the best instruction for all concerned. This type of hearing and obeying reveals the children of Heavenly Father: “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God” (Rom. 8:14).

The Holy Spirit cannot lead us if we cannot hear, so when we were born again, Jesus equipped us with a spiritual antenna. It is the receptor in our spirits that is tuned to heaven’s frequency. Each of us have frequencies unique to us, just as our fingerprints are one of a kind. When we send up a prayer, it has a unique vibration, a sound identifying us in heaven; our spiritual antenna is the same.

When Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit speak with us, our spiritual antennae pick up the frequency of their still, small voices. However, the ability to discern their speech is dependent on the daily feeding of our spirits with the study of scripture and prayer. This lifestyle helps us discern their inward heavenly voices and their guidance in navigating our faith journey.



Keep Your Spiritual Antenna Up

First Thessalonians 5:4–6 says, “But you, brothers, aren’t in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. You are all children of light and children of the day. We don’t belong to the night, nor to darkness, so then let’s not sleep, as the rest do, but let’s watch and be sober.”

On November 21, 2019, the Holy Spirit said to me a corrective word during a busy season in my life. I had unknowingly become distracted by the demands on my attention, so I was not as alert and sensitive to hearing His voice as I should have been.

As I lay in bed, I heard the Holy Spirit whisper, “Let this be a warning to you. Those who ‘sleep in’ are caught off guard. Their spiritual antennae are down, rendering them unaware of the time of their visitation.” I usually get up early every morning for my prayer time, but this morning I was still in bed at 5:00 a.m. I was rolling over, intending to go back to sleep with the justification that I needed more rest. But now I became fully awake and dragged myself out of bed. The Holy Spirit convicted me of my rationale to sleep rather than pray.

Let me say that the week before I had experienced a bad case of the flu. I was still recovering from the ordeal but was no longer ill. So in my mind, my rest was more important than getting up and going to my secret place. However, the Holy Spirit thought differently. I have found over the years that He is more concerned about my character development than my physical comfort. He is like a loving parent who knows their child’s character traits will either set them up for future success or failures in life. Hebrews 12:11 addresses this point: “All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

I have discovered the Holy Spirit tenderly guides us on our paths of faith, and sometimes His guidance includes tough love. Tough love

does not feel good in the moment, but the fruit of loving attitudes and a Christlike mind-set that it produces are worth it.

Your firsthand experiences may be different than mine, but whatever challenges you have come through, Jesus is calling you to the secret place. It's not a place of accomplishing intimacy through hoops of performance, but a place where simply being with Him develops a deep experiential relationship with Him.

BRIDAL LIFESTYLE DEVOTIONALS

It's time to shift gears. To slow down. To listen for the still small voice of the Holy Spirit in the devotional messages and their accompanying Bible verses. I have carefully selected each one to immerse you in a heartwarming and life-enriching experience. Your times of reflection will be enhanced by lingering rather than rushing through. This approach helps ingrain the spiritual truths into your entire being, as it equips you to trust Jesus when stuff happens and life doesn't make sense.

You will discover I intentionally didn't format this section as a typical devotional with the author guiding you through each message. I want you to depend on the Holy Spirit for personal revelation. Expect Him to bring to light the spiritual key of every single one. He will show more spiritual truths applicable to you than is written on the page.

As you read, I suggest you ask: "What is this devotional saying to me?" and "Exactly how will I respond?" Then journal your answers, emotions, and insights. Before you begin, please kick the critical editor voice inside your head to the curb! There are no correct or incorrect answers. Journaling your notes is all about personal exploration, being honest with Jesus and yourself. This is the best policy not only for journaling but in every interaction with Him.

Now that the fundamentals have been addressed, you are ready to launch into the bridal lifestyle as told by Jesus in His own Words. They will point you in the right direction.

Total Trust

Yahweh is my strength and my shield.
My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped.
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices.
—Psalm 28:7

Because the earth is a fallen world, some of us look for love in all the wrong places. Through these broken-hearted experiences, we discover the Achilles' heel of the human heart is trust. When we trust the wrong person, it almost destroys us. Then we vow we will never trust again. Yet we have a deep longing to trust and to be trusted. Because trust is one of the greatest gifts we can give and receive.

During the painful breaking of my trust by a loved one, I cried out to Jesus in my shock and confusion with the question, "Why did he break my heart when I trusted him?"

Jesus compassionately said, "You live in a fallen sinful world. People are imperfect. They have good intentions, but they will fail you. I have a question for you. In the scriptures, were you ever asked to trust people?"

My mind raced through the scriptures I knew on the topic of trust. I couldn't come up with one verse telling me to trust people. I said, "No, I can't think of one scripture asking me to trust people."

Jesus said, "You're correct! The scriptures only ask you to trust Us. We alone are sinless and perfect. We will never fail you."

John 2:23-25, "...many believed in his name, observing his signs which he did. But Jesus didn't entrust himself to them, because he knew everyone, and because he didn't need for anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man."



Dare to Trust

Jesus said, “Trust can be simple. It only appears to be hard because of fear. Fear is an illusion. Because fear is an illusion, trust being difficult is an illusion also. Just look at a bird. It trusts Father to provide worms and bugs for it to eat. It does not worry about the disappearance of its food source; it just trusts it will be available.

“You can become all caught up in illusions—some of your own making. If it appears to be easy, you become afraid. You have been taught it must be hard or difficult for it to be of value. Trust is simple.

“Here is another example: the apple starts out as a small bud on a tree. It does not worry about becoming an apple. It trusts Father’s design within it to develop into its full potential without worry or anxiety. It simply grows. Before the apple knows it, it is a ripe apple.

“The design of your purpose was within you when you were born. Like the bird and the apple, you have the same option in reaching your potential. You can trust Father or you can believe the process will be hard and difficult. The choice is yours. Which will you choose?”

Matthew 6:31–33, “Therefore don’t be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘With what will we be clothed?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.”



Surrender Is a Powerful Key

Father said, “In the days of old, there were many who sought My face but didn’t experience Me.”

I asked, “Why?”

Father replied, “Because they were compromised. They had allowed the world to seep into their thinking. This impacted their belief in Me.”

I asked, “How, Father?”

Father answered, “They couldn’t come to a place of trust. The world teaches self is king, not Me. This prevents them from trusting Me and stepping down from the throne in their heart. Self sits on the throne, not Me. If they will step down and allow Me, their Heavenly Father, to sit on the throne, all their hearts’ desires will be met. Look at the Old Testament character Joseph as an example. He exemplifies trusting Me and so does My Son.”

1 John 2:15–17, “Don’t love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father’s love isn’t in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn’t the Father’s, but is the world’s. The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God’s will remains forever.”



Trust in Me

Jesus said, “I am your ship’s captain, and I know how to sail the seas of life. Trust in Me, and I will bring you safely home to Father where all is well and peace flows like a river.”

Philippians 1:6, “...being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it.”



Pattern of Self-Denial

Jesus said, “When you walk in My ways, you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. For My Spirit will bring conviction to guide you in your way. Say not ‘I couldn’t help myself,’ for a way of escape has been provided for you. It is the way of the cross.

“Dying to the lust of the flesh doesn’t have to take a great length of time. Rather it is the power of the Spirit when you submit your flesh to the authority of Father over your life.

“Trust is the key. Submit your lusts into My care, and watch a miraculous change occur. It isn’t a matter of willpower but of Holy Spirit power!”

Romans 12:1, “...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.”



Trust Produces Humility

Jesus said, “Humility is a beautiful thing in My Father’s Kingdom. It is the commodity worth gold. It cannot be bought but only wrought through a life surrendered to Me. A life trusting Me for everything. Yes, everything.”

Philippians 2:3–4, “...in humility, each counting others better than himself; each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.”



Key to Peace

Jesus said, “Trusting Me is where you will find peace every time. It is the key to refinement, to maturity, and to ruling over the enemy of your soul. He entices with the lie that man is in control. This lie, if embraced, directs a man on a path outside of Father’s will. This is why satan tempted Me with those recorded in scripture. If I had taken the bait, My destiny would not have been fulfilled. It is the same for every person. Trusting is key to your best life.”

James 4:7–8, “Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”



Trust Is Powerful

Heavenly Father said, “Your trust in Me opens doors that can’t be opened any other way. Your trust in Me is powerful. Nothing on earth can stop it. Nothing can stand in front of it and not be impacted. Trust and obey. These are keys of My Kingdom as you well know, so use them to your advantage, and all will go well.”

Psalm 13:5–6, “I trust in your loving kindness. My heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to Yahweh, because he has been good to me.”



Trust Produces Miracles

Jesus said, “I can move mountains on your behalf. All it takes is your trust in Me to do it. Then all will be manifested that your heart has been believing for. Trust Me to prove myself to you. Trust and see.

“So lay down your worries and concerns. I can carry them for you. Then rejoice in answered prayer before it is manifested. For what you entrust to Me is not forgotten or overlooked.”

Proverbs 16:20, “He who heeds the Word finds prosperity. Whoever trusts in Yahweh is blessed.”



Led by the Spirit

“Trust Me in all things. Then you will see your desires manifest before your eyes.

“Walking by faith requires perseverance, which only comes from being led by the Holy Spirit. Many may ridicule you, but I praise you for your efforts of faith.”

Romans 8:14, “As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God.”



Be Set Free

Jesus said, “Don’t look to the right or left but straight ahead to where I’m calling you. You know this path well. It leads directly to Me. Your source of living water.

“The world only offers you water that stinks and contaminates, but My living water sets you free, cleanses you, heals you, and equips you for My call on your life.

“Trust me once again to do all I have in My heart to accomplish in and through you. I am able.”

John 7:37–38, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water.”



Focus on Jesus

Jesus said, “The time is short before I return. Keep Me as your focus no matter what. Learn to trust Me through all things. This will serve you well. Rely on Me to care for you.”

John 14:1–3, “Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many homes. If it weren’t so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.”



Don't Give Up

Jesus said, “Beloved, there may be some who will mock you, but know I understand how it feels. I know how to help you overcome. There will be times where you will want to give up. I know this all too well Myself, but you will overcome and not stop. I will put reinforcements around you. They will encourage you forward.

“Trust Me to do the miraculous. I can do more than you can ever imagine. I am Lord over all.”

1 John 5:4–5, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: your faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



Stay in Me

Jesus said, “Follow in My ways all the days of your life, and you won’t be ashamed. For My ways bring glory to My Father when you lay all else aside.

“I will show you more and reveal My heart’s desire for you as you sit at My feet. I have much to say to you. Will you listen? Will you apply what you hear? It may sound demanding now, but over time as you rest in My Spirit, it will be fulfilled by My strength as you lean on Me.

“I am your High Tower and Refuge. None can touch you without first going through Me. I will protect you. Stay in Me, and rest in Me.”

Psalm 143:8, “Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.”

Reliance on the Holy Spirit

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things.
—John 14:26

Our bodies need oxygen to stay alive. We can live without food for weeks and without water for days, but without oxygen, we die within minutes. Just as a rich supply of oxygen is vital to our physical health, a rich supply of the Holy Spirit is essential to a healthy spiritual life. Why? Because Heavenly Father did not create our souls for a low-level consumption of the Holy Spirit. He created us to be daily filled with the Holy Spirit's presence so the unwanted trash in our souls burns up. Then we are clean and empowered to advance Heavenly Father's Kingdom on earth.



The Holy Spirit's Roles

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly gift given to every believer in Jesus. He is our source of revival, renewal, and refinement.

- He gives spiritual gifts. Even though the Holy Spirit determines which spiritual gifts you receive, you can still ask Father for the gifts you desire. Usually the gifts you want and receive are the ones you need in order to fulfill Father's plan for your life. 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 says, "Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord. There are various kinds of workings, but the same God, who works all things in all."

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another faith, by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, by the same Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; to another different kinds of languages; and to another the interpretation of languages. But the one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires.”

- He is our teacher instructing and guiding us on our journey of faith. When discerning if the guidance we have is from the Holy Spirit or the devil, we need to remember this: satan forcefully drives us, but the Holy Spirit gently guides us. He will not deceive or manipulate us. We are completely safe under His guidance. John 16:13 says, “However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming.”
- He is our counselor comforting us. In our most vulnerable, painful times, the Holy Spirit knows our need to be comforted. He lovingly embraces us with a hug we can trust and gently wipes our tears. John 14:16–17 says, “I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth, whom the world can’t receive; for it doesn’t see him and doesn’t know him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you.”
- He convicts us of our sins. The Holy Spirit holds us accountable for our actions. If He ignored our sins, we wouldn’t learn healthy spiritual boundaries and self-discipline. John 16:8–11 says, “When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about

judgment; about sin, because they don't believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you won't see me anymore; about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged."

- He renews us. Spiritual renewal is not accomplished by relying on ourselves, but a total reliance on the Holy Spirit. It's a miraculous work. Titus 3:4-6, "...when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior."



Peace and Comfort

Jesus said, “The troubled world’s music is the chaotic vibration that those who live outside of Me experience at all levels within them. This vibration was created by satan as an interruption to the voice of the Holy Spirit being heard. As you know, His voice brings peace and comfort. He speaks, and all becomes right within you. Reject the chaos of the world and walk to the beat of a different drummer—the Holy Spirit of love.”

Luke 16:13, “No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You aren’t able to serve God and Mammon.”



Open to the Spirit

Jesus said, “Mysteries are understood by the Spirit, not necessarily the mind. So enrich the process by tapping into your spirit. Here is where the mysteries will open to you. Here is where I dwell inside of you.

“Trust Me to show you what the world is longing for—understandable truth and truth that will radically change lives.

“Open yourself up to the Holy Spirit, and you will see results.”

Galatians 5:24–25, “Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Spirit, let’s also walk by the Spirit.”



Talk with the Spirit

Jesus said, “You should rely on the Holy Spirit for everything. He will show you where to go and how to do it. Every little detail matters now. Do not overlook anything. The slightest detail misunderstood can change your course. Talk with Him so you will develop a deep relationship with Him. He will help you with discernment, which is key.”

Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”



Ask for Help

Jesus said, “Live a life free of worry and stress. I lived this way as Father had taught Me. I was not alone. He was always with Me because I guarded My heart from all evil. I stood My ground when satan attempted to take a stand within My thoughts. I knew the difference between My own and satan’s as I leaned on the gift of discernment. The Holy Spirit can assist you with this. Ask Him for His help.”

Matthew 6:33–34, “But seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, don’t be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.”



Trust the Holy Spirit

Jesus said, “The way is narrow, but you will navigate it with the resources you’ve acquired over the years. They will prove to be necessary for what you will experience as you allow the Holy Spirit to lead you. Trust His leadings. They will always be presented with your best interest in mind.

“It’s time for action, movement, synergy, and balance in every area of your life. Trust Me to show you how and where to go. It will be intuited by your spirit, not your logic. Hold on to Me—step by step, it will change you.”

Matthew 7:13–14, “Enter in by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in by it. Because the gate is narrow, and the way is restricted that leads to life!”



Hear the Spirit

“Beloved, by their fruits, you will know them. People will come, trying to dissuade you from your path. You will need to lean heavily on the Holy Spirit for your direction. Hear Him. Ask Him. Then wait for His reply. It will come.”

Galatians 5:17–18, “The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”



Hear My Voice

Jesus said, “Turn up the volume so you can hear My voice no matter your circumstances. You can do this by drawing closer to Me. When you do, your spirit will discern and hear My voice. Rise up to the next level. Do not be satisfied where you are. Push forward by My Spirit. He will catapult you forward for My Kingdom interests.”

Psalm 73:28, “It is good for me to come close to God. I have made the Lord Yahweh my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.”

Walk of Faith

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.
Yes, a man will say, “You have faith, and I have works.”
Show me your faith without works,
and I will show you my faith by my works.
—James 2:17–18

What does a walk of faith look like? Firstly, it is primarily a lifestyle of trust and obedience. Secondly, it is a perspective of not focusing on what has been promised to us but being captivated by the One who made the promise. Thirdly, it isn’t searching for the means of provision but being fixated on the source of our provision—Heavenly Father. This is our walk of faith.



Be Pleasing to Him

Jesus said, “Those who hope in Me are never disappointed. I am true to My Word. I will in these last days allow you to be purified in your faith. You need to know how you will respond when presented with choices of either declaring Me or denying Me. Faith will be a commodity worth more than gold, and without faith it is impossible to please Me. Do you want to please Me? Then walk by faith and not by sight.

“I have equipped you to stand strong against the enemy of your soul. Do not despair; you will overcome him by the word of your testimony and your faith in action, so don’t draw back from your position in Me.”

Revelation 12:11, “They overcame him because of the Lamb’s blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn’t love their life, even to death.”



Choose Faith over Fear

Jesus said, “Your free will was given as a gift, a gift empowering you to remain where you are or move forward by faith. Because this world you live in is an illusion, every step you take is one of faith or fear. This is why I say faith pleases Me. For you to choose faith over fear dissipates the illusion every time. Rejoice—for this is the key to walking it out.”

1 Corinthians 3:18, “Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise.”



Believe and Receive

Jesus said, “Open your eyes to see that the Kingdom is all around you. Reach out, and receive what I have provided for you. Simply believe and receive! It is all for your benefit and provision.

“Trust and see the Lord is good.”

Luke 12:31–32, “Seek God’s Kingdom, and all these things will be added to you. Don’t be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.”



Be Faithful to Walk Your Path

Jesus said, “I am with you always. Watch and see what I am about to do on your behalf. It will astound you. Your faithfulness to walk this path of faith will serve you well. Many, I say many, will benefit from your walk. They will see what it looks like when a person follows in My footsteps. It is not all about the glory one receives from fame but about humble service done in love.”

Romans 12:1–3, “...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God. For I say through the grace that was given me, to every man who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think reasonably, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith.”



Move in Power

Jesus said, “My Bride, I long to fill you more and more with My presence. I long for you to move in the power of My Spirit, for where the power is, there is freedom for the captive and healing for the broken.

“I am more than able to do above and beyond all you can imagine. Therefore faith pleases Me.”

Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.”



Shine with His Glory

Jesus said, “When you walk with Me, My attributes rub off on you. You will shine with My glory and love. Others will see it, but you will not. So keep your eyes on Me, the author and finisher of your faith.”

Acts 6:8, “Stephen, full of faith and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.”

Author’s Note: Stephen’s devotion to Jesus was demonstrated by his humble lifestyle. His life is an example of the attributes of Jesus manifesting in a Christian’s life. When Stephen was arrested by the religious leaders and about to be stoned, his face glowed with the glory of Jesus. Stephen was not aware of the glory shining through him. His focus was on Jesus—so it is with every Bride who walks by faith with Him. His wonderful loving attributes will be seen in us by others.



Walk by Faith

Jesus said, “Watch over your heart so that it will not become defiled by the ways of this world. Walk by faith. This is the path that pleases Me and brings life to your spirit. Seek Me in all you do. Then you will surpass your expectations.”

2 Corinthians 5:7, “We walk by faith, not by sight.”

Dedicated Devotion

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate
the one and love the other,
or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other.
—Matthew 6:24

In these last days, devotion is a positive character trait that is fading away. The distractions of technology, entertainment products, and social media compete for our attention. Being wholeheartedly devoted to Jesus is quickly becoming extinct.

Our devotion is shown by the time and energy we invest into heavenly Kingdom matters. Our motivation for this investment isn't obligation but our sincere love for Jesus. Even though we may say we will pay it all for Him, when temptations present themselves, we may surrender to them in a moment of compromise. This is the challenge of living in this world. It requires our tenacity to hold on to the Pearl of Great Price, Jesus. All else is shifting sand and perishable. He is forevermore. If we hold on to Jesus and never let Him go, it will prove to be the best choice we ever made.

Jesus is the best role model of devotion. His focus stays on Father and His Bride. Out of His devotion to us, He intercedes for us as our faithful High Priest. Out of His devotion to Father, He exclusively does Father's will. He does it all without deviation. Jesus epitomizes devotion.



Illusions

Jesus said, “I long to be number one in your life. When you make Me your top priority, all else will fall into the right place and order.

“I am the first and the last. All else is an illusion.”

1 John 4:18–19, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.”



Light Up His Heart

Jesus said, “Precious, precious, precious! You are more precious than rubies and diamonds to Me. Your love for Me lights up My heart to overflowing. I love when you sit at My feet. The look in your eyes says it all.”

Song of Solomon 4:9, “You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride. You have ravished my heart with one of your eyes...”



Stay Close to Me

Jesus said, “Nothing else will satisfy you—only being in My presence. Press in to receive more of My Spirit. Stay close to Me. Sit at My feet beholding My face.”

John 8:12, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.”



I Won't Abandon You

Jesus said, “Stand firm. Hold fast. Hold steady. Allow nothing to divert your focus away from Me. Multiple things will try to replace Me in your life, but you will not succumb to them. You will remain steadfast, relying on Me for your every need. I can do beyond what you can imagine. I have not changed. I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. I will not abandon you to your own devices. I will make a way where there appears to be no way.”

1 Corinthians 16:13–14, “Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.”



Fix Your Eyes on Me

Jesus said, “Stand straight and tall as I lead you on the path Father has chosen for you. You will find victory and favor on this path as you lean on Me, your Fountain of Living Waters. I will lead you beside green pastures, where you will receive nourishment for your soul. Others will watch your life and be amazed of how I care for you.

“Look not to your left or right, but fix your eyes on Me. I alone love you with an everlasting love. I alone have your best interest in mind. I alone have all the provision you need.

“Watch Me multiply what you have dedicated to My Kingdom interests. Many will marvel and be encouraged in their own walks of faith.”

1 Corinthians 15:57–58, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable...”



Delight His Heart

“What is on your heart today, Holy Spirit?”

“Purging of the people. It is My job to lead them in their purification. Many resist the process and abandon their spiritual walk. It grieves Me when they do. However, there are others who embrace their cross, intending to go the distance without wavering. These are the ones who delight My heart. Father rejoices over these, and you are one of them. Remember in days gone by when you vowed to be loyal to Father’s plan for your life?”

“Yes, I do.”

“Well, much support has been sent to help you keep your vow. You will finish well.”

“What’s on your heart today, Father?”

“I send the fire to My people, but they are unable to contain it.”

“What is the issue?”

“Devotion is missing.”

“I know devotion is developed in the secret place.”

Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and Mammon.”



Rewards

Jesus said, “I am the Great I Am. I want intimacy with you, My Bride. Intimacy takes time to develop. In the busy and rushed world you live in, it is hard for you to set aside time with Me. There are rewards for sacrificing this time out of your busy day.”

Song of Solomon 2:10, “Rise up, my love, my beautiful one, and come away.”

Personal Holiness

What kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness,
looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God.

—2 Peter 3:11–12

Personal holiness is an attribute every Bride of Jesus will want to go after. You can achieve it through choices based on biblical guidelines and time in your secret place where His holy attributes rub off on you. However, personal holiness is not something you will be aware of. This is Father's grace keeping you from becoming prideful, but others will know you spend time with Jesus.



Problematic Pride

Throughout the world there are many distractions aimed at shifting our focus from our walks of faith. One of the major distractions is pride. Pride is an inward attitude of believing we are in control and able to do anything without a dependency on Jesus for its fulfillment (James 4:13–17). Pride is the oldest stumbling block leading to sin.

So when are we prideful? Whenever we want people to praise us. Whenever we keep score on our achievements and compare them to others. Whenever we rejoice in others' failures and resent their successes. Whenever we exchange faith in Jesus for self-reliance. Whenever we have a compulsion to defend ourselves against personal criticism.

If we fall into pride, the Holy Spirit brings conviction. Conviction can be described as an uneasiness in our diaphragm area or an uncomfortable feeling in our spirit. Its purpose is to make us aware of our sin and lead us to repentance. In contrast, the devil brings condemnation that produces immobilizing shame. The best plan of action is to reject condemnation, embrace conviction, and repent.



Be Ready

Jesus said, “You will begin the process of holiness. Like Esther who underwent all necessary preparations before she met the king, so will you. I am coming soon for My Bride, and she must be ready. Stand tall in Me as you go through this process.”

Esther 2:17, “The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she obtained favor and kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen...”



Guard Your Words

The words we speak as Brides carry the authority of Jesus, which makes them powerful. Therefore, guarding our words serves us well in being His voice on earth. If we neglect this discipline, we may end up sounding exactly like the world.

Jesus said, “You must guard the words you speak. Only speak truth and what is edifying.”

James 1:26, “If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious while he doesn’t bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man’s religion is worthless.”



Walk in the Miraculous

Jesus said, “When you walk in My ways and do not fulfill the lusts of your flesh, you are walking in the miraculous. It is the way I walked. Whenever My flesh tried to tell Me what I should do or say, I squelched it by reciting scripture. This pattern is one you want to learn. It will create a muscle-memory pattern of response, which will result in miracles in your life. Try it and see.”

Galatians 5:16–17, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you won’t fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.”



Don't Compromise

Jesus said, “It pleases Father when you desire holiness. It is the path of least resistance to His will. Do not mix the clean and unclean. Do not compromise. Defilement of My presence leads My children into sin in their lives. For if they cannot discern My presence among them, how will they discern sin?”

Ephesians 5:8–11, “Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. Have no fellowship with the unfruitful deeds of darkness.”

2 Corinthians 7:1, “...let’s cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”



Reject Shame

Jesus said, “Shame is not of Me, but conviction is. Are you convicted or ashamed? Remove the shame, and embrace conviction. This will bring you to repentance and a cleansing of your sins. I am here to cleanse you and make you whole again. Trust Me to do this work.”

Romans 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”



Give It Up!

Jesus said, “Media entertainment robs you of your time, your ministry, and it plants seeds of discontent and strife in your life. I need a clean vessel for My Holy Spirit to flow through. Clean yourself up, and see what will happen. Just as the saints of long ago sought My face, they too gave up what the culture of their time deemed acceptable.”

James 4:8, “Cleanse your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Author’s Note: One of the first requests Jesus asked of me was to clean myself up from worldly influences. I later learned that personal holiness is a trait He requires in each of His Brides. In cleaning myself up, He was faithful to lovingly point out stumbling blocks that can lead to a compromised lifestyle.



Stand Firm

Jesus said, “The days are increasingly evil that surround you. A time will come when no one will be able to stand in My presence without quaking. For My Bride, this means all that will be shaken in their lives will be what the world has attached to them. This must be removed from their lives before I return.

“Trust not in man, for they will disappoint you. Look only to Me as your provider, author, and finisher of your faith. Trust not in man, for they themselves will fall by the wayside. Seek My face for your guidance. I will not lead you astray. Stand strong in Me, and all will go well with your soul.”

1 Corinthians 16:13–14, “Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.”



Eternal Treasure

Jesus said, “I speak to you, My Bride, in love, not in admonition. I long to draw you to Myself, yet it remains that the place in your heart where I long to reside goes on being filled with things of this world: greed, lust, and defiled things.

“I long to totally capture your heart in My love. The things of this world will come to nothing, yet I will remain your eternal treasure.

“Don’t you know I alone am the real treasure? Quit exchanging the eternal for the temporal.

“What I am looking for is a person who will follow Me anywhere at any cost for the riches of My Kingdom and not compromise.

“Allow not the world to seep into your spirit through the media and others you speak with. Raise up a standard of righteousness to bring glory to My name.”

Matthew 6:20–21, “...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



Time Is Short

Jesus said, “The Bride must adorn herself with My character. The time is short before I return. Putting it off until tomorrow no longer works.”

Ephesians 4:24, “...put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.”



Purity of Heart

Jesus said, “Purity is what I’m after. It is required to be My vessel.”

Proverbs 22:11, “He who loves purity of heart and speaks gracefully is the king’s friend.”



Critical Choices

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“How do I grieve you, Holy Spirit?”

“Television—I must leave you at times because the content and images your eyes perceive are sown in your spirit. Movies—stay away from content not related to scripture. Control your appetite, or it will control you.”

Then Jesus said, “Today you are being set apart for My purposes. How I have waited for this day!”

“What does the grieving of the Holy Spirit feel like?”

Jesus answered, “Just like a mother’s heart breaking over the harmful choices of her children, so is the grieving of the Holy Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:22–24, “...put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.”

Ephesians 4:30, “Don’t grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”



Walk in Holiness

Jesus said, “In these days when many rush to evil, there are those who gravitate to holiness. The contrast will only grow, causing those who do evil to despise those who walk in holiness. This must be. It will set the stage for the greatest revival and demonstration of Father’s power. These will precede My return. Then all will see My glory as I return to earth to overthrow satan once and for all. He knows his end, so he will pull out all stops before My feet touch the earth again.”

2 Timothy 3:1–5, “...in the last days, grievous times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, not lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power.”



Capture His Heart

Jesus said, “I look for you when you do not come to be with Me. I long for you. You are the apple of My eye. I miss you.

“I know you have no idea how important you are to Me, but you are! The sweetness of your smile when you think of Me captures My heart. It is these moments I live for.”

Song of Solomon 2:2, “As a lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.”

Focus on Him

Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.

—Proverbs 4:25–26

One day Jesus taught me the key to keeping my peace in the midst of challenging circumstances. The week before He asked if I would move from my luxurious San Diego home only blocks from the Pacific Ocean to an old house with deferred maintenance located in the Midwest. I reluctantly said “Yes” because I desperately want to be obedient even though my heart protested.

When I began packing, I found myself emotionally struggling with my decision. My carnal nature was protesting. As I walked across my master bedroom to retrieve one more empty box to fill, Jesus said to me, “You do know this move is of Me.”

“Yes, I know this move is part of your plan for my life.”

“I told you of this move before so you would be prepared in your heart to move on.”

“I’m sorry. I am struggling emotionally. I want to move in obedience to your request, but moving from here feels like swimming upstream. It’s exhausting.”

“Please sit down on your bed. Now close your eyes, relax, be silent, and sit still.”

I did as He asked.

Jesus asked, “What are you aware of?”

“Only your presence.”

“Exactly! You can do this any time you want to connect with Me. Even in times of feeling separated from Me, I can always be found in the sanctuary of your heart. This is the secret of abiding in Me through all of life’s circumstances.”

I learned: regardless of where I am or what the circumstances are, Jesus is in the sanctuary of my heart. So when I am going through a season of challenges or find myself discontented with my circumstances, I stop what I am doing and find a comfortable place to sit, shut my eyes, and retreat into the sanctuary of my heart. Here is where I find Jesus and the serenity I need. When I emerge from my sanctuary, the circumstances may be the same, but my perspective will be transformed.

Tonight my moving experience has dramatically changed. It is like someone turned on the light, and all the darkness surrounding my move dissipated. I feel energized. I now look forward to the divine assignments Jesus has waiting for me in the new location.

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



Ask for His Help

Jesus said, “There are many distractions and diversions blocking My Bride from being full of the Holy Spirit, but I am faithful to help her overcome them. All she needs to do is ask for My help and receive it when it comes.”

Philippians 4:6–7, “In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”



Safe Journey

Jesus said, “The time is short; the time is near when all who love Me will be tested beyond their abilities to stand on their own. Their safe journey will depend on their willingness to lean on and trust in Me. Am I the Great I AM for nothing? Am I not the one they worship and adore in their songs of praise?”

I replied, “Yes, Jesus, you are the one we worship.”

Jesus said, “Will I not test their hearts to see what they are made of?”

I said, “You love us, so you will test us.”

Jesus replied, “The eternal is what’s most important; the temporal is fading even now.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4, “We speak: not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.”

1 Corinthians 7:29, 31, “The time is short...the mode of this world passes away.”



Ask and Receive

Jesus said, “Tell them to rise up above their circumstances by focusing on Me. I will guide and lead them to safety. Safety will be found in abiding in Me, their Fountain of Living Waters. No one or thing can satisfy them like I can. All else fades away over time. Reach out, and touch Me. I will be found by them when they seek Me with all their heart.”

John 15:7–8, “If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you. In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.”



Forget Your Past

Jesus said, “There is a day coming where with joy I will receive you to myself. With shouts of victory will you be received. That day is coming soon, and none shall stop it. Look up, for your redemption draws near. Do not look back, where discouragement dwells, nor to the future, where fear may abide. Stay resting in Me every day. I am the Great I AM and available for your every need. Rest not in your own strength, but trust totally in Me. I am the Alpha and Omega. Your soon-coming King.”

Matthew 11:28–29, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily 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.”



Worship Transforms You

Jesus said, “Worship is your mightiest tool in your spiritual arsenal. I have longed and waited for your freedom to worship Me. It will be the beginning of your revival because worship changes your heart—it transforms you.”

John 4:23–24, “True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Author’s Note: Revival brings an opportunity for an increase of Holy Spirit transformation after a season of apathy and spiritual stagnation.



Your Choices

Jesus said, “The time is drawing near when men will run for cover from the things happening on the earth. There is a better way to respond. First, it is important for the person to see with spiritual eyes. These are developed over time. It takes time for these adjustments, as sudden changes are too much for their sanity. How is it developed? Through reading uplifting material based on love and faith. Fear-based materials only reinforce the paradigm of fear, so stay clear of information capable of destroying your faith. It may appear to others you have buried your head in the sand, but do not dismay. Your choices will prove you made the right ones when all is said and done.”

Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.”



Let Go

Jesus said, “Let go of the limits you’ve been taught to place on life. Life is more than the time of day, the time of year. Life is about dwelling in the eternal.”

“How do I dwell there?”

“By resting in Me.”

“What does it mean to rest in you?”

“Let all labels go. I said about myself, ‘I AM THAT I AM.’ Do you see how names limit? Names and labels attempt to define a person or, as I see it, put limits on your beliefs about yourself. You are eternal. You dwell with Me *when* you drop all fear of just being. Fear undermines you dwelling with Me. Fear demands limits, boundaries, and definitions, but love or faith is freeing. Therefore it *appears*—and I stress *appears*—to be difficult to dwell with the eternal. It is an illusion. Like a mirage, fear is made of vapor. It can be evaporated by a simple act of blowing on it. Your breath has power in it. I breathed on My disciples and imparted power to them.”

Author’s Note: After this conversation with Jesus, I made a list of my fears and released them by blowing them to Him. Instantly, I had a vision of these fears dissipating as they came before Him on His throne in heaven. As they vanished, He smiled. The understanding came to me that fear loses its power in the presence of absolute love—it simply vaporizes. Remember this spiritual principle the next time fear comes knocking on your heart’s door.

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God didn’t give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.”



Follow My Lead

Jesus said, “Meditate on Me. I am the first and the last. I am love.

“I hold the keys that will open the doors I have for you. I know what is in your best interest. I will gently lead you. I will never beat you to go one way or another. I am your gentle Shepherd. Follow My lead, and all will go well for you.”

John 10:27–28, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give eternal life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”



The Names of Jesus

When we meet someone for the first time we usually ask, “What’s your name?” Knowing a person’s name shifts them from being a stranger to being an acquaintance. Then as the relationship develops we come to know their character traits. These traits become associated with their name. So when we need a caring friend with active listening skills a name will come to mind for us to call on. This is the same with the names of Jesus. Each one reveals His character traits. Knowing them will be helpful in developing a closer relationship with Him.

- Alpha and Omega: “I am the Alpha and the Omega...who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8
- Bridegroom: “He said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?” Luke 5:34
- Cornerstone: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.” 1 Peter 2:7
- Counselor: “...we have a Counselor with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous.” 1 John 2:1
- Chief Shepherd: “When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that doesn’t fade away.” 1 Peter 5:4
- Deliverer: “There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he will turn away ungodliness...” Romans 11:26
- Good Shepherd: “The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11
- Head of the Church: “...Christ also is the head of the assembly (church), being himself the savior of the body.” Ephesians 5:23
- High Priest: “Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: Jesus...” Hebrews 3:1

- King of kings and Lord of lords: “I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called “The Word of God.” The armies which are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen. Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword, that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He treads the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:11-16
- Life: “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.” John 14:6
- Light of the World: “...Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12
- Lion of the Tribe of Judah: “One of the elders said to me, “Don’t weep. Behold, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome: he who opens the book and its seven seals.” Revelation 5:5
- Prince of Peace: “For a child is born to us. A son is given to us; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6
- Resurrection and Life: “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies.” John 11:25
- Rock: “For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.” 1 Corinthians 10:4

- Savior: “We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world.” 1 John 4:14
- The Word: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1
- Truth: “The Word became flesh, and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Loving Others

This is my commandment, that you love one another,
even as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down
his life for his friends.

—John 15:12–13

Love can be a warm feeling. However, its foundational definition is selflessness in action. Love is a person going the extra mile for another by loving them without limits. At times, loving this way has stretched me past my comfort zones. The good news is I have come to understand it is not the number of acts of kindness I do or the amount of money I donate that matters; it is my motivation of sincere love that truly matters. Romans 12:10–13 emphasizes this point: “In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate to one another; in honor preferring one another; not lagging in diligence; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; enduring in troubles; continuing steadfastly in prayer; contributing to the needs of the saints; given to hospitality.”

Loving others without limits is living on the edge with Jesus. Everything boils down to loving Him and others. This is the key to all we are and do for Him. For me, it is now the only way to live.



Limitless Love

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.

—Luke 10:27

As I reflect on this verse, I wonder how the Body of Christ members have become so focused on promoting ourselves...our ministries...our accomplishments...our titles. How can we correct this?

On June 23, 2019, Jesus answered my question. He said, “Prefer others above yourself. When you do, you will be fulfilling My love command. Pray for others first before your own concerns. Serve others by meeting their needs. Give of your increase to others as the Holy Spirit leads you.” First Corinthians 13:1–3 speaks of this principle, “If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don’t have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don’t have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don’t have love, it profits me nothing.”

Opportunities to love others come at unexpected moments. I have found every conversation is an opportunity to express love for a person, to validate their value as a human being, to actively listen to them, and to care about their lives. Christ’s love is in action each time we hug our children, ask a coworker how they are doing, smile at our neighbors, and engage in random acts of kindness.

Here are some practical suggestions for loving others: show hospitality by inviting others to your home for a meal. Write a letter or an email of encouragement. Deliver a home-cooked meal. Visit others when they are in the hospital or grieving from a profound loss. Offer to do tasks in their homes, churches, or offices. Give money to meet a need without any strings attached. Include others in family functions,

especially during the holidays. Provide for a need they may have—give clothing, food, gas, or childcare. Run errands for them. Many churches have outreach ministries to orphanages, nursing homes, jails, and prisons. Become a volunteer at your local food bank, hospital, or Christian pregnancy center.

With the breakup of the family structure and the mobility of society, many people are missing the emotional support they need. This produces loneliness. Loneliness is at epidemic proportions. It is not restricted to the elderly. It is a way of life for many others as well, so the volunteer opportunities are endless. Look within the church you attend. When I did, I found hurting, lonely Christian women who needed love in action.



Love Is the Master Key

Jesus said, “Every challenge a person faces is overcome by love! Love is the master key. Without love it is all fruitless. Love is the only way to overcome any challenge in life.

“The definition of love has been diminished to be more comfortable to the flesh. The true definition of love will always cost a person something—reputation, etc.—even to the point of death. But few are willing to pay the price of love. I encourage you to live in love.”

1 Corinthians 13:4–7, “Love is patient and is kind. Love doesn’t envy. Love doesn’t brag, is not proud, doesn’t behave itself inappropriately, doesn’t seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; doesn’t rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.”



Be Like-Minded

I asked, “Jesus, what does ‘like-minded’ mean to you?”

Jesus said, “To some it means being on the same page as another. To others it means thinking the exact same thoughts. To the remaining it means showing it by your actions. There are many interpretations of this phrase, but to Me it means sharing the same perspective of love with others.

“Love is the key to unity. Without it, you are reduced to being like an animal. My Father’s love flowing through you raises you to a level of being sons of Heavenly Father in every way. In all things...do it in love.”

Philippians 2:2, “...make my joy full by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind...”



Compassion for the Poor

Jesus said, “Remember the poor. My Father delights when the poor are remembered and cared for. They are your brothers and sisters. Care for them.”

Matthew 7:12, “...whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them...”



Become Fruitful

Jesus said, “As you pour yourself out, I will pour myself into you. This is a way of life for you. Anything else only holds emptiness and lifelessness. I am the Vine, and you are the branch. My fruit grows through you.”

John 15:5, “I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”



Forgiveness Is Key

Jesus said, “Forgive others as you want to be forgiven. This is a key to My Kingdom. When forgiveness is given, it opens doors for the people involved that were closed to them before. When these doors open, it is up to each person to walk through them. These doors can’t be seen with the natural eye, but only with the spiritual.”

Luke 6:37, “[Jesus said] Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Set free, and you will be set free.”



Bring Father’s Kingdom to Earth

Heavenly Father said, “Love needs to be put into action within a person’s close relationships before it will become an automatic reaction in response to others outside of their inner circle.

“When My children follow in the footsteps of My Son, they will bring My Kingdom to earth. It will be manifested in their actions and words, revealing My kind of love. When unconditional love is manifested, it releases those who are bound by unforgiveness and releases them to forgive others as a lifestyle of bringing heaven to earth.

“My love is the catalyst for miracles, signs, and wonders, drawing those in doubt and unbelievers to Me. My love is the force evil cannot conquer. Walk in love.”

1 Peter 2:11–12, “Beloved, I beg you as foreigners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having good behavior among the nations, so in that of which they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they see, glorify God in the day of visitation.”



Give It All You Got

Jesus said, “Represent Me to others with all your heart. Hold nothing back. When you do, My love will flow through you to them. My love will set the captive free and heal sick bodies. My glory will be made manifest, declaring with signs and wonders My Kingdom is among them.”

Luke 14:26–27, “If anyone comes to me, and doesn’t disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can’t be my disciple. Whoever doesn’t bear his own cross, and come after me, can’t be my disciple.”

Pitfalls and Choices

No advantage may be gained over us by Satan,
for we are not ignorant of his schemes.
—2 Corinthians 2:11

Have you driven through a road construction zone? If so, you are familiar with the red flags the construction crew flagger uses to get a driver's attention. When we spot these flags, our alertness goes up a notch, and we slow our car down. There are also red flags in the spiritual realm. When we discern one, we have found a pitfall created by the devil.

Pitfalls are demonic traps with the intent to compromise or destroy our bridal lifestyle. Once we've recognized them, we can shift into the Holy Spirit's spiritual defense strategy of avoiding the trap or responding to it. Here are some spiritual red flags and their solutions:

- *False accusations*: Respond lovingly and avoid being defensive. Surrender it all to Jesus.
- *Discouragement*: Replace with joy through praise and worship.
- *Ongoing thoughts of discontentment*: Count your blessings and thank Father for them.
- *Dishonesty*: Resolve to respond with only truth. Let your *yes* be *yes* and your *no* be *no*.
- *Temptations*: Refuse to indulge, quote scriptural truths aloud, and take authority over the enemy of your soul by stating, "The blood of Jesus is against you. Now leave me and go to His feet."
- *Discord*: Quickly forgive and walk in love. Love is the superpower of every Bride.

- *Condemnation for forgiven sins:* Once Heavenly Father forgives a sin, He erases it, so condemnation is a lie. Reject it and replace it with scriptural truths.
- *Distraction:* Refocus on Jesus, meditate on scripture, and be active in Kingdom interests.



The Effect of Disappointment and Disillusionment

Jesus said, “There are a variety of conditions among My people. They range from apathetic to radical sonship. The Holy Spirit is endeavoring to bring those stuck in apathy into the reality of their inheritance as My people.

“Apathy is poison to your spiritual development. The enemy of your soul knows how a little disappointment or disillusionment can be a door for him to enter your life where he can grow it into full-blown apathy. This then binds you from hearing truth and operating in the new covenant I purchased for you. Guard your heart from disappointment taking ahold of you.”

Philippians 4:6–7, “In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”



Purge the World

Jesus said, “Tell them this: many come to Me in My name and leave unfulfilled. This is a result of the world contaminating their beliefs. Tell them to purge the world from their thinking. How? By their choices. They either come into agreement with what they hear and see or reject it. The choice is theirs.”

Titus 2:11–12, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age...”



Do Not Be Drawn Away

Jesus said, “The time is coming when many will run to and fro, seeking My presence, but it won’t be found. The illusion will be that I have abandoned My people. The truth is that it is a construct of the ruler of this world. He is out to draw My people away from Me through disillusionment, disappointment, and depravity. Tell them in advance so that they will cling to Me, their Fountain of Living Water.”

John 14:18–19, “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me.”



Surrender Your Lust for Things to Jesus

Jesus said, “Many look to things to bring them happiness but seldom find it. It is only when a person counts what the world has to offer as valueless that happiness overtakes them. It is only when the lust of the eyes dies that happiness wells up in one’s soul.

“Why is that? Because I have designed you to search for Me to fill the void you feel deep within. If you attempt to fill the void with things, you will only be disappointed and left with a more overwhelming sense of vacancy. It is when you shift your perspective from earthly to heavenly things that you will discover a happiness money can’t buy.”

Proverbs 8:17–18, “I love those who love me. Those who seek me diligently will find me. With me are riches, honor, enduring wealth, and prosperity.”



Fear Is Just Smoke and Mirrors

Jesus said, “The fear paradigm holds its captives hostage through smoke and mirrors—in other words, illusions. These illusions are manufactured by each person’s belief system. They create what they are afraid of. What they are afraid of was created during times of crisis and trauma in their past. If they hold on to the emotions of grief and unforgiveness, their fears will continue to live.”

John 20:23, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, they have been forgiven them. If you retain anyone’s sins, they have been retained.”



Forgive to Avoid Unbelief

Jesus said, “Many will come to Me looking for answers to their dilemmas and walk away empty handed. Was this because they did not hear what I said to them, or was it because their hearts were unable to receive My comfort and guidance? The answer is their hearts were locked in unforgiveness.

“This unforgiveness keeps them in a state of unbelief. It blocks their ability to walk by faith. They cry out for miracles, and I send answers in response to their prayers, but the manifestation of the miracles is not realized because of unforgiveness. Forgive, I say. Forgive. This is the key to unlocking miracles in your life.”

Matthew 6:14, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”



Resist the World's Encroachments

Jesus said, “Forget not My ways. The ways of the world will try to encroach on you. Resist it, and yield not to these principles. My principles bring life. The world brings death to your spirit.

“Yield not your members to sin. Resist the temptations of the evil one. He only comes to steal and destroy. Resist him by staying in My Word and in My power. There is no other way to combat him and overcome him. I have made provision for your victories. Rely on Me to stand guard over your hearts and minds.

“Again I say resist the ways of the world and all its pollution. Keep your heart and mind in Me. This will win the battles. Resist the evil one, and all will see the victory you have obtained from Me.”

James 4:7, “Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”



Beware of Your Focus

Jesus said, “There is an all-out war on getting the focus of My people on things not of Me but of the world. This is a subtle ploy of the enemy of your souls. If he can get you to focus on temporal and worldly things, you will become diluted in your impact for My Kingdom and name’s sake.”

1 John 3:3, “Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.”



Dedicate Your Imagination

Jesus said, “Imaginations...they are the source of either deception or inspiration. It is like a lever used for good or evil. Dedicate your imagination to My keeping to be used for My Kingdom purposes. Any other use is not My will. Sanctify yourself to Me.”

1 Peter 3:15–16, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear, having a good conscience.”



Dedicate Your Imagination

Jesus said, “In the days ahead, many will seek Me, and I will not be found. There are so many distractions in this time persuading My people to look another way—a way contaminating their minds with thoughts contrary to My holiness. This then leads them on a path of destruction, not life.

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Turn away from what defiles you. Return to Me, and I will come to you. Seek Me while I can be found.”

Romans 12:2, “Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.”



Reject Condemnation

Jesus said, “Bear no condemnation. It is not of Me. When you allow condemnation and shame to cover you, it blocks the light of My Spirit. This does not have to be this way. The choice is yours. I paid the price for your forgiveness, and this forgiveness washes away everything done and thought or said opposing Me. Since I paid this price, the application of this principle results in a freedom that is a part of your inheritance as My child.”

Romans 8:1–2, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.”



Step over Obstacles

Jesus said, “Don’t trip over the small rocks satan will place on your path. They will appear to be meaningless and unimportant issues, but if you trip on these, it will lead to huge issues in your life. The time is now to stand firm no matter the price.”

1 Corinthians 16:13–14, “Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.”



Protect Your Heart

Jesus said, “Watch and pray over your heart. Keep it pure and in alignment with My Spirit. Grieve Me not by your words or actions. Keep yourself unspotted from the world. Keep yourself close to Me, and all will go well. Remember that your life is not your own.”

Luke 21:36, “Therefore be watchful all the time, praying that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



Prayer Is Key

Jesus said, “Prayer is the very center of My will. If you are not praying, you are not in My will. For without prayer nothing can be done for My Kingdom, nothing of value according to My Kingdom’s value system.”

Ephesians 6:17–18, “Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit.”

Preparation

If anyone therefore purges himself from these,
he will be a vessel for honor,
sanctified, and suitable for the master's use,
prepared for every good work.
—2 Timothy 2:21

What kind of Bride is Jesus coming for? A prepared Bride. How do we get ready? By spending quality time in the secret place with Jesus and dependence on the Holy Spirit to:

- teach us biblical truths that remove binding beliefs originating from our past traumas or false doctrines imposed by a spirit of religion
- lead us in navigating the path to a fulfilled destiny
- convict us of sin producing repentance
- empower us to become vessels of honor



Wedding Garment

Jesus said, “My Bride, you need to be ready to meet Me. You must have your wedding garment on in preparation for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Much preparation is needed. Begin preparing now.”

Matthew 25:10, “...the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.”



Jesus Is Coming

Jesus said, “My return is drawing near. I will prepare you, My Bride.

“Father has not told Me the time is now to return, but it is extremely near. Preparations are being made.”

Matthew 25:5–7: “While the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!’”



Repent

Jesus said, “My Bride, it’s time to repent and turn from your sins. I alone know your heart. The time is near and draws nigh when all will stand before Me, the Holy One. Prepare for that day now. This is not something you can delay.

“I am here for you. Stand before Me, and I will reveal your sins to you. For a time is coming when all will stand before Me.”

1 John 1:8–9, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



Run Your Course

Jesus said, “Beloved, it is important that your resilience becomes hard like a rock. Look to Me—the author and finisher of your faith—to enable you to run the course I have for you.

“There is no gray area when you follow Me—it is black and white. Light versus darkness. Truth versus error. The way of love is a costly one. Treasure My hand on your life, and guard it. Protect it.”

Hebrews 12:1–3, “...seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him who has endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, that you don’t grow weary, fainting in your souls.”



Discernment Is Key

Jesus said, “Discernment is key in these last days. Keep your discernment tuned to My frequency. Then you will not fall. Scriptures and prayer keep your gift of discernment accurate.”

Philippians 1:9–11, “This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense to the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ...”



Overcome the World

Jesus said, “Many in the Body of Christ have quit trying to overcome. They have given up. Reawaken your motivation to pick up your cross and follow Me.”

1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: your faith.”



Heads Up

Jesus said, “My Bride is about to go through a trial of fire for her purification. She must prepare now to go through the fire with My peace.”

1 Peter 1:6–8, “...if need be, you have been grieved in various trials, that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ—whom, not having known, you love. In him, though now you don’t see him, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory.”



Strong Fortitude of Faith

Jesus said, “Out of My love for you, I have decided to help you become prepared. You must be determined to not waiver regardless of the personal cost. It will take a strong fortitude of faith to be able to stand against the onslaught that is coming.”

1 Corinthians 16:12, “Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong!”

SECTION 4
DARE TO PREPARE:
JESUS IS READY TO
COME BACK

BE FEARLESS AND FREE

There is no fear in love;
but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment.
He who fears is not made perfect in love.
—1 John 4:18

On April 28, 2001, Jesus said, “Trust Me to erase all your fears.” Beginning that day, my journey to being fearless started. He removed my fears step by step as the Holy Spirit uncovered those hidden deep inside of me. After His holy light gently exposed them, I lifted each fear up to Jesus, and He did what He promised me He would do. He erased these fears that hindered me from experiencing His perfect love.

The following is an example of one of the times Jesus exposed a hidden fear. I understand the words we speak are powerful, so choosing our words wisely blesses others, not curses them. When I daydreamed as a teenager, a family member would say, “If you want to talk with Kathleen, you need to grab her by her ankles and pull her down to earth.” Then they would look at me and say, “Kathleen, if you become too heavenly minded, you won’t be any earthly good!” Each time this happened, paralyzing fear gripped me.

I forgave this person years ago. However, after I forgave them, it took me time to realize the fear-based thought pattern developed by their words was still running in my life. Jesus explained to me that their words had created a fear preventing me from fully bonding to heavenly matters. This explanation resonated, so I asked Jesus to erase this fear-based thought pattern, demolish this structure of fear, and replace it with His truth. As He did, I received new freedoms.

On another occasion, I made a list of my fears and released them one by one to Jesus. Instantly, I saw these fears dissipating as they

came before Him. As they vanished, He smiled at me. Then the understanding came of fear losing its power in the presence of perfect love. Remember this spiritual principle the next time you recognize a fear-based thought.



Impact of Fear

During challenging times, if we believe Jesus has abandoned us, we may ask these questions: Why me? Why now? Where are you, Jesus? Why didn't you stop this from happening? We ask these when emotional or physical pain crash into our lives, but regardless of the cause, the root of them all is fear.

Fear-based thinking causes:

- our faith to sink and our doubts to rise
- a lack of trust in Heavenly Father's ability to work in and through our lives successfully
- our thoughts and emotions to become unsettled by surrounding circumstances

Fear is faith shifted into reverse. Fear is the nemesis of faith. The embodiment of fear is satan. He is the father of lies; he makes accusations against us, and his goal is to destroy us. Paralyzing fear is satan's construct. It is his number-one weapon to immobilize and silence us.

Job lamented during his devastating crisis: "For the thing which I fear comes on me, that which I am afraid of comes to me" (Job 3:25). Job was an example of someone who had fear-based beliefs working in his life, but after being set free from his fears, Job basked in Father's love for him. Job was restored to more than what he had before his crisis.



Rewiring Our Minds to Eliminate Fear

Becoming fearless is a process. It requires facing what we fear today to be fearless in the future. Some of our fears were set up when we were

children. As children, we are powerless over our environments. Fear is a structure built within us by each painful and traumatic life experience. Imagine this structure made up of individual building blocks all stacked on one another.

A good exercise in finding established fear patterns and replacing them is to make a list of all your known fears. Then decide if these fears are beliefs you need for current protection or simply outdated beliefs you created for survival during a time when your options were limited.

Now create faith-based beliefs to replace the fear you have found and no longer want in your life. Then release these fear-based thoughts to Jesus to demolish the fear structure within you, and ask Him to fill you with faith-based principles to renew your mind. Here is a suggested prayer to help you with this process. I have used this powerful prayer during my inner-healing sessions with others. It produced their desired freedoms. Please pray this prayer aloud.

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask You to forgive me for allowing the spirit of fear to affect me. I forgive all persons who have hurt me. I ask to be set free from the power of fear over my life. I abandon and resist fear.

In the name of Jesus, I command the spirit of fear to no longer work in my life. Destroy to ashes the structures that have been built within my thinking patterns, emotional responses, muscle memory, and into my DNA.

In Jesus's name, I command the spirit of fear to go at once to the feet of Jesus. He will do with you as He wills. Holy Spirit, I ask you abide in the spaces vacated filling me to overflowing with Yourself. Amen.



Reshaping Our Thoughts

Renewing our minds involves a restructuring of our brains. How is this possible? The science of neuroplasticity discovered the brain can be physically reshaped. This reshaping of our brains involves study of and meditation on Bible verses. Christian meditation is an intense focus on scripture that erases unwanted thoughts and replaces them with a Christlike mind-set.

Science has also proven the human brain never shifts into neutral. Like a computer, it is constantly processing and storing data at a remarkable speed, and it uses this data bank of information to create either fear-based or faith-based beliefs. This data bank is developed by what we look at and listen to.

Different media forms create fear-based beliefs, stealing our dreams and destinies as they produce a dissatisfaction with our abilities, relationships, possessions, and appearances. It is said our eyes are the windows to our souls.

If we want to have faith-based beliefs, filtering what we look at is needed. This control is more than trying to not have unwanted thoughts. If we become obsessed with trying to control unwanted thoughts, and we think to ourselves, *I don't want to think about them*, these thoughts are going to pop into our minds repeatedly against our wills, producing a vicious cycle of shame and guilt.

The solution is not to try to stop thinking about wrong thoughts but to supply a stream of positive, life-giving information and experiences to erase and replace unwanted thoughts. How do we accomplish this? Through reading the Bible daily and making wise entertainment choices.

The diet we feed our minds is found in our viewing and listening choices. If we analyze entertainment and media choices through the lens of scripture, we will discover most are soul junk food. If we indulge in a steady diet of soul junk food, we will lack the solid nutrients essential for healthy, faith-based thought patterns. Philippians 4:8 lists the components of healthy entertainment

choices: “Whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report: if there is any virtue and if there is any praise, think about these things.”

Most media and entertainment industries supply an all-you-can-eat buffet of soul junk food, directing our focus from faith-based beliefs into fear-based worries. Media companies look at every person as a trophy-sized fish. If they can hook us with their alluring bait, we will slowly be reeled in to consume and eventually be saturated with their fear-based products.

Now, with your eyes opened to the impact of soul junk food, you are equipped to discern and reject its enticing bait. Jesus said, “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them” (John 13:17). It is not just believing in His teachings but the doing of them that blesses our lives.

There will be the times where your choices will either speed up your spiritual growth or slow it down. Please remember there are no mistakes, so be patient and lenient with yourself.

BRIDAL HEART ARMY

Behold, I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy.

Nothing will in any way hurt you.

—Luke 10:19

You were born for such a time as this in history! These are the days the Holy Spirit is raising up a Bridal Heart Army. This mighty army is made up of the faith-filled followers of Jesus motivated by their undying love for Him. They have a burning desire for personal holiness, a passion for integrity, and a devoted lifestyle of worship and prayer. They do all Jesus asks of them with it all done in limitless love. They are also known as Love Ambassadors of Father's Kingdom. They listen in the secret place for the still small voice of Jesus to receive their heavenly assignments.

The Holy Spirit empowers this army to achieve great exploits for Heavenly Father's Kingdom on earth and to prepare the way for the return of King Jesus. When the world becomes darker, the members of the Bridal Heart Army will not run for cover but will charge ahead as the Holy Spirit leads them. They will be known as lights that shine brighter. Their lives will encourage others to do the same. They do all Jesus asks, with all accomplished in limitless love. They are known as Love Ambassadors of Father's Kingdom.

On February 2, 2020, Jesus said to me, "Set up the principles My Brides will adhere to. These are all based on My love for them and for others. They are My love army, and others will see this as the hallmark of their lives.

"Hate has no place in any of My Brides. Even though I call them an army, it is not defined as the world defines an army. For My Bride does not war against people, she comes against principalities and

powers in the high places. Her marching orders come from the Holy Spirit. He will advise and guide her. Lean on Him.

“Also, it is imperative that My Bridal Heart Army rest in Me. Resting means to abide in Me. Think of it this way. A Shepherd guides His flock and they rest in his care. They relax and trust in him. So is My Bride to rest and trust Me to care for her.”

2 Corinthians 10:3–5, “For though we walk in the flesh, we don’t wage war according to the flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds, throwing down imaginations and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...”



My Trip to Heaven: Armored Up
07/23/2018

My spirit was taken to heaven, where I saw saints putting pieces of armor on my body like the armor of Joan of Arc as depicted in paintings of her. When my body was fully armored, Heavenly Father’s hand appeared from above, offering me a rolled-up scroll tied together with a red ribbon. Father said to me, “These are your marching orders.”

Then an angel presented me with a beautiful white horse. I mounted it. I was told, “This is your horse. You will ride it when you come with Jesus at His second coming.” This vision is depicted in Revelation 19:13–14: “His name is called ‘The Word of God.’ The armies which are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen.”

The significance of Joan of Arc’s armor has a personal history to me. In the 1980s, the Holy Spirit led me to read several books about Joan’s life. As I became familiar with her, I saw some similarities between us. At an early age, she began hearing a heavenly voice. She

was obedient to follow its directives, regardless of the personal cost. When the time came for her to lead an army into battle, she was given battle armor to protect her. So when I had this heavenly experience, I understood the significance of it: the time has come for me to fulfill the call on my life to help recruit and lead the Bridal Heart Army against evil forces. The season Jesus has trained me for these past forty years has arrived. I am not afraid—I was born to do this.



Prayer Strategy

Members of the Bridal Heart Army understand they have been bought with a price—the blood of King Jesus. So when a decision must be made, it is presented to Jesus in prayer for His wisdom and direction. I think of this type of prayer like a traffic light: Look for a green light, yellow light, or red light as answers to prayer requests. Move forward if He answers “yes.” Remain in a holding pattern if He answers “wait.” Let go of the request if He answers “no.” Bridal Hearts look to Jesus for how, when, and where He wants to live through them.

Our obedience delights Jesus, deepens our relationship with Him, defeats the devil’s schemes in our lives, declares our faith to others, and dethrones our earthly desires.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20, “...don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”



Join His Arising Army

On December 17, 2018, Jesus said to me, “The daily assault on each person is more in these last days than ever before. As the Kingdom of Father draws near, there is pushback from the demonic. Satan knows that if each person were able to believe and receive, there would be no stopping Father’s army from rising. They would win victories for His glory.”

The Bridal Heart Army will wreak havoc on the antichrist. He will hate this army, as Jesus has assigned a host of angels to battle with it. Hebrews 1:14 defines the purpose of angels, “Aren’t they all serving spirits, sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

Angels are spiritual beings with miraculous powers. Their attributes include great strength, wisdom, meekness, and holiness. They execute the purposes of Heavenly Father and Jesus. They rejoice over every person who accepts Jesus as their Savior. Angels stand in the holy presence of Heavenly Father’s glory and carry His holiness wherever sent.

Angels function as heaven’s messengers. I have had angels sent to me over the years with messages from Heavenly Father or Jesus. I received a message from an angel on July 24, 2019, that the Holy Spirit is asking me to share with you: a tall, muscular, and winged angel wearing battle armor came to me. He said, “Tell others how we angels fight on your behalf. We surround you with a barrier the demonic cannot penetrate. You have been set aside for Jesus’s purposes, so we join you because He commands us to.” Psalm 34:7 says, “Yahweh’s angel encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.” The Bridal Heart Army serves King Jesus, so angels will protect them. They will see in the days ahead how critical their protection is.



The Value of Relationships

We develop relationships through time coupled with honesty, transparency, and the sharing of joys and sorrows. They are our sources of support, encouragement, joy, companionship, and inspiration. They present opportunities to selflessly give of ourselves.

There are several distinct levels of relationships. Acquaintances are on the first, most distant level. We have known them by name along with having heard some of their life stories. Friends are on the second level. We have shared time with them in a variety of circumstances, and they know our weaknesses as well as our strengths. Secret bearers are on the third level. We have entrusted our innermost secrets to them, and they have shared theirs with us. Close members of our family are on the fourth, most intimate level.

As you live on the edge with Jesus by loving without limits, He will ask you to help the forgotten ones. These people believe they are unlovable, valueless, and unforgivable. They have been damaged by life experiences and then discarded like useless cars in a junkyard. For them to achieve their divine destinies, it requires us to function as tow trucks.

As we lovingly tow these people out of their misery to Jesus, the master mechanic, His top priority is developing relationships with them. Before Jesus asks them to make lifestyle changes, He patiently gives them time to be repaired and restored. Jesus did the same for us. He did not expect us to shape up overnight. He gave us time to know Him before he asked us to change.

What stops these forgotten people from moving forward on their own? Fear. It is the by-product of traumatic life experiences involving rejection, abandonment, and abuse. Fear stops love from flowing through them. It steals from them the blessings of healthy relationships. They need our help to love like they have never been hurt.

A case in point is the Samaritan woman at the well whose story is found in John 4:1–42. Jesus paid her a visit to tow this forgotten one

out of the junkyard, deliver her from fear, and heal her to fulfill her divine destiny.



A Rejected One, Transformed into a Bride

Isolated and rejected. She is an outcast of her village. Her shame covers her like a heavy garment, and her eyes reflect the darkness in her soul. Her heart is terminally broken. Perhaps this despondent woman was once a respected member of her community, but through multiple rejections and maybe abuse, she now despises herself.

As she cautiously walks through the village in the heat of the day, she avoids eye contact with the few people she passes by. Her sole purpose for leaving the safety and privacy of her home is to fetch much-needed water from the village well. With each step she takes, her focus is on the ground, where the dirt serves as a constant reminder of her soiled soul.

Thoughts of despair race through her mind, destroying any remnants of hope. Aimlessly drifting in a sea of depression, she plans how to take her life. There isn't a good reason to go on living.

When she was a girl, she dreamed of marriage and her husband cherishing her. But life proved to bring her a different journey. Her first husband divorced her. This rejection set into motion a chain of marriages resulting in multiple rejections. Disillusioned with the sanctity of marriage, she agreed to live with a man simply to have a place to call home. She knew it was a sinful lifestyle, and yet the alternative of trying to survive on her own unprotected was worth the trade-off.

During her era, society considered a divorced woman immoral, an object of humiliation and disgrace. Due to this perspective, this woman no longer holds her head high as she passes the other women in the village. In fact, she avoids interacting with them. She even goes to the extent of coming to the well to draw water during the hottest

time of the day when she knows the other women stay in the cool shade of their homes. It is high noon when she draws water without the condemning stares and whispers of criticisms aimed at her. She struggles every day against hopelessness. To her credit, she is a survivor. She has learned what it takes for a discarded woman to survive. Particularly in a world where women have lesser value than a man's cow. Despite all her pain, she continues to hold on to the little faith she has in the Heavenly Father. Even though her beliefs are based in the traditions of men, it is better than believing in nothing at all.

She can't bring herself to let go of the last fragments of her faith. There is a deep hunger for the void in her soul to be filled. For the void now refuses to be satisfied with shallow conditional love. She thirsts for a love that will overshadow and erase her humiliation and shame.

Every night, as she lies down to sleep, tears of anguish trickle down her cheeks. She can't share her feelings with the man she is living with out of fear. Becoming vulnerable is not an option. The risk is too high. She could find herself once again rejected, homeless, and hungry.

This Samaritan woman is a prisoner of an internal dialogue of discrediting, shaming, and degrading accusations. Her thoughts are filled with an ongoing slideshow of her past and present failures. Relegated to a life of isolation, she is considered unclean.

What was her crime? No one knows. It is not recorded, but in those days a woman who could not produce children for her husband was divorced. Had she been discarded by her five husbands because she was unable to conceive children? Was she cast off because she was a terrible cook? Had toxic shame infiltrated every aspect of her being? Did she have a root of bitterness? We will never know, but we do know she was barren in her soul. She believed in Heavenly Father but longed for the love promised to her when Messiah arrived.

Unknown to this woman, divine mercy chose her to be the first evangelist to her village. However, before she could fulfill the call on

her life, a divine appointment with Jesus was required. A spirit-to-spirit connection with the Messiah was necessary.

The Holy Spirit led Jesus to her village in the heat of the day. She just happens to be there drawing water. As she notices Jesus approaching, she thinks, *Is this man coming to rebuke me?* She hurries before there is an encounter with Him. To put her at ease, Jesus calls to her with a kind greeting. She relaxes as the tone in His voice conveys approval.

During their conversation at the well, Jesus reveals to her that He is the Messiah. Now the love in His eyes for her—along with His words of loving acceptance—fills her empty soul to overflowing. The lover of her soul transforms this woman into one of His Brides. In her new freedom, she forgives those who previously scorned her. She runs to the village boldly announcing, “The promised Messiah has arrived!” In this moment, she became an evangelist.

This Bride was the chosen vessel Jesus poured His love through to shift the eternal destinies of all in her village. Her legacy shines as an example to us today.



Unity Reflects Love

On June 2, 2019, Heavenly Father said, “Unity, not division, is the hallmark of My Kingdom. Throw aside all that blocks unity by loving one another. I know this concept flies in the face of this world’s system, which teaches excellence is defined by accomplishments and accolades, but My Kingdom is defined by love and its by-product—unity.”

Ephesians 4:2–6, “...with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit...”

Author’s Note: As Bridal Hearts and Love Ambassadors of Father’s Kingdom, we are to focus on the eternal aspects of people rather than the temporal. This perspective keeps us rooted in love for them. We see their eternal spirits that proceeded from Father rather than focusing on their personalities. This is our common ground with one another. Our eternal spirits.



Manifestations of Love

Below is a list of how love can be shown in our lives:

- **Gentleness:** showing concern by meeting the needs of others. First Thessalonians 2:6–7 says, “...we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children.”
- **Hospitality:** cheerfully sharing food and shelter. Hebrews 13:2 says, “Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
- **Availability:** adjusting personal desires around the needs of others. Philippians 2:20–22 says, “For I have no one else like-minded, who will truly care about you. For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. But you know the proof of him, that as a child serves a father, so he served with me...”
- **Attentiveness:** giving your undivided focus to others’ words and emotions. Hebrews 2:1 says, “Therefore we ought to pay greater attention to the things that were heard, lest perhaps we drift away.”
- **Tolerance:** viewing every person as a valuable individual. Philippians 2:2–4 says, “...make my joy full by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.”
- **Deference:** limiting your actions and speech in order not to offend others. Romans 14:21 says, “It is good to not eat meat, drink wine, nor do anything by which your brother stumbles, is offended, or is made weak.”

- Sensitivity: knowing by the prompting of Heavenly Father's Spirit what actions and words will help the lives of others and what will not. Romans 12:15–16 says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind one toward another..."
- Active Listening: stopping whatever you are doing and giving the other person your undivided attention. Look into the eyes of the person as they speak. How often do you find yourself giving just a nod of response instead of truly listening? Real listening requires your undivided focus on the one speaking by keeping your thoughts on what is being said, not on what you want to say next. This is heart-to-heart communication. Proverbs 23:19 says, "Listen...and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path!"

If we fail in any of these areas, forgiveness is the key to restoration.

- Forgiveness pardons and wipes the slate clean. Let the past be the past (1 John 1:9).
- Forgiveness does not need to be accompanied by a good feeling or emotion. It is a decision (Matt. 18:21–22).
- Forgiveness is always the right choice even when reconciliation is not possible. It creates freedom for the one forgiving and the one being forgiven (Matt. 18:32–35).
- Forgiveness enables us to receive Heavenly Father's forgiveness (Matt. 6:14–15).
- Forgiveness prevents a person from becoming bitter (Heb. 12:15).

Brides are called to love and forgive without limits. Matthew 18:21–22 says, "Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.'"

When we ask for forgiveness, the memory of our sin is forever forgotten by Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, as stated in Isaiah 43:25: “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.” Jesus asks His Brides to do the same for others—forgive and forget about it.



Place of Victory: Battle Strategy

Every Friday night when I was a little girl, my maternal grandfather and I watched the television broadcast of professional boxing. During his commitment as a sailor in the US Navy, his admiration for the sport of boxing motivated him to become an amateur boxer. Then, several years later, marriage and children required he retire his boxing gloves, but his love for boxing continued.

As I look back on my childhood exposure to boxing, I realize I learned a few basics about the sport that have spiritual applications. Take for instance the knockout punch. This boxing maneuver is a two-blow, rapid combination involving a quick left jab to an opponent's face to create a vulnerability and then a powerful right cross to the face to create a knockout.

As I read the scriptural text found in Mark 4:36–41, the Holy Spirit revealed a deeper understanding of the spiritual principle held there. This principle had an association to boxing I had not seen before. In this incident, Jesus and the disciples are in a boat crossing a lake. At one point in their journey, a windstorm came out of nowhere and raged against the boat. The disciples responded with fear, but Jesus remained peacefully asleep until the disciples' pleading woke Him up. It was then that Jesus took the opportunity to show to His disciples the powerful and spiritual knockout punch He used in dealing with the demonic. Remember, satan is the source of destructive phenomena found in nature, not Heavenly Father.

Jesus's first punch was to the wind, and His second punch was to the sea, as recorded in Mark 4:39, "He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'" Instantaneously, the wind stopped, and the lake became calm like a sea of glass—very impressive. The observed result in nature so startled the disciples it caused them to question who Jesus was. You would think that after all the other miracles the disciples had seen before this incident, they would simply say something like "Jesus saves the day again!" But no. The disciples were like you and me when fear has a grip on us. Questions arise on the battlefield of our minds that challenge our faith, creating unbelief.

Jesus says in Mark 9:23, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." When confronted by demonic activity, we have the authority in Jesus's name to use the same spiritual knockout punch. This powerful battle strategy brings heaven to earth every time.

As Brides, it is our responsibility to appropriate the victory Jesus won at Calvary's cross. Here are the five powerful weapons we have been given to use in this endeavor:

- the name of Jesus
- the scriptures
- the blood Jesus shed on the cross
- our prayer languages
- the power of the Holy Spirit

When we use these powerful weapons, the forces of evil retreat from a person, a situation, or a nation.



Revival and Persecution Coexist

All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

—2 Timothy 3:12

The ultimate revival and harvest of souls the world has ever experienced is coming. These will coincide with a worldwide persecution of Christians. As persecution spreads, the only thing we can control is how we respond to it. We need to prepare NOW in the reinforcement of our faith.

Today Christian persecution and martyrdom are increasing at an alarming rate throughout the world. With this understanding, we know that persecution in some form will touch every believer, no matter what nation we live in. This persecution can be defined as any hostility experienced because of a relationship with Jesus. A few examples of persecution are beatings, slavery, physical torture, imprisonment, and even martyrdom. The apostle Paul is an example of a believer whose life of faith stands as an encouraging beacon to endure through persecution to our last breath with the name of Jesus on our lips.

My mind can't comprehend the level of hate required to do harm to another, but persecution and martyrdom of Christians continues. It is not a new thing. History will repeat itself. The first-century Christians experienced tremendous persecution. Stephen, the first martyr in the New Testament, was innocent of the charges brought against him (see Acts 6:1–7:60).

Stephen was innocent of the charges brought against him. After his arrest, Stephen fearlessly preached one of the most powerful messages recorded in the Bible. Later, as he was being stoned, Stephen saw into heaven and observed Jesus standing at the right hand of Heavenly Father. Then “he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, ‘Lord, don’t hold this sin against them!’ When he had said this, he fell asleep” (Acts 7:60).

Did you notice that before Stephen died his spirit left him? Stephen's persecutors thought he had simply fallen asleep. Reading this verse, I wondered, *Who falls asleep while they are being stoned?* The obvious answer is "No one!" I believe Heavenly Father mercifully took Stephen's spirit from his body before its last breath.

The Old Testament character Daniel was also persecuted even though the king highly favored him. He was persecuted for his faithfulness to Heavenly Father. Because of his lifestyle of praying three times a day, he broke the king's dictated law. For this, Daniel was arrested and thrown into a den of hungry lions. The next day he emerged from the lions' den miraculously unharmed.

We can follow in Daniel's footsteps by:

- humbly submitting ourselves to heaven's plan for us
- passionately praying daily
- chasing any doubts away by praising Jesus
- worshipping with our hands lifted toward heaven
- not bowing our knees to anyone but Jesus or Heavenly Father, and
- knowing beyond a shadow of any doubt that Jesus is with us no matter what the circumstances may be.



Jesus said, “The secret of abiding in Me consists of the knowledge I exist outside of time, and I am untouched by the circumstances surrounding you. I remain in control no matter what your eyes see or what your emotions are.

“Paul knew this secret. He rested in this knowledge during times of great persecution. He overcame every attack of the enemy of his soul by leaning hard on Me. He found Me to be faithful and compassionate; so will you.”

John 15:7, “If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.”

There is a matter I want to address to set the record straight: Heavenly Father does not initiate the persecution of His children. So who is responsible for Christian persecution? satan—he is the one who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Matthew 24:9–13 says, “Then they will deliver you up to oppression and will kill you. You will be hated by all the nations for my name’s sake. Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will lead many astray. Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved.” The Holy Spirit warns us from being sidetracked and empowers us to endure faithfully to the end of our journey on earth. It is essential to develop a close relationship with Him and lean on Him for all we need.

Luke 6:22–23, “Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.”



Purified Heart Process

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Jesus said, “The fire that prevails is My Holy Spirit. The fire that kills and then burns out is of natural elements. The fire that purifies is pure Spirit. Refiner’s fire as spoken of in scripture is Spirit fire. When you walk through times of fire, know it is only purifying you without spot or wrinkle.”

Malachi 3:2–3, “...he is like a refiner’s fire...he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver...”

The purification of our hearts is a necessary process. It takes place during our times in the secret place and during life’s challenging seasons. Both of these expose the true condition of our hearts. Then our response of accepting the revealed truth, our surrender, and cooperation with the purification process is required in becoming a pure vessel of honor in service to King Jesus.

As an example of this purifying process, when a blacksmith (a craftsman who creates objects out of metal by hot and cold forging) has a design in mind, he first heats the metal in a fiery furnace until it is glowing and malleable. Then he places the hot metal on an anvil and strikes it hard with a sledgehammer repeatedly until it becomes the desired shape.

We are the same as the blacksmith’s metal. The Holy Spirit allows our circumstances to heat up and reshape us because He loves us too much to allow us to remain in the unrighteous shape He found us in. Without this loving intervention, our hearts are apathetic, unforgiving, and self-consumed. To help reframe our perspective of the purifying process, we can consider these times as windows of opportunity in becoming more like Jesus.

Romans 12:1–2, “...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your

mind, so you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.”



Ask for Strength

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Jesus said, “Angels will come to strengthen you in your time of trial and you will prevail over the enemy of your soul. You will not succumb to his temptations. Tell others this is available to them also. All they need to do is look to Me in their time of trial. I will answer their requests for courage and strength to prevail.”

Luke 22:42–44, “...he knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. Being in agony he prayed more earnestly. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.”



Pray and Worship in Your Heart

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Jesus said, “The time is near when all who worship Me will be prevented from engaging in it. They will be silenced. Tell them to worship in their hearts. To speak to Me from within themselves. For their heart has a voice.

“Meditation on Me and My Word will enable them to remain connected to Me. I hear their hearts’ voices. I will respond to their requests. I will be with them in their trials.

“Tell no one to stop worshipping Me, but when the authorities enforce silence of My people, they will then shift to interior worship and I will hear. I am their lifeline. Keep the flow of My Spirit no matter what you face.

“Meditation on My Word NOW will serve them well in the near future.”

Psalms 119:145–148, “I have called with my whole heart. Answer me, Yahweh! I will keep your statutes. I have called to you. Save me! I will

obey your statutes. I rise before dawn and cry for help. I put my hope in your words. My eyes stay open through the night watches, that I might meditate on your word.”



Call on Jesus

When in need and words fail you, call for divine aid through this simple prayer: “Help me, Jesus!” He will calm the storm surrounding you, or He will calm your heart as the storm continues. Whichever occurs, trust Him to be with you through it. Our responsibility is to keep our focus on Jesus rather than our circumstances. This prevents us from becoming a casualty of the storm. Instead, we will miraculously walk on the water with Him.



The War Cry of Jesus

You may be thinking, *What is a war cry?* It is a phrase used to call together people for a specific cause. In the following message, Jesus gives a war cry in response to the plans of evil forces to defile Christians and blaspheme His name.

On August 12, 2018, Jesus said to me, “You will lead the Bridal Heart Army into the spiritual battle for My name’s sake. You won’t take blasphemy of My name lying down. You will strike under the power of My Spirit to prevent those who would defile My temple in My people. Let it be known...I love, but I also lay down a line in the sand. This is a war cry.”

The war cry of Jesus isn’t against people but against the evil principalities and powers that function through people. The Bridal Heart Army strikes against evil only through intercessory prayer, prophetic decrees, and scriptural declarations inspired by the Holy Spirit. Will you join the ranks of heroic Brides of Jesus from the past and present whose lives as history shapers inspire us to be active participants in the Bridal Heart Army?

THE KING'S RETURN

I will come again, and will receive you to myself;
that where I am, you may be there also.

—John 14:3

Are you looking for the return of King Jesus? Many of us live like we're not. Our attention is somewhere else. We are preoccupied with the demands and distractions of living in this world. Before it's too late, we need to refocus our affections on Him and redirect our time investments into Kingdom interests.

This fact is undeniable. Jesus is coming soon. This glorious event won't be a covert mission. Nor will it be relegated to an obscure place in the world. Everyone will see it as the clouds in the sky part like the Red Sea revealing our Bridegroom King accompanied by His heavenly army. Those who wholeheartedly love Him will enthusiastically welcome His return. Those who have consistently denied His existence will be completely terrified.



Watch for His Return

Remember the childhood happy ending stories of Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, and Snow White? When I was a little girl, it was fun to fantasize about being an adult living “happily ever after.” Since my childhood, and perhaps yours, the realities of life have erased fairytale dreams—producing more unhappy endings than happy ones. However, there is good news!

Let’s look at a message I received on June 8, 2018, when Jesus said to me, “As these days end, know I’m preparing a place for My Bride to live. Living in heaven is beyond your ability to understand, but it is as much a reality as your life here on earth has been.

“In the days ahead, many will say ‘He’s not returning for us.’ They have been deceived. Put on your spiritual goggles so you can see the truth. The world has blinded you from seeing the reality of My return.

“Gaze on Me, the Fountain of Living Waters. Then you will know I’m coming soon.”

James 5:7–8, “Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receives the early and late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

Author’s Note: When I received this message, I became more determined to uncover my blind areas, to see the world through the eyes of Jesus, and to ask for an increased ability to be patient, discern truth, and reject deception.



Biblical Facts About His Return

Recognizing events preceding the return of Jesus helps with investing our time in what truly matters—loving relationships with Heavenly Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and individuals. Everything else is temporal. It all will be left behind when we leave this world. This is one of the reasons running our faith race well without distractions is so important.

- Our daily activities will be normal. Matthew 24:37–39, “As the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ship, and they didn’t know until the flood came and took them all away, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”
- Accurate discernment will be needed. Mark 13:21–22, “If anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, there!’ don’t believe it. For there will arise false christs and false prophets, and will show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.”
- No one knows the time. Mark 13:32, “That day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
- Jesus will return when we least expect it. Matthew 24:40–42, “Two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one will be left. Watch therefore, for you don’t know in what hour your Lord comes.”

Throughout the years there have been many speculations and unfulfilled predictions about the date of Christ’s return. So our best

course of action is to continue in the secret place, be involved in Kingdom interests, and watch daily for His glorious return.



Watch for the Signs of His Return

Signs pointing to the coming return of Jesus are listed in Matthew 24:

- Wars and rumors of wars.
- Famines and earthquakes.
- Many Christians persecuted and killed.
- Betrayal and hatred.
- False christs and prophets will deceive many through signs and miracles (Mark 13:21–22).
- Many people will doubt Jesus will ever return to earth one day (2 Pet. 3:3–4).
- Increased apathy and wickedness will spread like an epidemic (2 Tim. 3:1–5).

As these signs increase, our response is to focus on Jesus as our Protector, Heavenly Father as our Provider, and Holy Spirit as our Preparer. Jesus clearly said, “He who tries to save his life shall lose his life, but he or she who shall give their lives for my sake will have it.” Don’t try to save your life through extraordinary methods, but surrender your life into the capable hands of Jesus. The worst thing anyone can do to us is take our lives, but in that moment, we are promoted to heaven. Earth is not our home nor our final dwelling place, so be encouraged. Regardless of what we experience on earth, it will be redeemed.



Heaven Is Real

It's good to know what Father has prepared for us in heaven because knowing there is a beautiful, joy-filled place for us to go to when we die brings hope and encouragement by focusing our eyes on the eternal during life's adversities. In 2 Corinthians 4:17–18, Paul encouraged the Corinthians to cling to the hope of heaven so they would not become discouraged as they faced disappointments. “Our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory, while we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

- “We don't have here an enduring city, but we seek that which is to come” (Heb. 13:14).
- “We know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).
- “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more (Rev. 21:4).

Many Christians from earlier generations have visited heaven on a regular basis, and many Christians in our present generation visit heaven also. I am one of these people. Heavenly Father has graced me on many occasions with these visits. Each visit was unique. The colors and sounds in heaven are so amazing that it is challenging to write a description. Everyone I saw there was smiling as they busily did their heavenly assignments. The sound of worship was continual but not monotonous. There were no shadows there, as darkness cannot dwell where Father's perfect, holy light emanates through everything.

Knowing there is a beautiful, joy-filled place where we will live throughout eternity brings me hope and encouragement during life's

adversities.



Marriage Supper of the Lamb

I believe we maybe the last generation before Jesus returns. With the signs of His return everywhere, it's not hard to come to this conclusion. These signs are urgent alarms alerting us to act now in making our remaining time count. So let's charge ahead as if there is no tomorrow. Dive deep to living on the edge with Jesus by loving others like we've never been hurt.

Revelation 19:7–8 says, “‘The wedding of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.’ It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”



Behold Our King's Return

The disciple John saw the return of our King in Revelation 19:11–16: “I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called ‘The Word of God.’ The armies which are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen. Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword, that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He treads the wine press of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, ‘KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.’”

Zechariah 14:4 says, “His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in two.”

In closing, I offer this powerful prayer I adapted from Colossians 1:9–14. It is one I personally believe will bless you in watching for the King's return:

Heavenly Father, I ask you to fill me with the knowledge of your will in all the wisdom and understanding the Holy Spirit gives, so I may live a life worthy of you and entirely pleasing to you, being fruitful in every good work and multiplying in the full knowledge of you. I pray I will be continually strengthened with all the unlimited power coming from your glorious might, so I will be able to persevere and be patient in any situation, joyfully giving thanks to you, Father, for having made me fit to share in the inheritance of your people. For you rescued me from the domain of darkness and transferred me into the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus. Help me be His devoted Bride every day of my life. Draw me closer and closer to you until I arrive in heaven to be with you forever. Amen.

KEYS TO THE HEART OF JESUS

In bringing this book to a close, I want to officially launch you into your ongoing journey of bridal preparation with a very special gift: the love languages of Jesus. These are the keys to His heart!

Love languages are the ways we communicate love to others and perceive them loving us. Every person prioritizes these love languages according to how we are emotionally wired, and so does Jesus, as I found out on July 3, 2019.

During my secret place time I asked Jesus, “What’s on your heart today?”

To my absolute surprise, Jesus answered, “Love languages.”

I asked with great curiosity, “What are Your love languages?”

Jesus replied, “My first love language is comforting My people. Second is feeding the poor. This includes those who are spiritually impoverished. Next would be healing the sick, including those with emotional and mental sicknesses. Fourth would be raising the dead, those who have died prematurely. Fifth is setting the captive free from the demonic.”

After this conversation, I searched the Gospels for the recording of His love languages. Here is what I found.



His First Love Language: Comforting His People—John 11:20–35

...when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house. Therefore Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, he who comes into the world.”

When she had said this, she went away and called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”

When she heard this, she arose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.” Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?”

They told him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus wept.



His Second Love Language: Feeding the Poor—John 6:10–13

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; likewise also of the fish as much as they desired. When they were filled, he said to his disciples, “Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, that nothing be lost.” So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets

with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.



His Third Love Language: Healing the Sick—Matthew 8:1–3

When he came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. Behold, a leper came to him and worshiped him, saying, “Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I want to. Be made clean.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.



His Fourth Love Language: Raising Those Who Died Prematurely to Life—Luke 8:49–55

The ruler of the synagogue’s house came, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Don’t trouble the Teacher.” But Jesus hearing it, answered him, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed.”

When he came to the house, he didn’t allow anyone to enter in, except Peter, John, James, the father of the child, and her mother. All were weeping and mourning her, but he said, “Don’t weep. She isn’t dead, but sleeping.”

They were ridiculing him, knowing that she was dead. But he put them all outside, and taking her by the hand, he called, saying, “Child, arise!” Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He commanded that something be given to her to eat.



His Fifth Love Language: Setting the Captives Free from the Demonic—Mark 5:2–15

...a man with an unclean spirit met him [Jesus] out of the tombs. He lived in the tombs. Nobody could bind him any more, not even with chains, because he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. Nobody had the strength to tame him. Always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down to him, and crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, don’t torment me.” For he said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

He asked him, “What is your name?”

He said to him, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” He begged him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding. All the demons begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them.”

At once Jesus gave them permission. The unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs. The herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea. Those who fed the pigs fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

The people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by demons sitting, clothed, and in his right mind.

The love languages of Jesus are guidelines for putting “wheels to our faith” in being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to a world gone bad. Each time I function in one of His love languages, He tells me how it brought Him great joy and made Him smile.

Now you make Jesus smile! Push forward in your Bridal Heart love language journey to be ready for your face to face encounter with Jesus.

Though I speak with the tongues of man and angels and do not have love, I am as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I may have the gift of prophecy, and know all secrets and all knowledge; indeed, if I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and do not have love, I am nothing. And though I feed the poor with all my goods, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy.

Love does not boast and is not puffed up, it is not rude. It is not selfish. It is not provoked to anger. It thinks no evil: it does not rejoice in injustice but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things: It believes all things. It hopes all things. It endures all things. Love never fails.

—1 Corinthians 13:1-8



SECTION 5
DEDICATION:
SCRIPTURE PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE PRAYERS FOR YOUR USE

In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

—Philippians 4:6

Over the years, I've found praying Heavenly Father's words back to Him are guaranteed to be aligned with His heart. Therefore, through empirical evidence within my prayer practices, I've experienced scripture prayers are heard without any hindrances and answered in Heavenly Father's perfect timing.

I hope you use these prayers often and share with others the treasure of these powerful scripture prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is great for everyday life. It solidifies your trust in Heavenly Father to supply all you need. This was the prayer model Jesus taught His disciples when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. Consequently, this prayer found in Matthew 8:9-13 is powerful.



Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. Let Your Kingdom come. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give me today my daily bread. Forgive me my debts, as I also forgive my debtors. Bring me not into temptation, but deliver me from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Repentance Prayer

We all make mistakes and fall into evil traps, but just feeling bad about our sinful behavior isn't true repentance. Use this helpful prayer of repentance found in Psalm 51 when: you recognize sin in your life, you are ready to apologize for your wrongdoings, you want to be forgiven, and you wholeheartedly have decided to abandon the sinful behavior. This is the definition of true repentance.



Have mercy on me, God, according to Your loving kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me. Against You, and You only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Amen

Protection Prayer

There are many times during my journey of preparation that I found myself needing extra protection. These were the times I relied on the words in Psalm 91:1-10 as my safe harbor. It also serves as a simple reminder of the truth that abiding in the secret place has its rewards and benefits.



I will dwell in the secret place of the Most High and rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For He will deliver me from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover me with His feathers. Under His wings I will take refuge. His faithfulness is my shield and rampart. I shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at my side, and ten thousand at my right hand; but it will not come near me. I will only look with my eyes, and see the recompense of the wicked. Because I have made Yahweh my refuge, and the Most High my dwelling place, no evil shall happen to me, neither shall any plague come near my dwelling. For He will put His angels in charge of me, to guard me in all my ways. Amen.

Reassurance Prayer

The Reassurance Prayer is a Christian classic for a very good reason. Its message is a gentle reminder of the loving care of our Good Shepherd, Jesus. For many believers, this prayer found in Psalm 23 brings them restful sleep, and for others it chases away any fear knocking on their heart's door.



Yahweh is my Shepherd: I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Yahweh's house forever. Amen

Boldness Prayer

There are times in our bridal journey when we go beyond our comfort zone in obedience to Heavenly Father's requests. This is when a prayer asking for boldness to go forward in our assignment is helpful. Using this prayer found in Acts 4:29-30 is not a sign of weak faith but an acknowledgment that we need divine intervention and we are not the source of any miracle. This perspective keeps a healthy humble viewpoint of ourselves.



Grant to Your servant to speak Your word with all boldness, while You stretch out Your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus. Amen

Blessing Prayer

The Blessing Prayer was used by the pastor of my childhood at the close of every church service. He prayed it over our congregation. For me, it was the highlight of the entire service. As he spoke the blessing, I lifted my face toward heaven believing with all my heart that Heavenly Father was imparting His favor to me. Throughout the next week, I would look for the signs of His favor on my life. For the times life took a twist or turn, I reflected on my blessings rather than be discouraged.

I encourage you to use this prayer found in Numbers 6:24-26 to bless those within your family, during times of praying for others, and to bless yourself by inserting your name.



Yahweh bless you, and keep you. Yahweh make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. Yahweh lift up His face toward you, and give you peace. Amen

Salvation Prayer

...if you will 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 with the heart, one believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation.

—Romans 10:9-10

Salvation is a miracle that takes place when a person accepts Jesus as their Savior. If you haven't received Him into your life, I encourage you to take this opportunity to embrace Him. Why am I encouraging you to consider this? Because my friend, He has always loved and wanted you. He has the unconditional love you have been looking for all your life. He is the answer to your questions. He is the hope for your times of despair. He is the faithful friend who will be with you no matter what you will face in life.

If you want to ask Jesus into your heart, please use this prayer and your own words. Your heartfelt prayer begins a miraculous relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit, and Heavenly Father.



Dear Jesus...I'm sincerely sorry for the wrong things I've done. Please forgive me. I believe You died on the cross for my sins, You rose from the dead, and You will return to earth soon. I give You my life. Help me do Your will and to become prepared to meet You face to face. Amen.

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