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# CONVERSATIONS

*With*

# GOD

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# THANK YOU

*Thank you, Beth, my daughter,  
For encouraging me along the way,  
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I love you and bless you in Jesus' name.*

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**We have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. (1 Corinthians 1:12-13 NLT)**

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**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors,  
waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life, and receives  
favor from the Lord.**

**Proverbs 8:34**

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**I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will  
look to see what he will say to me.**

**Habakkuk 2:1**

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

**Jeremiah 30:2**

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all scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

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CREATED TO DO GOOD WORKS

**Ephesians 2:10**

**We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

We are God's workmanship

*You are My workmanship, Joan. I have designed you and given you all that you need to do what I have for you to do.*

We are created in Christ Jesus. What does that mean?

*Created in Christ Jesus. What does that mean? I created you in Me. You are My creation. I chose you and created you to be just exactly what I wanted you to be. All you have to do is trust Me and follow Me.*

We are created to do good works

*I created you to do good works. That means I have a special good work for each of My creation to do. I put the ability in you do the good works I have planned for you to do. If all My children do the good works I put in them to do, then all will be done right and well.*

God prepared in advance those good works for us to do

*I put each person on the earth at just the right time for that person to do the good works I created them for - and I created for them. I did all this in advance of your coming to earth.*

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## CONSUMING FIRE

This scripture caught my attention this morning:

**Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning? He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil - this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him.**

**Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar. (Isaiah 33:14-17)**

I think I am to study about "the consuming fire" today. Is that right, Lord?

*Yes, that's right. I have some special scripture passages I want to show you about My consuming fire.*

### **Habakkuk 2:2-3**

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

*That makes you think of the last scene in your series of visions in 1985, doesn't it?*

#### The Last Scene in my series of visions in 1985

I see people praying, kneeling at the front of the sanctuary in front of the platform. I only see their silhouettes and they are aqua blue. They are surrounded by a rose-colored light. The four who met in the air came together into a ball of fire. This ball started moving around inside the sanctuary in an arc to come down and touch someone, then went up in another arc to some other part of the sanctuary to come down and touch someone else. It kept doing this over and over, faster and faster, touching more and more people. Each time it went in the arc through the air it left a trail of silver dust, like a jet trail in the sky, so these trails increased and increased within the inside of the sanctuary. It kept going faster and faster until it exploded so the light and silver dust filled everywhere.

*That last scene is starting to happen now - now meaning since about 2000. It is increasing and going faster every day, and touching millions of people. It will accelerate much faster. You will see it. Much will be happening that I have been getting you and Beth in place for. You will be part of it - the "much happening".*



*It will surely involve CTC in a profound way, and you both will be part of that, as well as one-on-one with others and also personally for each of you.*

*You see in your mind that “ball of fire” moving up and around, touching people here and there. If you think of that sanctuary in which you see it moving as ‘the world’ then you can see that ball of fire going around ‘the world’ and touching people and groups all over the world. That’s what the sanctuary represents - it represents where I am working around the world, in My sanctuary, the place where I am dwelling and working.*

*My Holy Spirit ball of fire is using and taking My people all around the world to people groups and setting them on fire for Me.*

*My fire is burning!*

*Look up all the Scriptures that fit this scenario and write them here:*

**Jeremiah 23:29**

**“Is not my word like fire?” declares the Lord.**

**Acts 2:3**

**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

**Hebrews 12:29**

**For our God is a consuming fire.**

**Luke 12:49**

**I have come to bring fire on the earth.**

**Exodus 24:15-17**

**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**

**Ezekiel 1:4-5**

**I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north--an immense cloud with flashing lighting and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures.**

**Ezekiel 1:27**

**...and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing**

**metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.**

**Daniel 7:9-10**

**As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.**

*This is now, Joan. I am on My throne with the books open and judging the ten thousand times ten thousand (meaning all peoples) who are 'before Me' - as My eyes run to and fro throughout the earth. The court with Me is also seated meaning they are also ready and waiting to judge with Me and watch Me judge the earth. The books are now open for the judgment. That judgment is like a fire coming out from before Me to the earth.*

*There is very little 'time' left for people to change positions from where they are right now.*

**Isaiah 4:4**

**In that day -- The Lord will.... cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire.**

**Hebrews 1:7**

**He makes.... his servants flames of fire.**

*My fire is burning. It is making judgment throughout the earth. You (people) will either be consumed by fiery passion for Me or fiery passion for the enemy. Soon there will be no "in between." People must choose. They choose Me or they reject Me (which means they choose to live on earth without Me). If they choose to live without Me, then they will be deceived by the enemy and will think they are right, but they will be dead wrong!*

**Joel 3:14**

**Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.**

*Come, My children, come to Me and be saved! I want you for Mine, but I allow you freedom to choose to live without Me. It is a sad choice to do so, a sad choice. It means you will die. There will be no 'life' in you for I am Life. If you have no Life, then you die.*

*I want My own to come to Me, Joan, and I want you to pray for that as often as I bring it to your mind. They have mostly come already, but there are a few more.*

I didn't know it was that close, Lord.

*It is. There is not much time left.*

*Come to Me, My children. I love you and I want you to be Mine. When I close the opportunity to choose Me, I want you to be with Me. And the opportunity will close soon. Then I will take My own to heaven to be with Me, and you (if you don't choose Me) will be left on earth to face the judgment. Some of you will choose Me then, and I will love you for that, but you will have to 'go through' the judgment just the same.*

*It is so much better if you choose Me now, before the Rapture...so much better!*

*Come, My children and choose Me while there is still time.*

#### MORE SCRIPTURES ON FIRE

##### **Exodus 13:21-22**

**By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.**

##### **Exodus 24:15-17**

**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.**

##### **Psalm 78:14**

**He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.**

##### **Isaiah 30:27**

**See, the Name of the Lord comes from afar, with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire.**

##### **Malachi 3:2**

**But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.**

**Matthew 3:11**

**His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear this threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

**Matthew 25:41**

**Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."**

**Mark 9:43, 47**

**If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.....where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.**

**1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

**If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19**

**Do not put out the Spirit's fire.**

**2 Peter 3:10**

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.**

**Jude 23**

**Snatch others from the fire and save them.**

**Revelation 20:14**

**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

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THE LORD IS...

UPRIGHT  
MY ROCK

**The righteous will flourish like a palm tree; they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)**

MY REFUGE  
MY FORTRESS  
MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST

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

MY LIGHT  
MY SALVATION  
THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE

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

MY HIDING PLACE

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

MY INSTRUCTOR  
MY TEACHER  
MY COUNSELOR

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

MY SHEPHERD

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

THE WAY  
THE TRUTH  
THE LIFE

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

THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR

**"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." (Revelation 22:16)**

THE SON OF GOD

**As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)**

EMMANUEL

**The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)**

SAVIOR

**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)**

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE LAMB OF GOD

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

## KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

**On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**

## MY BEST FRIEND

**Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. (John 15:13)**

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## THE GRAND FINALE

I had a dream. The setting seemed to be a church camp or gathering of Christians for learning. It was the last night of camp. The leaders were preparing for the grand finale. People were lined up outside the field area where the leaders were preparing. I was not a leader, but I was inside the field area where the event was soon to take place. I was waiting for the event to begin. Then we would go home. I wanted to take gifts to people back home. It was nighttime and dark, but lights were on where we were gathered.

*Who are the leaders? All of the heavenly host, the angels, along with Me.*

*My people are lined up and ready and waiting for the Grand Finale. What is the Grand Finale? It is the Rapture of the Church.*

*I was letting you inside the preparation area so you could see what was coming, what we are preparing for. It was an "inside peek" at what's soon to take place.*

*It is dark. It is nighttime. But where I am and where My people are there is light. I am that Light.*

*You wanted to take gifts to the people back home. They are the people already in heaven whom you know and love. Your gift to them will be yourself. They are watching and waiting for your return to be together with them again, just as you are.*

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## THE NAME

*Today I want you to focus in on MY NAME and study My Word regarding My name. I have a lot to teach you from My Word about My name. Learn from Me. Listen to Me as you read these scriptures. Ask Me to reveal Myself to you through My name.*

### **Numbers 6:22-24**

**The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites, Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.' "**

### **Exodus 3:15**

**This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.**

### **Exodus 20:7**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

### **Deuteronomy 28:58-59**

**If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name - the Lord your God - the Lord will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses.**

### **2 Chronicles 7:14**

**If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

### **Psalm 34:3**

**Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.**

### **Psalm 103:1**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

### **Isaiah 57:15**

**For this is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy.**



**Joel 2:32**

**And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Zechariah 14:9**

**The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.**

**Matthew 1:21**

**She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.**

**Matthew 6:9**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Matthew 18:20**

**Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.**

**John 16:23-24**

**I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, and your joy will be complete.**

**John 17:11-12**

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

**Acts 4:12**

**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.**

**Romans 10:13**

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Philippians 2:9-11**

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Colossians 3:17**

**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**Hebrews 1:4**

**So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.**

**Revelation 22:13, 16**

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.**

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## THE SCHOOL OF SALVATION

In this dream it was the first day of kindergarten class. The setting was the kindergarten room. Somehow I had invited the parents to visit that day also. I led the class as usual, but had occasional discussions with various parents also. Then it was time for them all to leave and go home. Several children went to another room or place and didn't leave in time to catch the bus home. I found them and tried to make arrangements for them and their parents to get home. It seemed like I may have been taking some of them home in my own car.

*Is teaching the earth people like teaching children? Children who may not have even started the School of the Spirit - The School of Salvation?*

Yes, Lord, it seems like that. And it seems many earth children not only don't know about eternal salvation but also have been brainwashed into negative thinking - which also must be untaught so they can be re-taught right thinking.

*Yes, it is so. It is that way now. Children have an extra hard time coming to know Me because they are not taught right thinking from their parents, from their schools, from going to church, from things they read, and from society on TV, etc.*

*But, do not fear; I am greater than all these influences. I can touch ANYONE - I can touch the seed I planted down inside them that gives them a yearning to find Me (just like I gave you).*

*In the dream, what does it mean? Does it refer to your time right now with the rapture imminent? Yes, it does.*

*It means, it is the first day of school for some children. and it is the first day of kindergarten for some parent-aged people too (men and women). And you are talking with all of them and starting their teaching/learning process in My*

*School of the Spirit. It means you are influencing them individually and directly - AND seeing that they all get HOME - or at least have a way home and are on their way there. Home refers to heaven.*

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## CHILDREN OF GOD

### **Deuteronomy 4:9**

**Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.**

### **Deuteronomy 11:18-19**

**Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes on your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.**

### **Psalms 8:2**

**From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

### **Proverbs 22:6**

**Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.**

### **Matthew 18:1-4**

**At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."**

### **Matthew 18:5-6**

**Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it**

would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

**Mark 10:14-16**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

**Luke 10:21**

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure."

**Romans 8:16**

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

**1 Corinthians 13:11**

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

**1 John 3:1**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

**1 John 3:2**

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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## GREAT AND UNSEARCHABLE

I had a dream. Basically what I remember about it was that it dealt with scripture. There seemed to be a tunnel where the scripture was and in that tunnel there were three levels of translations of scripture. These levels seemed to be time related, as if there were different translations at different times in history and/or different times relating to me.

Lord, did I remember the dream right? Was the dream from You? What does it mean in my life?

*Yes, the dream WAS from Me. And yes, you remember it rightly. What does it mean? Wait before Me until I tell you. It is "great and unsearchable" so you must call to Me and wait for Me to answer you.*

**Jeremiah 33:3**

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.**

I call to You, Lord, to tell me what the dream means.

*This is what the dream means.*

*I have three different levels of understanding of various things that happen on earth.*

- *Lowest level is your earth-thought level - that which comes to your mind immediately when you hear or see it.*
- *The middle level is that which can come with study, dream interpretation, experience, wisdom and understanding.*
- *The highest level is thinking and perceiving from My mind, My thoughts, and My intentions. For that level of understanding you must wait before Me until I reveal it to you because it comes through your spirit-to-Spirit communication with Me. This takes time and focus on Me.*

*This highest level (My mind and My thinking) is what you desire and what I desire. So, I have shown this to you in your dream so that you know that it exists.*

*THAT is what I am referring to in Jeremiah 33:3 as "great and unsearchable."*

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## HEAVEN

### THE EXPANSE CREATED BY GOD

**Genesis 1:1, 8**

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...God called the expanse "sky."**

**Psalm 8:1, 3**

**You have set your glory above the heavens...When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?**

**Psalm 19:1-4**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

**THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD**

**1 Kings 8:30**

**Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.**

**Psalm 2:4**

**The One enthroned in heaven laughs.**

**Psalm 115:3**

**Our God is in heaven.**

**Psalm 123:1**

**I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.**

**Isaiah 66:1**

**This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.**

**Matthew 6:9**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Acts 7:48-49**

**However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men. As the prophet says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool."**

**Hebrews 8:1**

**We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.**

**Revelation 4:2-6**

**At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.**

**Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.**

**Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.**

**In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.**

#### HAPPINESS OF HEAVEN

**Psalm 16:11**

**You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

**Isaiah 49:10**

**They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.**

**Daniel 12:3**

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

**Matthew 5:12**

**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.**

**Matthew 13:43**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.**

**Luke 12:37-38**

**It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night.**

**John 12:25-26**

**The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.**

**John 14:1**

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

**John 17:24**

**Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world**

**1 Corinthians 2:9**

**However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 13:12**

**Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.**

**1 Peter 1:4-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**Revelation 7:16-17**

**Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

**Revelation 14:13**

**Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."**

**"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."**



**Revelation 21:4**

**There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**

**Revelation 22:3-5**

**No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.**

WHO ENTERS HEAVEN

**Matthew 5:3**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Matthew 5:8**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Matthew 5:10-11**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.**

**Matthew 25:34, 40**

**Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."**

**John 3:16, 18**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life...Whoever believes in him is not condemned.**

**Romans 8:17**

**Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.**

**Hebrews 12:23**

**You have come...to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.**

**1 Peter 1:4-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**Revelation 7:9, 14**

**After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands...These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**Revelation 21:7**

**He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.**

**WHO DOES NOT ENTER HEAVEN**

**Matthew 7:21-23**

**"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers.' "**

**Matthew 13:40-42**

**As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

**Matthew 25:41**

**"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"**

**Luke 13:23-28**

**Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"**

He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out."

### **John 3:16, 18**

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

### **John 3:19-20**

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Galatians 5:21**

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Revelation 21:8**

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

### **Revelation 22:15**

**Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

## THE NEW HEAVEN

### **Revelation 21:1-4**

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

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## GODLY THINKING

*Godly thinking. Ask Me for Godly thinking regarding this and all areas of your life on earth.*

I ask You, Lord, for Godly thinking regarding this and all areas of my life on earth.

*That is My desire for you, My daughter, and it is My will, so I will now give that to you. You will walk in Godly thinking, My thinking, for this whole day, and you will see things from My perspective, not an earthly one.*

Thank You, Lord! I receive it from You.

*Therefore be prepared to write down the Godly thinking you get today regarding things on earth and things in heaven. That way you will have a record of the Godly thinking I give you and it won't be lost in forgetfulness.*

Is there anything more You want to say to me about this, Lord?

*Yes, there is. Listen.*

*You know when I speak. You know when I pop revelation into your head. Watch for it and stop and ponder it and write it down. Do this all day today. And I will*

*Speak because you are listening. Yes, like Samuel said - "speak for your servant is listening."*

*We'll do this all day today. We'll practice it until you become advanced, well-practiced, at it. Then we will continue this level of understanding (the third level) for the rest of your lifetime here on earth. Would you like that?*

Yes, Lord! I would like that very much!

*Then it is yours.*

*This is what is called being "Spirit-led."*

*This is where you get My instructions and My words to give out.*

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## MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN

### **Matthew 22:14**

**For many are called, but few are chosen.**

### **John 13:14**

**I am not referring to all of you. I know those I have chosen.**

### **Romans 8:28-30**

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

### **Ephesians 1:4-6**

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.**

### **Ephesians 1:11**

**In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose**

**of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.**

*Blessed are those who are chosen, Joan. And you are chosen. You are blessed. I am with you and I will never leave you or forsake you. I came to earth to redeem all those who would believe in Me. I came to find and redeem those who are chosen. They are chosen because they believe in Me. I knew ahead of time all those who would believe in Me and thereby be chosen. I knew and My Father knew. You are raised up in Christ for our glory.*

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## BROAD IS THE WAY TO DESTRUCTION AND SMALL IS THE GATE TO LIFE

**Matthew 7:13-14**

**Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

**John 10:7, 9**

**Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth. I am the gate for the sheep...I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.**

**John 14:6**

**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

*Except through Me. No one comes to the Father except through Me. Note this. Many try to come into the "spiritual realm" by various ways - such as New Age meditation, etc. But they don't come to the Father. They may come into "some spiritual realm", but it isn't the realm where My Father and I live. Broad is the way that leads to destruction. Small is the gate to life. Life is only available through Me. Find Me and you find life. Miss Me and you stay in death.*

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## RECHARGING DAY

*I want you to stay hidden and set apart with Me all day. I will give you rest today from your labors and I will renew you in your heart and soul and mind and spirit.*

*Today is your recharging day. Sometimes you need to plug in and recharge and then you will have something to give out to others.*

**2 Chronicles 16:9**

**For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.**

**Isaiah 40:31**

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**

**Isaiah 41:10**

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

**Ephesians 3:16**

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**

**Philippians 4:13**

**I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:17**

**May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.**

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## QUIETNESS

**Psalm 46:10**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

*Do you want to know Me? Then being still is one way to help you know Me.*

**Psalm 23:2**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

*Come to Me and let Me lead you beside quiet waters. Then I can restore your soul.*

**Isaiah 30:15**

**In quietness and confidence is your strength.**

*Your strength comes through quietness and confidence IN ME. I am your strength. I am your confidence. IN CHRIST you have the strength you need*

**Isaiah 32:17**

**The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.**

*Know this: that the effect of righteousness is quietness AND confidence forever.*

**Zephaniah 3:17**

**The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**

*Did you know I would quiet you with My love? Did you know I rejoice over you with singing? Did you know I take great delight in you? I want you to know this today!*

**1 Peter 3:3-4**

**Your beauty ... should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.**

*A gentle and quiet spirit is of great worth to Me! Let that be your beauty each day.*

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## AGENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT

**1 Peter 3:3-4**

**Your beauty ... should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.**

That's what you've given me, isn't it, Lord, a gentle and quiet spirit?



*Yes, My daughter. That's why you can hear Me so well. A gentle and quiet spirit is so necessary to hear Me speak to you and guide you. I am pleased with yours and with you. That's what I am working on in many. You are an example each day to walk before them as I lead you to walk. They watch you and learn from you.*

*What is a gentle and quiet spirit, Joan? Let Me show you in My Word.*

*It is walking in quietness and confidence.*

**Isaiah 30:15**

**In quietness and confidence is your strength.**

*It is the ability to be still before Me.*

**Psalms 46:10**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

*It is full trust in Me day by day.*

**Proverbs 3:5**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.**

*It is acknowledging Me in all your ways.*

**Proverbs 3:6**

**In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.**

*It is in being meek and humble before Me.*

**Matthew 5:5**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

**Isaiah 66:2**

**This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.**

*It is in being pure in heart and soul.*

**Matthew 5:8**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

*It is in seeking Me for wisdom and instruction and not the world or yourself.*

**Proverbs 31:26**

**She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.**

*It is in having the fear of the Lord all the days of your life.*

**Psalms 111:10**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

*It is a gift of My grace.*

**2 Corinthians 9:8**

**And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

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ARE YOU READY?

**Matthew 24:44**

**So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

Lord, who is ready? What does it mean to be ready?

*These are the ones who are ready to go with Me when I come for them - those who...*

Believe in Me

**John 6:29**

**Jesus said, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."**

**Acts 16:31**

**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household.**

**John 3:36**

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

Believe in My Word

**Matthew 4:4**

**Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."**

**Colossians 3:16**

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.**

**Psalm 119:11**

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

Believe in what I did for you

**Romans 10:9**

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

**Mark 16:16**

**He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."**

Come near to Me

**James 4:8**

**Come near to God and he will come near to you.**

Submit your life to Me

**Luke 9:23**

**Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.**

**James 4:7**

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**James 4:10**

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

Repent of your sins

**Mark 1:15**

**"The time has come," he [Jesus] said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"**

Ask Me to come into you and live in you

**Acts 17:28**

**God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.**

**Romans 10:13**

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Galatians 2:20**

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.**

Live by faith

**Romans 1:17**

**For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."**

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

**We live by faith, not by sight.**

**Galatians 2:20**

**The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

Ask Me to fill you with My Holy Spirit

**Ephesians 5:18**

**Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit.**

Walk in My ways

**1 John 1:7**

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.**

**John 8:12**

**Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

Listen to Me daily

**Jeremiah 33:3**

**Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.**

**John 10:27**

**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.**

Learn from Me of My ways

**Matthew 11:29**

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

Praise Me, worship Me, thank Me

**Hebrews 13:15**

**Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

**John 4:24**

**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

Trust in Me

**John 14:1**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in Me.**

Follow Me

**John 10:4**

**When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.**

**Matthew 16:24**

**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

**Revelation 14:4**

**They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.**

Forgive others

**Matthew 6:12, 14**

**Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

Ask Me to teach you My ways

**Exodus 33:13**

**If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you.**

Ask Me to teach you about My blood

**Revelation 12:11**

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

**1 John 1:7**

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

Call upon Me and seek Me

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen**

**to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.**

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## THE BOOK OF TRUTH

**Daniel 10:21**

**But first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.**

What is the Book of Truth, Lord?

*It is the truth about everything that will happen. It is the record of My plan for the world and for the people I created to live on the earth. It is a foreview of all that I have planned. It is what the prophets see into when they give utterance to what I want them to speak forth into the world. It is all planned and written ahead and it will happen precisely the way it is written, for I, the Lord, do not lie. I always speak the truth. And what I plan and write is the Book of Truth.*

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## THE PATH OF LIFE

**The path of life leads upward. (Proverbs 15:24)**

Lord, teach me Your ways about the path of life. You have put that thought in my mind and spirit today to learn about the "path of life."

*I will teach you, My daughter, as you read My Word. Seek Me and you WILL find Me. I will be found by you (see Jeremiah 29:11-14). That is My promise to you. Today seek Me about the "path of life."*

What is the path of life, Lord?

*It is the right way to walk in life. It is My way. It is only walked together WITH Me.*

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

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

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

**The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway. (Proverbs 15:19)**

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

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

**Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths (Psalm 25:4)**

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! (Romans 11:33)**

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)**

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. (Psalm 89:15)**

**Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. (Isaiah 2:5)**

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

**Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? (Amos 3:3)**

**And what does the Lord require of You? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)**

**Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)**



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## THE BOOK OF LIFE

### **Daniel 12:1**

**At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.**

### **Luke 10:20**

**However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**

### **Philippians 4:3**

**Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.**

### **Revelation 3:5**

**He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.**

### **Revelation 13:8**

**All the inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**

### **Revelation 17:8**

**The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, now is not, and yet will come.**

### **Revelation 20:11-12**

**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it...And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life.**

### **Revelation 20:15**

**If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

### **Revelation 21:27**

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

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## THE FEAR OF THE LORD

*There are levels of forgiveness: surface level and deeper level.*

**Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:21-23)**

*If you don't forgive deeply, then you judge in that area.*

Cleanse me, Jesus, when I need it. Change me when I need it.

*That's part of the Fear of The Lord.*

*I know what level you are on - in everything.*

Forgive me, Lord, for forgiving some people on a surface level and then judging them. Change me, Lord, to be like You, and so I can forgive as You do - "as far as the east is from the west." Cleanse me, wash me, in Your blood, and forgive me.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)**

*THAT, Joan, is the Fear of the Lord.*

**They overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death. (Revelation 12:11)**

*They were not afraid to give up their lives unto death. That's what that means - give up their lives unto death - giving up what they think and letting it die so I, Jesus, can be formed in them.*

Teach me Your ways so that I may know You and continue to find favor with You.

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

*I will, Joan. This is called - The Fear of the Lord - submission to MY ways of doing things...and willingness to treasure My words and follow them.*

*If I have you print this - those who don't have My Spirit won't understand. And those who do have My Spirit will be blessed by it - to the level they are ready to understand. That's why I say My Spirit gives wisdom and understanding.*

**A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:1-3)**

*Part of what My Spirit is, and gives, is understanding.*

*The fear of the Lord is something you don't understand much yet, but I will now teach you more about it.*

**The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. (Psalm 19:9)**

A friend told me about needing to be more patient now to hear the Lord.

*That's the fear of the Lord.*

So patience is part of the fear of the Lord?

*Yes it is. Patience - and waiting on Me.*

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

Lord, what is it to delight in the fear of the Lord?

*It is to reverence Me and find joy and delight in being close to Me - like we did this morning when we talked for 1 1/2 hours. You called it the School Of The Spirit. I call it reverencing and delighting in the presence (and fear) of the Lord.*

*It's our spending time being close. That is a delight to Me and a delight to you.*

**And he will delight in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:3)**

As I type these words this morning I get the thought from Him about how much Jesus delighted to spend time with His Father during the time He was in a human body on earth. That's when the seven Spirits of God were on Him (Isaiah 11:1-3). I thought about His spending time communing with Father and how delightful that was for Him.

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**Exodus 20:20**

**And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."**

**Deuteronomy 5:29**

**Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!**

**2 Samuel 23:3**

**The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me: "He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."**

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**Psalm 25:14 NLT**

**Friendship with the Lord is reserved for those who fear Him. With them He shares the secrets of His covenant.**

**Psalm 31:19**

**Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men!**

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**As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.**

**Psalm 111:10**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments.**

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**He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.**

**Psalm 115:11**

**You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.**

**Psalm 128:1-4 NLT**

**How happy are those who fear the Lord--all who follow His ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How happy you will be! How rich your life! Your wife will be like a fruitful vine, flourishing within your home. And look at all those children! There they sit around your table as vigorous and healthy as young olive trees. That is the Lord's reward for those who fear Him.**

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**He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.**

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**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

**Proverbs 2:1-5**

**My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.**

**Proverbs 14:26**

**In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.**

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**By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.**

**Proverbs 23:17**

**Be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.**

**Isaiah 33:5-6**

**The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.**

**Jeremiah 32:40**

**And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.**

**2 Corinthians 7:1**

**Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

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## THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10)**

*Better to show you now (the things that you do wrong) than at the judgment seat of Christ...now, while you are on earth.*

*But if I do show you at the judgment seat, that too is for your good and frees you IN ME.*

*I work ALL things together for good to those who love Me and are called according to My purpose. (Romans 8:28) All things - even the judgment seat. It is not to condemn you, but to free you - of everything that is not of Me.*

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

*The judgment seat of Christ is a good thing. It cleanses you of everything that is not of Me and like Me so you can then be FULLY like Me and truly be in complete union with Me.*

*THEN we can have the marriage supper of the Lamb and become united in every way. There is so much more to that than you now realize but you can look forward to that with great anticipation because we are cleansing you so much*

*now - before you come up here. THEN you can truly be LIKE ME. That way you will be prepared to rule and reign with Me because you will be LIKE ME.*

*This is uniquely for My Bride. Not everyone who comes up here is My Bride, even though they belong to Me. My Bride is unique in every way.*

*If they believe in Me, truly believe, they get to come up here. But My Bride is separate and unique.*

*Some will come up here with only themselves saved. And that is good.*

*But others will come up here with the Fear of the Lord fully developed in them. They are My Bride and will continue for eternity in this special relationship with Me - as My Bride. That represents a special quality of relationship with Me.*

*Because you have developed this special relationship with Me while on earth, you will get to continue this special relationship for eternity in heaven with Me. Heaven is wherever I am.*

*The angels recognize this special relationship and hover extra closely around My Bride. I want you to know that. It is an extra layer of protection as you are in a privileged position with Me.*

*Remember that I could have called 12 legions of angels to help Me? You also have access to legions of angels - as many as are needed to protect you and your loved ones. You may freely call on them when needed. Even now, this moment.*

*And they will continue to hover around all of these till the end of their time on earth.*

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## A CLEAN HEART AND RIGHT SPIRIT

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
(Psalm 51:10)**

*What is a clean heart?*

- *Pure - shall see God.*

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8)**

- *No duplicity*

**But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. (James 1:6-8)**

- *Humble*

**This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word. (Isaiah 66:2)**

- *Submitted under authority*

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. (James 4:7)**

*What is a right spirit?*

**This is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57:15)**

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

A right spirit is YOUR Spirit.

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HIDDEN SINS

According to My Word be it done unto you

Lord, cleanse me with Your blood. Cleanse me from unknown/hidden sins.

**He sent forth His Word and healed them. (Psalm 107:20)**

You will receive healing and cleansing through My Word.

**So is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)**

**The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

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

According to Your Word be it done unto me. Forgive my unknown/hidden sins.

**There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12)**

**Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden sins. (Psalm 19:12)**

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

*You are cleansed - of all unknown sins.*

*According to My Word be it done unto you.*

*It's the hidden sins that you want cleaned out - the ones you don't even recognize - but I do recognize.*

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## TURN YOUR THOUGHTS TOWARD ME

I don't want to leave Your presence, Lord.

*Just stop and turn your thoughts toward Me, and I will be there.*

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)**

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

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## THE LORD'S GREATNESS

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. (Psalm 145:3)**

*When you want to draw near to Me, declare who I am, declare My greatness...and I will come to you.*

God, You are my refuge and stronghold.

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)**

God, You are my King for ever and ever.

**The Lord is King for ever and ever. (Psalm 10:16)**

God, You are in Your holy temple; you are on Your heavenly throne. Your eyes are on me.

**The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them. (Psalm 11:4-5)**

God, You are the One who is righteous. You love justice.

**The Lord is righteous, he loves justice. (Psalm 11:7)**

God, Your words are flawless; they are refined and pure.

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

God, You are my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. You are my shield and the horn of my salvation. You are my stronghold..

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)**

God, Your way is perfect; Your word is flawless. You are my shield.

**As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. (Psalm 18:30)**

God, the earth is Yours and everything in it.

**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. (Psalm 24:1-2)**

God, You are the King of glory. You are strong and mighty.

**Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. (Psalm 24:8)**

God, You are good and upright. You instruct sinners in Your ways. You guide the humble in what is right. You teach them your way. Your ways are loving and faithful.

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. (Psalm 25:8-10)**

Lord, Your voice is powerful. Your voice is majestic. It breaks cedars in pieces.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. (Psalm 29:4-5)**

Lord, you sit enthroned over the flood (over people) as King forever.

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. (Psalm 29:10)**

God, You have stored up your great goodness for those who fear you.

**How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you. (Psalm 31:19)**

God, Your word is right and true. You are faithful. You love righteousness and justice. The earth is full of Your unfailing love.

**The word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:4-5)**

Lord, Your plans and purposes stand firm forever, through all generations.

**The plans of the Lord stand firm forever; the purposes of his heart through all generations. (Psalm 33:11)**

Lord, Your love and faithfulness reach to the heavens, Your righteousness and justice are like the mountains and great deep.

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. (Psalm 36:5-6)**

God, You are our refuge and strength and ever-present help in trouble.

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



God, every animal is Yours, the cattle on a thousand hills are Yours. The world and all that is in it are Yours.

**Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. The world is mine, and all that is in it. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:10, 12, 15)**

God, You look down from heaven to see if there are any who seek You.

**God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 53:2)**

God, You have made Yourself and Your invisible qualities plain to men. You have shown us Your eternal power and divine nature.

**What may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:19-20)**

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## THE LORD'S BEAUTY

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

*What I create displays who I am. Just as what you create displays who you are.*

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)**

*David realized that in many of the things he wrote.*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)**

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him? (Psalm 8:3-4)**

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

*David was close to My heart and he knew Me in a way and to a depth that others in his day didn't.*

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

**Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (Psalm 34:11)**

*Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

**Come near to God and he will come near to you. (James 4:8)**

*Colors display My beauty. Sounds display My beauty. Fragrances display My beauty.*

**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)**

**All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings make you glad. (Psalm 45:8)**

**But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:14-15)**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. (Psalm 46:4)**

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## THE LORD WILL COME AND GET ME

I had a dream about the Lord taking my hand and our walking together hand in hand.

*When I woke up the Lord said that He loves me. He is the lover of my soul. He is the Bridegroom seeking His bride. He chose me. He will come and get me.*

**Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me. (Song of Solomon 2:13)**

**My beloved is mine and I am his. (Song of Solomon 2:16)**

**I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. (Isaiah 42:6)**

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## WHAT IS LOVING?

I was thinking about how we are supposed to learn to love and about how things we do don't have eternal value unless they are done in love as per 1 Corinthians 13. So I was asking the Lord about "What is loving?"

**If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)**

*Forgiving is loving. It is a choice you make to love Me and to love others.*

**Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)**

*You love Me by choosing to be obedient to what I gave as commands.*

**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)**

*You loved people by organizing Discipleship Training classes for them so they could grow closer to Me. You loved Me by teaching them to observe whatever I commanded you.*

**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20)**

*You loved one person by forgiving him and praying for him.*

So - if I obey Your commands and forgive others and bless them and pray for them, I will be loving them?

*Yes.*

**I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44)**

So if I deny myself and take up my cross and follow You - I will be loving You and loving others?

*Yes.*

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

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## IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

**In my Father's house are many rooms: if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:2-3)**

This scripture referring to my Father's house caught my attention today as I read in the book of John chapter 14. So I looked up more scriptures referring to my Father's house.

**Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. (Psalm 84:10)**

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

In studying the Father's house I am drawn to contemplate about the heavenly house which the Lord has prepared for us in a city called the heavenly Jerusalem. I am intrigued by pondering the heavenly Jerusalem, which is what the angel in Revelation 21:9 call the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

**One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem,**

**coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. (Revelation 21:9-11)**

*And I have prepared a city for you, My daughter, a lovely place where you will find all the joy and peace that you seek while you are living on earth - and more, much more. It will be the place where I dwell WITH YOU completely.*

*I will be there, and you will be there, and all who belong to Me will be there in this heavenly dwelling place. It is called "the city of the living God."*

**But you have come to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. (Hebrews 12:22-23)**

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

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

**The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. (Revelation 22:3-5)**

**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. (Revelation 22:14)**

The New Jerusalem is the dwelling place throughout eternity for the saints of all ages and fulfills the hope of Abraham for the heavenly city. (From NIV Scofield Study Bible note on Revelation 21:2)

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

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

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## HOLY SPIRIT TEACHING ME WHO HE IS

During the night the Holy Spirit taught me. I asked Him to heal my infected toe before I went to sleep. When I awoke during the night He told me He fixed it. Then He reminded me of one scripture:

**Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him? (Matthew 7:9-11)**

Then He began to tell me who He, the Holy Spirit, is...

*I am the Power Source of the Godhead. I am the Spirit of the Father. I entered Jesus at His baptism with Holy Spirit power.*

**As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. (Matthew 3:16)**

*I am the One who talks to you in our conversations.*

*I am the Healer who came into the Kathryn Kuhlman meetings and healed people.*

*I am the shadow that exuded from Peter that healed all who came into it.*

**People brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed. (Acts 5:15-16)**

*I am the One who can cause everyone in a meeting to fall to the floor.*

*I am the Power that transported Philip from the Ethiopian man traveling along the road to a city miles away.*

**The Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus. (Acts 8:39-40)**

*Remember the Word says some say they belong to the Lord but have no power? That's because they don't have Me. They aren't baptized in the Spirit.*

*Remember the five foolish virgins? They didn't have Me. They didn't carry Me.*

**The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. (Matthew 25:3-4)**

*I am the mark that seals you for eternity.*

**Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession. (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

*There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother - I am that Friend.*

**There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)**

*I have seven spirits in Me or seven divisions.*

**Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. (Revelation 4:5)**

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

*I wrote the Bible. I spoke through the prophets. I led, and the writers and prophets followed Me, just like I do with you.*

**Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20-21)**

*I am the "inspiration", the "visions," the "dreams," the "guidance" that they who carry Me follow.*

*I am the One speaking to you now.*

*I am your best Friend.*

*I am the One you draw near to when you "draw near to God."*

**Come near to God and he will come near to you. (James 4:8)**

*I spoke through the donkey.*

**Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" (Numbers 22:28)**

*I can do anything Father wants Me to do.*

*I and the Father are One. The Father is in Me and I am in the Father. I and the Son are One also in the same way. We are three in one.*

*AND I LIVE IN YOU!*

When I touched my toe and it didn't cause me pain, He said:

*I am the Fixer.*

*I am Jesus in you. I am God in you.*

*I am the Living Word. I am alive and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.*

**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

*I am the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.*

*We are three in One, the Trinity God.*

**Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)**

This morning when I read the next portion of scripture (John 14:15-31) at breakfast with Beth, it was about the Holy Spirit. I knew immediately when I started reading it that the Lord had timed this perfectly to be read just after He had instructed me regarding who the Holy Spirit was during the night.

**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. (John 14:16)**



**But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)**

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## THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS

Beth mentioned something positive to counter a negative this morning and we discussed Pollyanna and positive thinking. I said I liked Pollyanna and the positive thinking she stood for. Then the scripture came to my mind, and I mentioned it, from Philippians 4:8, that tells us to "think about such things." When I mentioned it I received the thought that that was what I was to study today.

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

So I felt I wanted to search for scriptures on these things we are to think about, and meditate on (and pray) these scriptures today.

### TRUE

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)**

**The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 22:6)**

### NOBLE [HONORABLE]

**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Luke 8:15)**

**In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. (2 Timothy 2:20)**

### RIGHT [JUST]

**Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. (Romans 12:17)**

**And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. (2 Thessalonians 3:13)**

PURE

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8)**

**Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:3-4)**

LOVELY

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! (Psalm 84:1)**

**He is altogether lovely. This is my lover, this is my friend. (Song of Solomon 5:16)**

ADMIRABLE [GRACIOUS]

**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you, he rises to show you compassion. (Isaiah 30:18)**

**Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:6)**

EXCELLENT

**O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. (Psalm 8:1)**

**Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. (Psalm 148:13)**

PRAISEWORTHY

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. (1 Chronicles 16:25)**

**Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)**

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## DO AS I HAVE DONE

**After that he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (John 13:8)**

**Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15)**

**If you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:20-21)**

**Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. (1 John 2:6)**

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

**Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)**

Lord, make my attitude the same as that of Christ Jesus. Change me, Lord, so that I become more and more like You.

*I will, Joan, as you come to Me each day like you have today, and seek Me and seek My face, and seek to think like Me. Keep seeking Me and I will keep changing you to be like Me. I know this is what you want, and this is also what I want.*

**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

**For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Romans 8:29)**

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## HE CREATED US FOR GOOD WORKS

*There are certain people (you may call them intercessors) who like the quiet. You know why? Because they want to hear Me all the time. They want to walk in My presence moment by moment, day by day. And you are one of those people. And your friend S. A. was one of those people. You will meet her again in heaven when you get there.*

*And then there are other people who are joyful and happy and want to be stimulated all the time by music and TV and radio, so they can continue in that joyful state. They also belong to Me but are different than My intercessors. That was what M. J. was. She and S. A. were very different in that way, and it caused friction between them at times, even though they were friends.*

*And then there is you. You are My intercessor and like peace and quiet most of the time. It's like a hunger inside you to have it quiet and to listen to Me. I put that in you - on purpose - so you would follow the path I've taken you on of listening and writing. I created you to fulfill that purpose.*

*Remember how My Word says I created you "for good works" which I prepared beforehand for you to do? That is the "good work" I created you to do. And you are not satisfied unless you are fulfilling that.*

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)**

*This is My word to you today: follow Me and you will fulfill the desires of your heart.*

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

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I really like to read Psalm 37. Here some of my favorite parts.

**Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. The meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.**

**The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.**

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

(From Psalm 37:3-7, 9-11, 18-19, 23-24)

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## THE LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME

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

As I pondered what person would take care of me in time of need, I heard this from the Lord:

*I AM THAT PERSON. You have built that covenant relationship with ME throughout your lifetime.*

*Life is all about relationship...with Me and with people. I sent you to earth to learn about relationships.*

*I am the One who will make the commitment to take care of you for the rest of your life - the One who will treat you with love and respect and kindness.*

*I am the One who will look after your every need, who will be your constant companion, who will fellowship with you, who will treat you RIGHT.*

*I am the One who will handle your finances. I am the One who will take care of ALL your medical needs. I am the One who will provide a place for you to live. I am the One who will feed and clothe you.*

*Remember the scripture about not worrying about all these things? That your Father knows you have need of them?*

**Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25, 32-33)**

*I said not to be anxious about them. What I speak is the truth and you know that.*

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

*I wanted you to come to this place/this moment of realization that I have made the promise to you to be that person you are seeking to take care of you.*

*I MAKE THAT COMMITMENT. Will you accept it?*

*I am capable of fulfilling that commitment. I am the ONLY ONE capable of doing it. Do you want that?*

*Then it is yours. I have already made it to you, but you have to receive the gift and then it will be yours.*

*No human can be all this to you. But I can. And I promise to.*

*You belong to Me. and I am THE FAITHFUL ONE. I never lie. I have all resources. I am everything you need.*

**He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)**

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## THE WORD OF LIFE

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

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:1, 14)**

**But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:14)**

**And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. (Matthew 19:29)**

**"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life." (Luke 18:29-30)**

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

**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:14-16)**

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

**Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)**

**I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. (John 5:24-26)**

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

**You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39-40)**

**Do not work for the food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. (John 6:27)**

**For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (John 6:33)**

**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)**

**For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40)**

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

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. (John 6:51)**

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:53-54)**

**The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. (John 6:63)**

**When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)**

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

**I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)**

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)**

**The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)**

**For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. (John 12:49-50)**



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

**For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. (John 17:2)**

**Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)**

**These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)**

*That's what I wanted you to read today - about eternal life and how you receive it. I am the life and I give it to those who believe in Me.*

*Let these words sink in to your soul. Let them become part of you. Let My words become life in you as you read and believe them.*

*I come to give life to all who will receive it through Me. There is no other way to have real life, the life that is eternal, except through Me. I am the Way to life. I am the Truth about life. I AM LIFE.*

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## MY TREASURED POSSESSION - MY JEWELS

**And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels. (Malachi 3:17 KJV)**

**"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession." (Malachi 3:17 NIV)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*And that's who you are, Joan. You are a jewel, a treasured possession, and a chosen one from before the creation of the world. You were chosen to be Mine, to belong to Me, and to bring Me praise and honor before all men.*

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## SEARCH ME, O GOD

I love Psalm 139. It is such a comfort to me. I love the fact that the Lord knows everything about me, and yet He loves me and patiently works with me to draw me closer and closer to Him, and changes me to be more like Him daily.

**O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.**

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24)**

*I am, Joan. I am leading you in the way everlasting, the way eternal - which is My way. I do know your every thought and word and deed. They are all recorded in My books here in heaven. I know you inside out. I know you upside down. I know you completely. And I am pleased with you and how you seek Me and follow Me and desire to know Me more daily. We will continue this relationship - both now while you are on earth and later when you are in heaven with Me.*

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## FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE

**He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)**

**You have exalted above all things your name and your word. (Psalm 138:2)**

**It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. (Isaiah 42:21)**

**I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. (Isaiah 43: 25)**

**You will know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake and not according to your evil ways and your corrupt practices. O house of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord. (Ezekiel 20:44)**

**It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name. (Ezekiel 36:22)**

**I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign Lord. (Ezekiel 36:32)**

**Although our sins testify against us, O Lord, do something for the sake of your name. (Jeremiah 14:7)**

**The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. (Zechariah 14:9)**

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

**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)**

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every**

**tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)**

**So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. (Hebrews 1:4)**

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## DO THE BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT

In a dream I was teaching a girl how to pronounce "valedictorian". I said "We have to do the best we can with what we've got in this life."

As I typed this I realized that the words I said (We have to do the best we can with what we've got in this life) is the message I am to get from this dream. I had been thinking about the people I see on TV (like the Sid Roth show) and what great testimonies they had regarding the things God had been doing in their lives. Now I see that my words in the dream were His answer - I must do the best I can with what He has given me (like the man with the two talents).

*Valedictorian - what does it mean?*

*Top of your class in grades in the classes you took in school.*

*You felt you do not rank very high in the earth compared to what you see and hear others doing and experiencing on TV programs like Sid Roth.*

*I want you to know some of My saints are visible and a testimony in places like TV. But others - many - are hidden and quiet - and you are one of those. So don't put yourself down.*

*You are one of My valedictorians like in your dream. Your time for recognition will be elsewhere, in heaven, at the judgment seat of Christ. Then others will see you the way I see you - as one of My favored ones who is actually quite close to Me.*

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. (Malachi 3:16 NIV)**

*And this is where you fit, Joan, right here in this Book of Remembrance which is written before Me, in My presence. All those who are My "jewels" have their names written there.*

*So delight in knowing this is in your future. You will be positioned in heaven according to where your name is listed and according to your good works for Me that are eternal.*

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## SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE

**Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)**

**Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. (Psalm 34:5)**

**I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)**

**But my eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign Lord; in you I take refuge. (Psalm 141:8)**

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)**

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

*Set your mind on things above, Joan. And what is above? I am above.*

*Keep your mind and heart and eyes fixed on Me.*

*Turn your thoughts toward Me all through the day, and I will speak to you and guide you as you do that.*

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## THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS

### MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

**God sent an angel Gabriel to Nazareth to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph... the virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:26-28)**

**The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31)**

### JESUS

**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (Luke 2:52)**

**The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to... proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19)**

### THE ONES CHOSEN BY GOD

**So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have - the ones God has chosen - but the hearts of the rest were hardened. (Romans 11:7 NLT)**

### NOAH

**Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8)**

### JOSEPH

**But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. (Genesis 39:21)**

**He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. (Acts 7:10 NIV)**

**And God gave him favor before Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Acts 7:10 NLT)**

#### MOSES

**Moses said to the Lord, "You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me'" (Exodus 33:12)**

**And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." (Exodus 33:17)**

**O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. (Exodus 34:9)**

#### DANIEL

**Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel. (Daniel 1:9)**

**As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. (Daniel 9:23)**

**Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you. (Daniel 10:11 NIV)**

**Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. (Daniel 10:11 NLT)**

**O Daniel, man greatly beloved, give heed to the words that I speak to you. (Daniel 10:11 RSV)**

**Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed. (Daniel 10:19)**

*Seek My favor, Joan, every day of your life. What is My favor? What does My Word say it is?*

Favor - kindness, goodwill, grace, highly esteemed, greatly beloved, very precious to God, the Lord is with him, the Lord is pleased with him, and the Lord knows him by name.

*My Word says favor with Me is to please Me and therefore to receive grace from Me. It means you are highly esteemed by Me and greatly beloved and very precious to Me.*

*My favor means I know you by name and I am pleased with you.*

*It means I AM WITH YOU.*

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## FAITHFULNESS

**In perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1)**

**For great is your love, reaching to the heavens, your faithfulness reaches to the skies. (Psalm 57:10)**

**All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. (Psalm 25:10)**

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

*The Lord says: During these days I learn of HIS faithfulness, and He learns of MY faithfulness.*

**Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. (Matthew 24:45-46)**

**His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:21)**

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



**Pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. (2 Timothy 2:22 NLT)**

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## A STEADFAST MIND AND SPIRIT

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

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

**Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*, because he trusts in thee. (Isaiah 26:3 RSV)**

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew *a steadfast spirit* within me. (Psalm 51:10)**

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

*And that is what you are today, Joan - strong, firm, and steadfast. And I did that in you and for you. You know why? Because you trust in Me. And because you trust in My Word. Your mind is steadfast because your thoughts are fixed on Me daily. Keep doing that, My daughter. Keep your mind fixed on Me and I will give you a steadfast spirit.*

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## SPREADING HIS WINGS OVER US

**When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. (Exodus 12:23)**

**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. (Psalm 91:4)**

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! (Luke 13:34)**

**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 17:8)**

**I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. (Psalm 57:1)**

**I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. (Psalm 61:4)**

**I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not. (Malachi 3:17-18)**

*I cover you with My feathers. I cover you with My wings. I cover you with My presence. I protect you and give you refuge under My wings. That is because of My unfailing love for you.*

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## MORE ABOUT OVERCOMING

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)**

**He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Revelation 2:11b)**

**To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it. (Revelation 2:17)**

**To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star. (Revelation 2:26-28)**

**He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, and will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. (Revelation 3:5)**

**Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. (Revelation 3:12)**

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

*Overcoming is waiting.*

*Overcoming is persevering.*

*Overcoming is loving.*

*Overcoming is forgiving.*

*Overcoming is praising.*

*Overcoming is thanking.*

*Overcoming is growing to be like Me in all things and in all ways.*

*Overcoming is listening to Me and following Me.*

*Overcoming is trusting Me.*

*Overcoming is resting in Me.*

*It's almost done, Joan. Be an overcomer a little longer.*

*Take heart for I have overcome the world.*

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

*You overcome as you deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Me.*

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

*Separate your thinking from the world's way of thinking, and align your thinking with My way of thinking.*

**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5 KJV)**

*Overcoming is what it's all about, Joan - overcoming the world. I sent you into the world to be like Me and to overcome the world.*

**This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:4)**

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

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## LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS

How do we know that we love God?

How do we know that we love others?

Those questions are important to me since the Lord requires that from us as His highest commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.

**One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"**

**Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:36-40)**

Sometimes God teaches me answers to my questions by drawing my attention to a scripture which answers my questions. That happened to me today.

I discovered this scripture from 1 John (while I was looking for something else) and it was quickened to me that this helped answer my questions.

**Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. (1 John 5: 1-3)**

This scripture tells me that we know that we love the children of God by loving God and carrying out His commands.

And it also says that we love God by carrying out His commands.

So here are the answers to my questions:

How do we know that we love God?

**This is love for God: to obey his commands**

How do we know that we love others?

**We know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands**

That brings to my mind a scripture I memorized many years ago from John 15:10...

**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)**

So loving God and obeying His commands enables us to remain in His love.

**And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. (2 John 6)**

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## THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED

*The fear of the Lord and the glory of the Lord are closely linked. You have to have the fear of the Lord in order to see the glory of the Lord NOW.*

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)**

*But THEN all mankind shall see it - at My glorious return.*

**At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. (Matthew 24:30)**

**And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it together. (Isaiah 40:5)**

This scripture from Isaiah 40 are the words of a song from *The Messiah*. That song is playing in my mind over and over this morning - *And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it together!*

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## SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS

**You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)**

**See, the sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. (Isaiah 40:10)**

*I am coming soon! Shout the good news! I am coming soon!*

*I am coming with great power. I am coming in My eternal glory. I am coming to My people who love Me and believe in Me.*

*I am also coming to judge the earth and cleanse it from all wickedness and contamination.*

*Then I will set up My kingdom, My forever kingdom, where I will rule and reign for a thousand years. And after that thousand years and all things are cleansed and ready, then I will turn the kingdom over to My Father.*

**Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25)**

**Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:12-13)**

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## TO BRING GLORY TO GOD AND THE SON OF GOD

**When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)**

The Lord instructed me during the night to do a study on His Glory today.

*I want you to study on glory and write on glory.*

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

**Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. (Isaiah 60:1-2)**

**For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory. (Psalm 102:16)**

**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)**

**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

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

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

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## THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

**Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV)**

*This is about who I am in relation to you...*

**Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV)**

**Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith (on Jesus, the originator and perfecter of our faith). (Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT)**

*I am the Author of your faith because without Me there wouldn't have been any faith to believe in.*

**He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Hebrews 5:9)**

*I am the Finisher of your faith because without Me you couldn't have finished your faith.*

**Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)**

*I am the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega.*

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)**

*Without Me you can do nothing of eternal value.*

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

*With Me you can do all things.*

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

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WHO I AM IN RELATION TO YOU



*This is about who I am in relation to you...*

*The Vine and the branches*

**I am the vine; you are the branches. (John 15:5)**

*The Redeemer and the redeemed*

**I know that my Redeemer lives. (Job 19:25)**

**Christ redeemed us from the curse. (Galatians 3:13)**

*The Speaker and the listener*

**The sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... His sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:3-4)**

*The Master and the servant*

**I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master. (John 13:16)**

*The Father and the child*

**Jesus said, "I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17)**

*The Enabler and the enabled*

**I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father enabled him. (John 6:65)**

**Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. (Acts 4:29)**

*The questioner and the Answerer*

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

*The temporary and the Eternal*

**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)**

*The Teacher and the student*

**A student is not above his teacher... It is enough for the student to be like his teacher. (Matthew 10:24-25)**

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EVERLASTING LOVE

*And this is My word to you today, My child: I am with you and I love you with an everlasting love. I want you to look up "everlasting love" today and see what My word says about that.*

**I have loved you with an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)**

**"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)**

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:5)**

*So remember this, Joan, if you ever feel unloved - that I LOVE YOU with an everlasting love. It will never end. It will never stop. It will ALWAYS be with you.*

*You may declare this for it is truth. You may count on this for it is true. Though everyone else forsake you, I will NEVER forsake you. I will ALWAYS be with you, no matter what happens.*

**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)**

*This is My Word to all those who belong to Me.*

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## FROM THE BEGINNING

**That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (1 John 1:1)**

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

**I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. (1 John 2:13)**

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)**

**In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded, but you remain the same, and your years will never end. (Psalm 102:25-27)**

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

**But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)**

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)**

**In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe, like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. (Hebrews 1:10)**

*I have known you from the beginning, Joan, from the foundation of the world. I have known who you are, when you would come to earth to live for your particular life-span, and that you would belong to Me. I have known you, and I have loved you. And I will never stop loving you. My life is forever, and My love is forever. And from now on, your life is forever also. It is eternal, just like Mine.*

~ 55 ~

## I CHOOSE YOU GOD, I SEEK YOUR FACE

*Choose Me and seek My face.*

**I will say to the Lord, "You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God and I trust you." (Psalm 91:2)**

**My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8)**

**I seek you with all my heart. (Psalm 119:10)**

**Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)**

*My name is a strong tower. Seek My face and call upon My name.*

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)**

*When you call upon Me, I will hear you and answer you.*

**"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:12-14)**

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

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)**

**If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

**They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. (2 Chronicles 15:15)**

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

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (Psalm 105:4)**

*Always, My daughter, seek My face always. I will be found by you. I love you and want you to seek Me in all things. I know you and I know exactly what you need. I know what is best for you and I want to give you My best.*

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## LIVE AS JESUS LIVED

He led me to 1 John and wanted me to read it today in the New Century Version.

**He who gives life was shown to us. (1 John 1:2)**

**Our fellowship is with God the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)**

**God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. So if we say we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars and do not follow the truth. (1 John 1:5-6)**

**If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done. (1 John 1:9)**

**If anyone does sin, we have a helper in the presence of the Father - Jesus Christ, the One who does what is right. He is the way our sins are taken away. (1 John 2:1-2)**

**We can be sure that we know God if we obey his commands. Anyone who says, "I know God," but does not obey God's commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. (1 John 2:3-4)**

**Whoever says that he lives in God must live as Jesus lived. (1 John 2:6)**

I want to live as you lived, Lord.

*You are more and more, Joan. It is a process and you have to overcome much evil in the world and within yourself (wrong thinking mostly) to live as I lived. But you are - as I instruct you and teach you day by day.*

*That is our goal - to make you like Me. And we are working on it daily - one step at a time.*

*See to it that you don't step backward, but always step forward. Then we will accomplish our goal more quickly.*

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## DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

**Do not love the world or the things in the world. If you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. These are the ways of the world:**

- wanting to please our sinful selves,
- wanting the sinful things we see,
- and being too proud of what we have.

**None of these come from the Father, but all of them come from the world. (1 John 2:15-16 NCV)**

*Notice, Joan, that if you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. That is so important to understand. Ask Me to help you understand that.*

*Loving the world includes loving to eat too much, or loving to sleep too much, or loving anything of this world too much - more than you love Me.*

*I must always be first in your life and then you will have things in the right perspective.*

*That's one reason I gave as the first commandment to love the Lord your God will ALL your heart, mind, soul, and strength.*

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## WHOEVER HAS THE SON HAS LIFE

The Lord led me to read 1 John 5:10 today in the New Century Version:

**Anyone who believes in the Son of God has the truth that God told us. Anyone who does not believe makes God a liar, because that person does not believe what God told us about his Son. (1 John 5:10 NCV)**

**This is what God told us: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12 NCV)**

*Ask Me to teach you about this. I have more to say to you about it. Ask Me.*

I ask You, Lord.

*And that is as simple as it gets, Joan - whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*If a person does not have life then he has death. Those who have life go to heaven when they die from earth. Those who do not have life go to hell, the place of the dead.*

*The dead cannot enter heaven. They are unclean and impure. They would contaminate the place.*

*My life is in My Son and he gives it to whomever He pleases. And He pleases to give it to all who believe in Him.*

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)**

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## SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

This scripture caught my attention as I read it today. I wanted to know more about our being shielded by God's power, so I began looking up other scriptures that talk about how He shields us and how His power protects us.

*I am forever your Shield and your Protection. I am your Shepherd who watches over you as one of My sheep. My sheep know My voice and they follow Me.*

**Psalm 23:4**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**Psalm 28:7**

**The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.**

**Psalm 3:3**

**But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.**

**Psalm 91:3-4**

**Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

**Psalm 7:10**

**My defense and shield depend on God, who saves the upright in heart.**

**Isaiah 40:10**

**See, the sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him.**

*I rule with My righteous right arm.*

**Psalm 147:5**

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power.**

**Psalm 66:7**

**He rules forever by his power.**

*I rule forever by My power. There is no time that I do not rule.*

**Matthew 28:18**

**Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority (power) in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

*ALL authority, Joan, not just partial authority. There is no place or situation where I do not have authority. I have ALL authority in heaven and on earth. Authority equals power.*

**Ephesians 1:19-21**



**That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

*And My power is at work within you, My children, those who belong to Me. And I AM ABLE to do immeasurably more than all you ask or even IMAGINE! You will learn more about this when you "come up here" to live with Me forever.*

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## HIS GREAT MERCY

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

*This is all about My mercy, Joan. My mercy prevails over all. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy. It is My decision whom I will have mercy on. But I AM a merciful God. I am a God who loves those who fear Me.*

*Do you fear Me, My daughter? The answer, for you, is yes. The answer for others is this - some do and some don't.*

**The Lord our God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath. (Deuteronomy 4:31)**

**But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4)**

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love... For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his**

**love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:8, 11-12)**

**I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. (Romans 9:15)**

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## A NEW BIRTH

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

*A new birth and a new life, Joan. That is what I gave you and all of those who believe in Me and call upon My name.*

*It was because of My mercy and love and kindness to you. I am a God of mercy and love and kindness.*

*But I am also a God of justice. So, in My justice, I had to punish all your sins. BUT - I loved you SO MUCH that I came to earth as a human being and took that punishment Myself so you did not have to take it.*

**He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)**

*Therefore I gave you a NEW BIRTH in Me, and you became born again by My Spirit. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus, because of Me.*

**I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.**

*Therefore rejoice! And praise My name!*

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## A LIVING HOPE

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

*A LIVING hope. It is living and not dead. It is a hope that is alive and you can walk in the promise of this living hope which is to come.*

*What is this living hope?*

*It is an anchor for the soul.*

**We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)**

*It is a blessed hope of the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ*

**...While we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:13-14)**

*It is Christ in you*

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

*It is renewed strength*

**But those who hope in God shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)**

*It is purity*

**Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:3)**

*And it is much more!*

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## AN INHERITANCE

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

**In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

*Yes, there is an inheritance saved for you and it can never perish, spoil or fade. It is kept in heaven for you who through faith believe in Me, commit your life to Me, and follow Me.*

**Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

*This inheritance is promised and guaranteed by the seal of My Holy Spirit. I am to be praised for this.*

**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)**

*You have been set free from the sins you committed - through My death on the cross.*

*What is your inheritance?*

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

**"He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son." (Revelation 21:1-4, 7)**

*You will understand all of this more later. You will learn during the Millennium why I am using one thousand years of ruling and reigning to work out all things I want to accomplish during that time. THEN my people will be ready for this promised inheritance.*

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## NOT DEAD, BUT ASLEEP

**When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's son may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)**

**After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." (John 11:11)**

**So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." (John 11:14)**

**Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" the dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face." (John 11:43-44)**

What did Jesus mean when he said someone was not dead but asleep? Is there a state of "seeming dead" to people on earth, but not really dead, but in some in-between stage?

**A ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him and so did his disciples. (Matthew 9:18-19)**

**When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. (Matthew 9:23-25)**

Here are the stories of two people who are current-day examples:

1. Don Piper (from his book *Ninety Minutes in Heaven*) died and was pronounced dead by paramedics at the scene of a car accident. Then a man prayed for him, and he returned to life after 90 minutes of being dead.
2. Bob Jones was ill and died and went to heaven. He met the Lord and was asked to return to earth. At first he did not want to return when the Lord asked him about that. But the Lord talked to him, and he agreed to come back to earth to help bring about the salvation of a billion souls. He returned and lived for many years after that.

This is the revelation I got about the words "Not dead but asleep."

*This refers to anyone who dies who belongs to Christ. They are "not dead" because they are alive in Christ. They are not dead spiritually. They will be resurrected eventually as they are alive in Christ.*

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:24)**

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## ADREAM ABOUT ROLLER SKATING IN CHURCH

I visited a church where they had a typical service at first, then stopped for a break. After this break I discovered the people had been taking roller skating lessons in the hallways. During the break I found sweet rolls were there to buy, so I bought one for 25 cents.

I saw a man who had fallen outside. I felt they helped him. I heard one lady say she loved some person very much.

I said to someone that this church had great fun together, and knew each other, laughed together, and seemed to have great fellowship. I thought it might be from roller skating together.

### DREAM SYMBOLS AND INTERPRETATION

**Roller skates (or roller blades)--speed:** fast; swift advancement or progress; skillful, gliding; skillful walk with God

**Man fallen:** those needing help standing

Wow! Is that for Your church, Lord?

*That's for My church - the true church, the church that loves one another and loves Me, helps those who have fallen, eats together, laughs together, and has true and happy fellowship together - just like you saw in the dream.*

*Now look up 25.*

**25** means begin ministry training

*Ministry training will be what you are doing and what My true church will be doing from now on. I will train you and you will train one another in My true way to walk.*

**Hallway:** transition, direction, without deviation

*Hallway means without deviation during transition times. You are going through transition times even now, and you are not deviating from My true way.*

**Sweet rolls:** sweet bread. **Bread:** life or Word of God, doctrine, covenant, the Church, substance, provision (money, food, etc.) Christ our food that came down from heaven, **Fresh bread:** Revelation of the moment; prophetic; coming directly from the throne of God.

*Sweet rolls means fresh bread from heaven that is sweet, and a joy and pleasure to taste. It represents your provision of all you need - whether food, protection, money, revelation etc.*

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PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE THAT ARE  
HIS VERY OWN

**...While we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:13-14)**

A people that are Your very own. That's what You wanted, Lord. You chose us out of all the people of the earth to be Your very own. I thank You and praise You, Lord, for choosing us who belong to You. May we always bring you pleasure and joy.

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

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

**A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession."**

*Yes, I have a special "treasured possession" who belong to Me exclusively. They esteem Me higher than anything on the earth. They esteem Me higher than their own wants and pleasures. And they obey My commands.*

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

*Yes, I chose you, Joan, and I chose all those who belong to Me. Yes, I wanted a people to be My very own, a people who loved Me and chose Me. They are My treasured possession. They will be with Me forever and they will bring Me great pleasure.*

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

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## IN THE HAND OF THE LORD

**The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. (Proverbs 21:1)**

This scripture which I read today reminded me immediately of an event which took place in my life many years ago. At that time I was sitting on a bench by a waterfall and stream of water in Shelter Garden in my hometown. It was a beautiful and peaceful garden which I visited, and in which I walked many times, for my own enjoyment and exercise. It was a fall day and the leaves were falling from the trees. One leaf fell into the water and was carried along by the stream of water. As I watched it being carried by the water the Lord spoke into my heart that He wanted me to be like that leaf, and let Him carry me where He pleased.



**If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:24)**

**If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:10)**

*And I DO delight in you and in your way, My daughter. And I AM upholding you with My righteous right hand.*

*I will ALWAYS uphold you with My hand and make your steps firm. So trust in Me and rest in Me, for I will never leave you or forsake you and I am always with you.*

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## MOTIVES

**All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord. (Proverbs 16:2)**

Today the Lord wants me to study motives. This scripture from Proverbs 16:2 caught my attention about that. So I looked up some more scriptures about motives and heart.

**All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart. (Proverbs 21:2)**

**Judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. (1 Corinthians 4:5)**

**You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:3)**

**The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height...The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)**

**And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the**

**Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. (1 Chronicles 28:9)**

Many times when I seek the Lord on something He answers me with His Word.

**I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:10-11)**

Lord, look at my heart and tell me if there are any impure motives there.

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

Lord, cleanse my heart of everything that is not of You.

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7)**

Align my thoughts with Your thoughts, O Lord. I ask You for the mind of Christ.

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

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)**

*I hear your prayer, Joan, and I say "yes" to you. I will cleanse you. I will renew your mind. I will give you My mind. I will speak peace into your heart and place right motives there. I will come to you and live in you all the days of your life. I AM in you. This is My promise to you. Hear Me and know that I am good.*

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## STRANGERS IN THE WORLD

**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:2)**

*Yes, you are strangers in the world, Joan. The world just doesn't know this. The world thinks everyone is like them and do not realize that you are different because you have a different way of thinking, hearing, seeing, and feeling. But I know. The world and you are opposites.*

**I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.  
(Psalm 119:19)**

*And this is My command:*

**Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (Matthew 6:33 NLT)**

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## DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING

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

Yesterday evening Beth's car was hit by a deer jumping over it as she drove home along the highway. As she shared the story, we came to the understanding that God saved her from an accident and car damage by having His angel help that deer over the top of her car. After she told me the story, He said to me:

*My angel did this.*

This morning during my listening time I was thinking about that again, and He said:

*Accept what My angel did for Beth just like you accepted what they did for you on the way home from Marion. Yes, My angel helped that deer to get over Beth's car so she didn't get hurt - nor did the car get damaged.*

*My angels are with you and with her always. I wanted to demonstrate that to her dramatically - just like I did to you dramatically. Then she will remember and know that I am with her - like you did. This was her lesson in My watchcare.*

*She is equally as safe out there driving as she is here at home. You know why? Because I am watching over her the same in both places.*

*So do not be anxious...*

*EQUALLY AS WATCHING AND PROTECTING.*

*Equally. Equally. Equally. Get that down in your spirit.*

*Now go in My peace knowing that nothing is impossible for Me.*

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## THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT

**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:2)**

*It is My Holy Spirit that does the sanctifying. You are sanctified through Me, but My Holy Spirit does the work of sanctifying you. So it is very important to listen to My Spirit and work with Him and follow His leading.*

*Sit before Me every day and wait for the leading and sanctifying work of My Holy spirit. He is your best friend. He knows you inside out. He knows what needs sanctifying in you, and He will do it - as you believe and listen and follow Him.*

**We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)**

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## CHOSEN... FOR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST

**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:2)**

*Obedience. What is obedience? Obedience is to obey My commands. You were CHOSEN for obedience to Me. If you obey Me, you will be close to Me. If you are close to Me, you will hear Me. If you hear Me, you are to obey Me.*

**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)**

*I have given you the example of how to be in obedience. I obeyed My Father - even unto death. It displayed My love for My Father when I obeyed Him. If you love Me, you will obey Me.*

**Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. (John 14:21)**

**If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (John 14:23)**

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## CHOSEN... FOR SPRINKLING BY HIS BLOOD

**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:2)**

*It's My blood that cleanses you, Joan. Each one who belongs to Me is sprinkled by My blood which I shed on the cross for their salvation. I gave My blood for you, so you can be pure and clean through Me. I love you that much.*

**Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)**

**You have come to... Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22, 24)**

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## TREASURES

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

*My purpose is to make you like Me. I am the treasure. I have all treasures hidden in Me. I want to give those treasures to all those who belong to Me so they can become just like Me. I love you, and I am giving My treasures to you. Those are the most precious things inside of Me that make Me who I am. And I want those inside of you so you can become exactly like Me.*

**Matthew 6:21**

**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

*I am your treasure, and where your treasure is there your heart will be also. And I want your heart.*

**Psalms 119:162 NLT**

**I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure.**

*I am the Word of God. When you discover Me you also discover My Word. I and My Word are one.*

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

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## HIS NAME WILL BE ON THEIR FOREHEADS

**Revelation 22:3-5**

**No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.**

**Revelation 3:12**

**Him who overcomes... I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God, and I will also write on him my new name.**

**Revelation 7:3**

**Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.**

**Ezekiel 9:4**

**Then the Lord called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side, and said to him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it."**

**Revelation 9:4**

**They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**

**Revelation 20:4**

**I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.**

I find it very interesting that God will put His name on the forehead of His servants, and Satan will put his "mark" (666) on the forehead or hand of those who follow him.

God gives his mark to those who *choose* Him. But Satan *forces* his mark upon people.

*You see, he always tries to copy Me. He wants to be Me, but he can't. So he tries to copy Me.*

**Revelation 13:16-18**

**He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.**

**This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.**

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SIGNS AT THE END OF THE AGE

**Matthew 24:3**

**As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"**

*At the end of the age, My daughter, there will be many things happening (signs) which you can watch for. I want you to study that today and write down some of the scriptures you find.*

#### DECEPTION

**Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. (Matthew 24:4-5)**

#### WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

**You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. (Matthew 24:6)**

#### FAMINES AND EARTHQUAKES

**There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. (Matthew 24:7)**

#### PERSECUTION

**Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. (Matthew 24:9)**

#### TURNING AWAY FROM THE FAITH

**At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other. (Matthew 24:10)**

#### FALSE PROPHETS

**Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. (Matthew 24:10)**

#### INCREASE OF WICKEDNESS

**Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. (Matthew 24:12)**

**GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD**



**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)**

#### SCOFFERS

**First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (2 Peter 3:3-4)**

#### APOSTASY

**When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)**

#### INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE AND TRAVEL

**But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal up the book until the time of the end, when many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase. (Daniel 12:4)**

#### MANY PURIFIED, MANY WICKED

**Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand. (Daniel 12:10)**

#### SIGN OF THE FIG TREE

**Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. (Matthew 24:32-34)**

*Yes, you see all these signs already. I wanted you to notice that. You are in the time of all these signs being revealed. You are IN the time of the end.*

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THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU TO COME TO HIM

**Yet the Lord still waits for you to come to him, so he can show you his love; he will conquer you to bless you, just as he said. For the Lord is faithful to his promises. Blessed are all those who wait for him to help them. (Isaiah 30:18 TLB)**

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

**And therefore the Lord earnestly waits expecting, looking, and longing to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed happy, fortunate, to be envied are all those who earnestly wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him, for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship! (Isaiah 30:18 AMP)**

**So the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. (Isaiah 30:18 NLT)**

I am so glad You showed this to me, Lord - that You wait for me to come to You...and that you are gracious to those who come to You. Not only do You wait for me to come to You, but You EARNESTLY and LONGINGLY wait. In fact, the New Living Translation says You MUST wait for me to come to You. And You say that those who wait for Your help are blessed. Thank You, Lord!

*I DO bless those who come to Me, Joan. And you are one of those who come to Me. I DO earnestly wait for you to come to Me each morning when you wake up. I know we will have a good day together. This is the fellowship I long for and created you for.*

**God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. (1 Corinthians 1:9)**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)**

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THE LORD IS GOD OF THE LIVING, NOT THE DEAD

**Now about the dead rising - have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of**

**Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (Mark 12:26-27 NIV)**

Wow! This really hits me today. This scripture. The Lord is NOT the God of the dead.

*Look that up in other translations and see what they say.*

**But now, as to whether the dead will be raised - haven't you ever read about this in the writings of Moses, in the story of the burning bush? Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' So he is the God of the living, not the dead. (Mark 12:26-27 NLT)**

**And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. (Mark 12:27 RSV)**

**God was telling Moses that these men, though dead for hundreds of years, were still very much alive, for he would not have said, 'I am the God' of those who don't exist! (Mark 12:26-27 TLB)**

**And regarding the dead, whether or not they are raised, don't you ever read the Bible? How God at the bush said to Moses, 'I am - not was - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? The living God is God of the living, not the dead. (Mark 12:26-27 THE MESSAGE BIBLE)**

**But concerning the dead being raised - have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to him, I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living! (Mark 12:26-27 AMP)**

What does that really mean, Lord, that You are NOT the God of the dead?

*It means that I am not responsible for them and what happens to them. THEY are responsible. They chose to live life without Me. They chose to be independent of Me, even though they could know Me through what I created and how I created it. So they are on their own. They are the masters of their own destinies. And what do I do with those who are worthless to Me? As I mention in John 15 -*

**He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit. (John 15:2)**

**If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. (John 15:7)**

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## PEACE TO THIS HOUSE

Charles Stanley on TV mentioned this scripture and how he now prays for the peace of the house he is about to enter.

**When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. (Luke 10:5-6 NIV)**

*Study this scripture in several Bible translations. See how it translates about your peace being on the house or returning.*

**Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, "May God's peace be on this house." If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. (Luke 10:5-6 NLT)**

**Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. (Luke 10:5-6 RSV)**

**And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, "Peace be to this house." And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall turn to you again. (Luke 10:5-6 KJV)**

**When you enter a home, greet the family, "Peace." If your greeting is received, then it's a good place to stay. But if it's not received, take it back and get out. Don't impose yourself. (Luke 10:5-6 THE MESSAGE)**

**Whenever you enter a home, give it your blessing. If it is worthy of the blessing, the blessing will stand; if not, the blessing will return to you. (Luke 10:5-6 TLB)**

**Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this household!" [Freedom from all the distresses that result from sin be with this family]. And if anyone [worthy] of peace and blessedness is there, the**

**peace and blessedness you wish shall come upon them; but if not, it shall come back to you. (Luke 10:5-6 AMP)**

*A person of peace will receive it and it will stay on and with him. If there is no person of peace in that house the blessing will not rest on anyone there...because there IS NO PEACE for the wicked.*

**"There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked." (Isaiah 48:22)**

*Therefore, peace is only for those who are not wicked, and those are the people who belong to Me.*

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. (John 14:27)**

*Since you don't know for sure if anyone of peace is in that home, you may pray a blessing of peace on the house - and leave it up to Me to place it on a person of peace or return it back to you.*

*It's not something you FEEL, it's something you KNOW.*

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. (Colossians 3:15)**

**God has called us to live in peace. (1 Corinthians 7:15)**

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

**Seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)**

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## CURSE INTO BLESSING

**He turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. (Deuteronomy 23:5 NCV)**

Lord, according to this Scripture, I ask you to turn any curse on me into a blessing, because You love me. That includes curses handed down from my past ancestors, or spoken over me.

**Our Lord is great and powerful. There is no limit to what he knows. (Psalm 147 NCV)**

**Yes, God's riches are very great, and his wisdom and knowledge have no end! No one can explain the things God decides or understand his ways. (Romans 11:33 NCV)**

*According to My Word it will be done unto you, since you have prayed and claimed My Word as your promise.*

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## THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM

**The Lord is pleased with those who respect him, with those who trust his love. (Psalm 147:11)**

*And you trust My love, Joan. You know Me and what I'm like. You know that I know everything and that I am great and powerful. You know that I am pleased with you.*

**He gives a command to the earth, and it quickly obeys Him. (Psalm 147:15)**

**Let those who worship him rejoice in his glory. (Psalm 149:5)**

*I, the Lord, belong to you and you belong to Me.*

*I wouldn't create you for fellowship with Me and then abandon you. I love you. You are Mine. I will always be with you - always. I will never leave you or forsake you. That is not who I am. I am a trustworthy God and you can always trust in Me.*

*I do only good things for you, not bad things. What seems bad to you may be good for what I want to give you and accomplish in your life.*

Lord, keep comforting me with Your Word.

*My Word and I are one. I am My Word, and My Word is Me. When you read My word, it activates/stirs up My presence inside you where I live.*

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## A NEW WAY OF THINKING

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

**Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect. (Romans 12:2 NCV)**

*A new way of thinking is My way of thinking. I want you to think like I think. I want you to act like I act. And you can't do that unless you think like I do. So ask Me daily to change you so that you think like I think, and act like I act. Then you will be like I am.*

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## NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN

**Yes, God's riches are very great, and his wisdom and knowledge have no end! No one can explain the things God decides or understand his ways. (Romans 11:33 NCV)**

You are so amazing and fascinating, God! You have so many surprises for us each day of our lives with You. I am amazed at the intricate ways You work out what You want to accomplish in the lives of those who belong to You. You know everything ahead of time, and then You work all things together to bring it about.

And to think that we get to spend eternity with You, learning new things every day of our eternal lives! I look forward to that so much!

I am grateful You exist, and that You rule and reign over the whole world. I am so glad you have chosen me to reveal Yourself to. Thank You for being You - just like You are!

**Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! (Romans 11:33 NIV)**

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## THE SPIRITUAL WAY FOR YOU TO WORSHIP

**Offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. (Romans 12:1 NCV)**

*I receive that offering, Joan, of your body as a living sacrifice to Me. I receive it as your spiritual worship. Worship is not just singing songs, or praising, or thanking Me. Worship is so much more. True worship loves Me with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. It means giving Me your all, your everything. It means offering yourself as a living sacrifice.*

**Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1 NIV)**

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## WHAT IS LIFE?

**Jesus said, "I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)**

*What is life? Look up scriptures that tell what it is.*

LIFE is finding Jesus through listening, watching, and waiting on Him.

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

LIFE is found by only a few and the road to it is narrow.

**Small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:14)**

LIFE is something we choose. The Lord is our life.

**This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)**



LIFE is a path which the Lord makes known to us.

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

LIFE is found in the words of the Lord.

**My son, pay attention to what I say, turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)**

LIFE is found by the one who pursues righteousness and love.

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

LIFE - comes through humility and the fear of the Lord.

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

LIFE was in Jesus Christ and it was the light of men.

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

LIFE was what God gave to those who believed in His only Son.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

LIFE is given to those who drink the water Jesus gives them.

**Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)**

LIFE is in the Father and in His Son, Jesus. It is for those who hear His word and believe in Him.

**I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those**

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

LIFE - Jesus is the bread of life.

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

LIFE - Jesus has the words of eternal life.

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

LIFE - is given by Jesus.

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

LIFE - Jesus is the Life. It is for those who believe in Him.

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25)**

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

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

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

LIFE - is given to all who are appointed for it and believe.

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

LIFE is a gift of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

LIFE - is given by the Spirit.

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

LIFE - His divine power has given us everything we need for life.

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

LIFE - the names of those who have life are written in the Book of Life.

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

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

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

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## EVERLASTING JOY

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way... Only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 51:8-11 NIV)**

**Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy. (John 16:24 NCV)**

*That your joy may be complete/full. What does that mean? Here? In heaven? I want you to study joy. There is a secret, a treasure, there I want you to discover.*

Does it mean that if we learn something here now, it will make our joy full/complete when in heaven?

*I will teach you about joy. Ask Me.*

**Now you are sad, but I will see you again and you will be happy, and no one will take away your joy. (John 16:22 NCV)**

*Everlasting joy, Joan. Your joy will start here, on earth, whenever you are in complete accord with Me. And it will continue and increase as you go. Then, when you get to heaven it will be full and complete and everlasting. It will never decrease or be lost, ever again.*

**You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11)**

**The joy of the Lord is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)**

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. (Psalm 43:3-4)**

**Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. (Psalm 119:111)**

**The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing. (Proverbs 10:28)**

**A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. (Proverbs 15:30 NIV)**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)**

**As the Father has loved me; so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I**

**have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 15:9-11)**

*Remain in My love. If you obey My commands you will remain in My love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. Do you see this, My daughter? Remain in My love so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. Meditate on this until you grasp it and understand what gives you joy.*

*It's My love that gives you joy. And you receive that joy, My joy, when you have My love and remain in My love. And I told you HOW to remain in My love. It is to obey My commands. Ponder this for awhile until it enters your heart and stays there.*

**Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9)**

**Be joyful always. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)**