ENCOURAGING WORDS Book 24

TO REVIEW
FOR STRENGTHENING

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INTRODUCTION

This book contains bits and pieces of encouraging words I have received from the Lord directly to me personally, from the Bible, and through the writings of others. There are times when I need to review these encouraging words to strengthen me. Therefore, I offer them to you, the reader, to strengthen you also. You may wish to begin your own book of encouraging words the Lord gives you personally, from the Bible, and from others, to keep for your own re-viewing and re-strengthening.

(Words from the Lord are in blue italics)

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

(Scriptures are from the NIV Bible unless marked otherwise)

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

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UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE MOST HIGH

He that dwells in the secret place/shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

What does it mean when you are "under My shadow." It means rest, peace, protection, being close to Me. It allows for revelation, guidance, and instruction. THAT'S where I want you to be every day, Joan...under My shadow - THAT close to Me.

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LOOK UP ANGELS IN SCRIPTURE

As I was singing "His banner over me is love", and thinking back to singing such songs at CFO camp, He brought this thought to my mind:

It's no coincidence that you got that vision while singing together with the congregation worshipping Me.

This refers to the vision where I saw Jesus and three angels three times while singing songs.

I wondered if we are to send angels, dispatch angels, or ask the Lord to send angels - or none of these. Today He said this:

Look up angels and see if anyone sent them - or asked Me to send them.

I looked up many, many scriptures (and there were yet many I didn't look up) and didn't find any scripture which did that. I was amazed at how many scriptures there were about angels. I also wondered about what the heavenly hosts were, as it seemed they were different than angels. Several scriptures talked about angels AND the heavenly host(s).

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GREAT HARVEST

Yesterday I saw an article on Elijah List by John Kilpatrick. I want to quote part of it here which I feel fits with what the Lord has been telling me regarding His coming to rapture His people soon perhaps on Rosh Hashanah of this year (September 21, 2017).

A YEAR OF FULFILLED PROMISES AND GREAT HARVEST! MANY NEW DOORS ARE OPENING TO THE CHURCH!

By John Kilpatrick Feb 8, 2017

A Midnight Interruption

One night recently I went to bed at 9:00pm, which is very unusual for me. I was very tired from traveling and had a busy schedule. I was awakened by the Spirit of the Lord speaking with a strong expression, and He said, "At midnight, a cry was made, 'Behold the Bridegroom comes, go out to meet Him.' Then they arose, both the wise and the foolish. They awoke from slumber."

I sat straight up in my bed and looked at my digital clock. It read 12:00 midnight! It was a very sobering moment for me.

Holy Spirit revealed to me that His people have indeed awakened from slumber! Many things were weighed in the balances, but the people of God rose up, and God heard their cry.

The Lord says, "Therefore, I have set before My people open doors - not just a door, but many doors. I am opening doors of opportunity that have not been opened to you before. Because there has been a great change of heart, I have hastened to answer. Many have awakened, but they have not arisen. My word now is, "Arise!' Do not return to slumber as in times past, because there will be many opportunities that I am opening to this nation, and very effectual doors that I am opening to My Church.

"These doors will lead to greater resources than you have known. It is important not to be timid, intimidated or fearful. This is not one of the four seasons I have established in the earth, but this is a special season. It is a time of My choosing. As the men of Issachar had understanding of the times to know what to do, so I will give you that very same insight if you will ask of Me. I will direct you and show you."

Other excerpts:

"I am going to cause the news of a fresh visitation to spread quickly - God is visiting His people once again!

"I am going to move mightily in closed nations and closed societies."

"My Spirit will spread like a fire through empires, dynasties, tribes, clans, and among the heathen as well. I will set My table before them, and they will taste of My goodness and experience My mercy.

"I tell you, many will believe this good news to be a rumor, but they will continue to hear the reports until they will come and see for themselves the wonders of the Lord. It will cause a great stir among the nations.

"I am going to open three doors:

- 1. "I am going to **unseat powers and principalities in** those regions that have long deprived the people of My presence and of My Spirit. <u>A brief, but widespread harvest will occur.</u> A once closed society of unbelievers will now have the opportunity to hear and to believe upon the Lord Jesus.
- 2. "There will be a **movement of laborers**, those that I have chosen and called to work the fields of harvest. This is their time. This is what they have awaited, many since childhood. This is their time. They will bring their sickles and reaping tools, and they shall come rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them during this harvest. There will be great excitement!
- 3. "There will also be a great commotion of **the leaders of the harvest taking their places. They shall direct the harvest** and place the laborers where they best fit. They are My apostolic leaders overseeing this last day harvest. They will know the mind of the Spirit. They will know who is to go where, and who is to do what. There will be resources and wealth to fund the harvest of the ages. The newcomer and the veteran soul winner will be paid the same wage in that day.

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. In that day, the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea."

In the day of harvest, <u>although brief</u>, it will be said that it has never been so easy to preach, pray or prophesy. There will be no toil in leading the heathen to the wells of living water. The sick will be released. The bound will be easily delivered, and the lost will readily comprehend the way. This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then the end shall come...even so, Lord Jesus!

Most importantly, there will be along-awaited harvest that will begin in the land of Israel....this will surely be the beginning, but full salvation shall come at a later appointed time for the Jewish people alone, and Israel shall experience a rebirth in one day.

A GREAT shaking is coming to the Muslim nations. It will be sudden! It will be an unexpected and unexplained shaking that will define many Muslim nations and their leadership structures.

(underlining and bold is mine, not John's)

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The scripture that comes to my mind as I type these notes: "In its time I will do this swiftly." (Isaiah 60:22b)

It is interesting that this scripture is at the very end of Isaiah 60, and the very first word of that chapter is "Arise" and John heard the Lord say - My word now is, "Arise!"

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#### **RELEASE IT OR HOLD IT**

This is what I say today - I am faithful and righteous. I am truthful, and always tell the truth. If you hear something that doesn't seem right or applicable at the moment, then HOLD IT.

Remember how other prophetic people talk about holding something they hear or see until the right time to release it? Well, that is what I want you to learn from this.

Always ask Me, when you hear or see something, if you are to release it or hold it. It is a big and important lesson to learn.

Now you know that "word" (given to you 6 years ago) has been fulfilled. So how do you respond now that you know this.

JUST PRAISE ME! That's all. Just praise Me. And I will do the rest. I will use it for good in your life.

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#### THE DESIRES OF MY HEART

As I prayed through Daily Prayers, and came to the part where we talked about the desires of His heart, He asked what were the desires of my heart. I told him these:

- That I would be close to Him, as close as I could be
- That all the people in my prayer bundle would be saved
- That I would complete all the things that He wants me to do
- That He would keep me healthy and keep healing me
- That He would come soon, as soon as He is ready, and rapture us

- That His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- That He would receive glory and blessing from the books I write
- That everyone who belongs to Him will come to Him and be saved

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#### THE ROCK - REVELATION THAT COMES FROM THE FATHER

(Rick Joyner - online article, MorningStar Ministries, Email: info@morningstarministries.org)

The Prophetic Gifts: How Do They Work in Us?

This is what happened to the Apostle Peter right after he had received the greatest revelation – that Jesus was the Christ.

Jesus commended Peter for hearing this straight from the Father and was told that it was upon that rock, the rock which is revelation that comes from the Father, that He would build His Church.

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# DO UNTO THE LORD AS YOU WOULD HAVE HIM DO UNTO YOU

As I talked with the Lord He reminded me of the golden rule: "do unto others what you would have them to do unto you." Then He said that applied to Him too - do unto Him as you would have Him do unto you.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)

The golden rule thought applies to Me. Always give Me the love and consideration and patience and loving care that you want Me to give to you.

I just want you to think of Me the same way I taught you to think of others - with love and thoughtful consideration. That will bring you more directly into "the fear of the Lord."

Say to them, "This is what the Lord says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city an object of cursing among all the nations of the earth." (Jeremiah 26:4-6)

You have brought this scripture to my attention today, Lord, and the thought comes with it that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Therefore, this word through Jeremiah still stands today and You still act the same as You did then. You said You wanted to teach me something today.

Yes. There are things I want you to learn, and this is one of them.

- 1. If you do not listen to Me and follow My law
- 2. If you do not listen to the words of My servants the prophets
- 3. The other is be careful what you judge.
- 4. And the fourth thing I want you to learn is to apply the golden rule to Me as well as to others, to help keep you in "the fear of the Lord." It involves respect for others and respect for Me.

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# A POTENTIAL STORM

I had a dream about a potential storm.

What does it mean? It means that I am sending you a message through the dream that a dark cloud, a storm, is in view. You didn't see if that dark cloud brought a storm or not. You just felt you should take precautions by going into a safer place.

What does this really mean? Why did I give you that dream picture?

It is to let you know you are already in a peaceful quiet place, and that, even though you see a sign of possible trouble, you do not know if that trouble will affect you or not. I want you to ask Me - will it?

I ask You, Lord, will the potential trouble affect me?

I'm telling you no. So be at peace and stay in your place of peace. Even though you see signs in the world around you of potential storms, be at peace, out in the country, by yourself, with space to think, quiet and restful. Stay there and know I am aware of what's going on.

I know how to look after you, no matter what may come in the world situation. You do not need to fear, for I am with you. That is the message of this dream: I AM WITH YOU.

Watch the sky - watch for Me and My presence. I will show you how to respond to all situations that come into the world. I know the way. I AM THE WAY.

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#### WHOEVER FINDS ME FINDS LIFE

Today as I looked at the words we have on the bridge wall (I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life) I felt impressed by the Lord to do a scripture study of LIFE.

So I went to Bible Gateway online and looked up LIFE. I jotted down the scripture references for the ones I wanted to put in a file in my computer. I will need lots of time to look up and type in all the ones I want. So that is a project I now have to work on gradually.

# **SCRIPTURES ON 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, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Deut. 30:19-20)

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

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

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

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

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

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:15)

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

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

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Romans 6:13)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# THE GREATER WEAPONS

I am seeking the Lord for instruction about what are the greater weapons we need.

The greater weapons you need, are the ones I used when I was on the earth. What were those?

1. I retreated from others to spend time with My Father so He could tell Me what was coming and how He wanted Me to deal with it. Remember I said I do only what My Father shows Me and speak only what He tells Me?

- 2. Then all day and all night I watched to see what He had told Me to watch for, and responded as He had instructed Me to deal with it.
- 3. You get caught off guard because you don't seek Me ahead of time to know what is coming and how to deal with it.

# When should we do that, Lord?

In your early morning quiet time is the best. Remember I got up early and went apart to spend time with My Father. If you seek Me this way, then I won't need to alert you to pray through signals to your body so much. I use those signals to keep you alert and seeking Me. But if you do this early each morning, then you won't need those signals. They are for your protection and safety.

I want you to know what's coming and how to deal with it ahead of time. Try this idea out and see how it works. Seek Me early each morning for a few days and see what I show you. Ask Me to show you during those times what is coming for that day and night, and ask Me then how to deal with it when it comes.

My Father always instructed Me because He loved Me. Do you think I would do any less for you? NO! I love you and I will instruct you also, like He did for Me.

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

# Anything else, Lord?

Try this out for a while first. Then, as you learn this lesson, I can give you the next lesson in the greater weapons you can use. There are many.

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#### **INSIDE THE BUBBLE**

He talked to me about the "Secret Place of the Most High" in Psalm 91:1. He told me that the "Secret Place" for me was the same as being "inside the bubble" which He gave to me in a vision many years ago. It was a place where I was set apart unto Him and insulated from things outside of me. I could see through the "bubble" and watch what was going on around me, but it could not get to me.

He said that I was in that secret place, and when there, the rest of Psalm 91 applied to me. I could abide and dwell under His shadow where I was always protected from evil and harm.

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

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#### TO BE SPARED FROM EVIL

I thought of my brother, who died recently, as I read this passage:

The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. (Isaiah 57:1-2)

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#### SING TO ME

This is the song streaming through my head this morning as I reach out to connect with the Lord...

(A song)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true It satisfies my longing, as nothing else can do. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

You are not to lament or grieve for what you miss from your past churches. You must know that I am with you and leading you all the way through all of your earthly experiences, and I am using them for your good, for training you, and for ministering to others through you. It has all been good. But you are now doing exactly what I want you to do - spending all your time with Me, every day, in every way, doing all things along with Me daily.

I know you miss the worship times you had and wish sometimes you could have them again. You can't go back, just forward.

However, what I want you to realize is that what you miss is the closeness to Me that you felt while worshiping there - and you can have that closeness to Me every day here at home with Me. Sing to Me here, Joan, and you will find this same worship experience you had there.

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#### YOU WILL COME FORTH TO HEAVEN WITH SINGING

A Dream about a Sunday School group singing the closing prayer

In this dream I was in a building that seemed like a church with a group of people that seemed like a singles Sunday School group. The part I remember best is the closing prayer time because the prayer was done with singing and musical sounds. It almost seemed to encompass me as I experienced it. The leader of the group was a young man whom I felt attracted to get to know better.

Lord, what does this dream mean?

Yes, it's from Me. It is a good dream.

I am the young man you are attracted to. I am drawing you to Me, and you are responding. I am leading the "group". I am the leader of the church. And everyone in My church is a single person, because each person must individually choose or not choose to come to Me.

The closing prayer time done with singing and musical sounds - what does that mean, Joan? It means at the close of your "church" time on this earth you come forth to heaven with singing and great music of rejoicing and praise.

It means prayer is also composed of singing. It means I am leading in the rejoicing and singing and prayer, AND ALL that the "church" is doing while on the earth.

I am the Leader, and all who come to Me are definitely attracted to Me. You represent the church in that dream.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness...only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 35:8-10)

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**AFTER NOAH'S ARK** 

This morning as I ate breakfast by myself I watched the birds eating from our bird feeder. I wondered why so many bright colorful birds were in the hotter tropical lands, and the darker, more earth tone-colored birds were in this part of the earth.

Then the Lord started talking to me about the time after Noah got off the ark. I believe He was saying that before Noah's time the earth did not have various zones like it does now (tropical, etc.) - that it was the same all over the earth. He changed it at the time of the flood by tipping the earth on its axis so that seasons would come at different times during the year. After the flood He told Noah there would be summer and winter.

Never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. (Genesis 8:21-22)

Then He began to tell me that after the flood was over, the birds began repopulating the earth, as did all the animals and people, and the birds began to migrate to the part of the earth that best fit with the way they were made. Some migrated to warmer climates and some to cooler climates.

We also talked about how people migrated out over the earth and how the genes to produce different colors of skin became prominent in various parts of the world (i.e. dark skinned in Africa, golden skinned in Asia, etc.) - especially after the tower of Babel where languages were changed and caused people to separate and migrate out over the earth.

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.....That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. (Genesis 11:1, 9)

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# THE GREAT OUTPOURING ON HIS BRIDE

This is the song going through my thoughts today, and I am singing it with the Lord:

(A song)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer

I am blessed by the way the Lord is ministering through Neville Johnson. This is done by listening to conferences on Paul Keith Davis' website (White Dove) and through YouTube videos. Neville said on one of those that the time is short and that we have 2 years.

That was in 2015 and now it is 2017. So that fits with what the Lord is showing me about this year - that the great outpouring upon His Bride is coming this year and she will be brought into being without spot or wrinkle and be ready to be raptured. Through this the Bride will bring in a great harvest of the church...this year! It could well be that the rapture comes this coming Rosh Hashanah - September 21-22.

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#### THE PEACE OF GOD

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

The Lord told me that peace was what I have been feeling as I've walked through the cold symptoms I have been experiencing recently - "the peace of God which passes all understanding." It has been amazing to experience it. I have felt such a calmness as to whether I would catch Beth's cold and felt no fear that it might come. It did come, and He has been keeping me in this great and gentle peace while I deal with the symptoms. I am so thankful for this peace.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

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# THE PLACE OF IMMUNITY

"I will bring him near and he will come close to me, for who is he who will devote himself to be close to me?" declares the Lord. "So you will be my people, and I will be your God." (Jeremiah 30:21b-22)

The Lord talked to me this morning about His taking me to the "place of immunity" from disease, like John G. Lake reached, where disease would die if it came against his skin. He let me ask for that, and I asked.

He said I came to earth partly to overcome like that. I am to come to the place that Adam and Eve were in before the fall - where they had such a close personal relationship with the Lord that nothing could harm them. They lost that at the fall.

HE wants me to reach for that close place with Him where there is no legal place or right for disease to touch me. He said I can't get myself there, but He can - and He had me ask for that. I asked.

He also told me that one of the secrets of His is the words He gave me many years ago in various ways - FOLLOW ME. That's what I am to do to overcome and get to the place of immunity. Therefore I must spend lots of quality time listening to Him and following Him daily.

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. If you make the Most High your dwelling then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. (Psalm 91:3, 5, 9)

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#### PRAYING THROUGH

(Quote from *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, pg 115)

"According to your faith let it be done to you" (Matthew 9:29)

"Praying through" something might be defined as follows: "Praying your way into full faith; coming to the point of assurance, while still praying, that your prayer has been accepted and heard; and in advance of the event, with confident anticipation, actually becoming aware of having received what you ask."

Let us remember that no earthly circumstances can hinder the fulfillment of God's Word. We must look steadfastly at His immutable Word and not at the uncertainty of this ever-changing world. God desires for us to believe His Word without other evidence, and then He is ready to do for us "according to [our] faith."

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#### MY MANNA WORD FOR TODAY

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

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

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (Philippians 4:12)

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 2:2-3)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. (Hebrews 4:1)

Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said. (Hebrews 4:3)

There remains then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:10)

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# IF YOU WILL BE FAITHFUL TO BELIEVE HIM

(From Perry Stone's book: *Purging Your House, Pruning Your Family Tree*)

# P. 217

The Holy Spirit told him "Satan will use what you see and what you hear against you."

He read from Smith Wigglesworth, "I am not moved by what I see. I am not moved by what I feel. I am moved by what I believe."

He also learned that God will be faithful to deliver you if you will be faithful to believe Him.

- 1. God is not moved by your feelings but by your faith. (Hebrews. 11:6)
- 2. God is not moved by your circumstances but by His Word. (Jeremiah. 1:12)
- 3. God will deliver you from the attack if you will remain steadfast. (1 Corinthians. 10:13)

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. (Romans 8:28-30)

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)

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# TO HELP PEOPLE SEE THINGS FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

After I spent 1 hr and 24 minutes talking with a friend about what he was experiencing, and sharing how it fits into the Lord's plan, I heard this as soon as we stopped talking:

That's what Christian counseling is - to help people see things from My perspective.

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# **BOREDOM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **A PRAYER**

While I was in bed meditating this idea came to me: that I am to craft a prayer based on Isaiah 53:4-6 and pray it over me each morning to be cleansed and healed. I believe I am to put here several translations of that scripture to use for that prayer.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

Surely he took up our infirmities (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NLT)

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried. It was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (RSV)

Surely he has borne our grief's (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains); yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-6 (KJV)

Surely he hath borne our grief's, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed.

#### MY PRAYER

Lord, according to Your Word:

You bore our weaknesses and sicknesses upon Yourself;

You carried our sorrows and pains.

You were beaten and wounded for our rebellion and sins.

The punishment that brought us peace was upon You.

With Your stripes we are healed.

Therefore, according to Your Word, I declare:

- I am healed from sicknesses, sorrows, and pains because You bore them for me.
- I am forgiven of my rebellion and sins because you were beaten and wounded for them
- I have the peace of God because You took the punishment that brought that.
- I am healed with Your stripes.

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#### SCRIPTURES ON ASSURANCE AND SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

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. (Romans 8:28-30 NIV)

What shall we say then? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31 NIV)

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#### A DREAM

I awoke after having a dream about being in church. We were standing and praising the Lord together. It seemed like we were giving testimonies about the Lord. A lady from the choir stepped off to one side and was crying. The Pastor stood and spoke. I had the feeling that the prayers were for our country, and he represented the President or Leader of our country. It was a very positive dream.

Lord, will you tell me what this dream means?

Yes. It means I am in charge of your country and in charge of the church. The president represents the one in charge. So, he stands for Me in this dream. The lady who cried represents those who are convicted and recognize their sins. She represents repentance. The rest of the people represent those who praise Me and worship Me. This dream speaks of the coming revival, which will draw many, many people into repentance and praise and worship. I will lead it. I will speak into it. I will be in charge of it. You just be "in it" and enjoy it and all that I do. Enjoy the praise!

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#### A DREAM ABOUT MY GIVING AWAY A STOREHOUSE OF FOOD

In this dream I was in a building which seemed like a storage place, a warehouse. It was full of containers mostly holding food. It was along a highway and a doorway was open towards the highway. People would stop from along the highway and pick up a box or carton of food and take it with them to give away to someone else wherever they were going. Even a little girl stopped by and got something which she liked - it seemed like a necklace.

My thoughts about this dream: It seems to show me a picture of my giving away the things in the "storehouse" of my self. I see myself giving these to people along the highway of life that we travel on. They are to take this food and share it or give it to others. There is even something for a child in

this storehouse. I feel like I give these away through my books and they get this food by reading them as the Lord leads them to.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old. (Matthew 13:52)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him. (Matthew 12:35)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)

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#### **GO THROUGH EVERYTHING IN MY REST**

Today the Lord and I reviewed the long list of medical difficulties I went through in the 1990's and the times after that which were so difficult to go through. I reviewed this time period and my negative attitude towards going to see the doctor, which grew out of that experience. Then He had me forgive Him for putting me through it.

He reminded me that He sends us to earth to go through the lessons we are to learn from here and that He does this out of His love - knowing that we come here in a body of sin, and have to overcome this. And this is His plan, and it is for our good.

I told Him I didn't want to go through any more hard times like those previous ones. That I wanted to learn what He wanted me to learn, but in a gentle way, not in difficulties like those. I wanted Him to change me into what he wanted me to be, but not through difficulties.

When I finished, He said He could now change me gently and would do it that way.

Rest in Me, Joan. No matter what comes, rest in Me. Now you are learning to do that (rest in Me) and I want you to go through everything, no matter what it is, in My rest. My rest is My Secret Place. It is My Shelter. It is abiding under My shadow. It is under My wings. It is the Secret Place of the Most High. It is your bubble. That is where you are right now, and where I want you to remain. That is your place of protection, and comfort, and peace with Me.

#### YOU NEED ONLY TO BE STILL

#### Exodus 13:13-14

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

#### 2 Chronicles 20:17

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

And that's My message to you today, Joan. You need only to be still. You will not have to fight this battle. Go out and face them tomorrow. I will be with you. When the problems face you, they face Me. I will deal with them. You need only to be still...that is resting in the Lord. Think of Me with My sword raised ready to fight the battles you face.

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#### **YIELDED AND STILL**

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

This morning after Beth went to work the Lord led me to go to my quiet time chair and spend about an hour with Him - talking to Him, listening to Him, singing to Him, quoting and declaring scriptures, praying and interceding in tongues as He gave it to me, and singing in tongues.

It was calming, restful, and peaceful. I hear I will need to do this often as difficulties come in the world. It is such a privilege to get to do this. I am so thankful I have been given the time to do this.

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**HIS WORD** 

A scripture for *angelic protection*—Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. (Psalm 34:7)

A scripture for *health and healing*—1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

A scripture for family salvation—Acts 16:31

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

A scripture for *prosperity*—3 John 2

I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. (3 John 2)

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# **OUT OF THE HEART**

He said to read Day 54 ("The Heart Speaks") in the book 100 Days in heaven by James Durham. In that He highlighted to me these two scriptures He said to put in today's journal...

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (Luke 6:45)

I believe He wants me to be more careful what words come out of my mouth, look at what is in my heart, and what my heart has treasured up in it, and ask for cleansing as I see it needed.

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#### **FULL RICHES OF COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING**

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 2:2-3)

I am asking for the *full riches of complete understanding* in order that I may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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# **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The virgins are waking up right now, Joan. That's why I had you ponder this story today again. Those who are wise have been spending time with Me and getting their container (themselves) filled with daily oil and keeping their jar full.

The foolish have been frittering away their time with earthly things, to their own detriment, and have not renewed or refilled themselves with oil daily. So their lamps are slowly going out. They are about to run out of oil and will eventually realize that.

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

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

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

(A song)

I'm gonna work and watch and pray
I'm gonna serve Him every day
I'm gonna see His face in glory by and by
I'm gonna listen to His voice
I'm gonna make His will my choice
I'm gonna rise to meet Him in the morning.

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#### THEY WALKED FAITHFULLY WITH GOD

Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. (Genesis 5:22)

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. (Genesis 6:9)

I read in Genesis that Noah and Enoch both "walked faithfully with God." And I felt God was raising up many now who also are walking faithfully with God like they did.

Yes I am raising up many who walk with Me like Noah and Enoch. And they will be raptured like Enoch too.

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# **DISCIPLESHIP YEARS**

Today the Lord and I reviewed all the churches I have associated with over my adult lifetime.

It became clear that there was only one church, which He had me get involved with in great depth, and that was CBC under the leadership of Chuck. I pondered again how Chuck met Avery Willis (the author of the MasterLife discipleship training program) and how Chuck set up that MasterLife program in our church and became my mentor and teacher. Then he called me into discipleship leadership and got me established in that.

For 20 years God kept me in that church - leading discipleship for 18 of those years. But in the last 2 years He had me resign from leadership, as He had new plans for me to grow to know Him better and develop a closer relationship with Him.

It has been seventeen years since leaving that church under the Lord's instruction. During those seventeen years, He didn't have me get involved in leadership. He had other plans for me - plans to spend my time with Him and grow to know Him more intimately, and then to write about that.

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# BEFORE HE MADE THE WORLD

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

He started out by talking to me about how He protects me with His presence and His angels.

I thought about what I heard John Paul Jackson say about the time when he challenged a witch to try any of his powers against him - if he could then use the power he had on the witch. The witch's power didn't do anything to him or have any power over him.

Then he got to use the power of God on the witch. He said something like this to the witch: "Ok. God, reveal Yourself to him," and the man yelled out and fell back against a wall and slid down the wall.

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

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

And now we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30 NIV)

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# **ABOUT TAKING COMMUNION**

Surely he took up our infirmities (sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (pains), yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

You are praying that prayer (Isaiah 53:4-5) each morning when you take communion. I have been teaching you about communion the last couple of weeks, and what is really taking place when you take communion. As you know this and recognize this, it is effective in working that in your life.

I sent you to that teaching by Wade Taylor about taking communion so you would learn more about this. I will keep teaching you also and deepening your understanding of what is taking place when you take communion and "discern it rightly."

This is one of the "secrets of the kingdom" that I said I would give you - and that you have asked to learn. It is one of the "treasures of darkness" - meaning hidden from many except the ones I reveal it to.

For the life of a creature is in the blood. (Leviticus 17:11)

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# WE NEED TO PLUG IN TO JESUS TO RECHARGE

Impatience and boredom are enemy spirits. Everything not OF ME is of the enemy and has a spirit attached to it. When you say "I'm bored" you agree w/the enemy and that empowers him.

He wants Me to recharge him - and I do that a lot for spiritual children. But the mature need to learn how to recharge themselves in My presence. Then they are not "dependent" on a spiritual high.

A cell phone is plugged in to electricity to get recharged. We need to plug in to Jesus to recharge.

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#### LOVE PUTS THE FOCUS ON GOD

(From the book *Breaking Intimidation* by John Bevere, p. 19)

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

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# THE FRUIT AND EFFECT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

(A song)
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name.

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

Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others. (1 Timothy 4:16)

A heart at peace gives life to the body. (Proverbs 14:30)

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# QUIET IS ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS

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

Today, Joan, if you will write what I say, I will tell you some things you will want to know. So, listen often, listen well, listen as though every word is important to you - which it is.

Today is a day of revelation.

Do not fret because of evildoers. There are many evildoers in the world now - MANY. You know this as you watch the news each night. You see this portrayed each day in multiple ways. That is part of the end times. It is not an easy time to be living.

But you are growing stronger every day. And you have My shield and hedge around you and your loved ones each day. Thank Me for this.

Quiet is one of your best friends, Joan. Quiet and peace rule and reign in your house and in your life. This is good. This is progress along My Way.

You have waited patiently and now it is time for your healing from ME. I will bring it gradually and spontaneously as I desire and as I please. Wait patiently for Me, but KNOW it is coming.

Waiting on Me is part of getting to know Me. It is the way I am. It is the way I function. I have good reason for asking My children to wait on Me. You will understand better after you come up here. Until then, just know that that is the way I am and the way I function with you.

Learn to be content.

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PERSEVERING PRODUCES CHARACTER

You are with Me right now. You are in the "lighthouse" right now. You are walking with Me. you are talking with Me. You are giving consideration to all that I am leading you to do and following it, following Me. We are together. You are hearing Me and seeing things with My eyes. We are in the New Secret Place together. I am pleased. And so are you.

This is My word for you today, Joan: Persevere. Persevere in all I lead you to do. And keep persevering all the days of your life. Remember that persevering produces character - My character - when you persevere in Me and with Me. And that is the desire of your heart and My heart - that you become like Me. Remember I want to be the firstborn among many brothers.

"Brothers" refers to a relationship you have with Me. Just like Bride refers to a relationship you have with Me. It does not mean only males. You are My "brother," Joan, AND My bride. MF is My brother AND My bride. Beth is My brother AND My bride. All who belong to Me are.

(A song)
Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created.
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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#### NOW WE SEE THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

After I awoke and rested in bed, I found myself reviewing the times I went to the ER at LS Medical Center and the events that took place there. I wondered why this was coming back to my thoughts again. I thought I had dealt with those events and forgiven all that took place then. But I couldn't seem to get past it but needed, somehow, to go through it again.

I also was thinking about the many times (in my journal) I had written down things that did not happen the way I had written, and how often I thought an idea was from Him, and it seemed like it was not now.

At the end of that time, the Lord said to get up, so I did. He had me get ready to have Quiet Time with Him and listen to Him. He began to talk to me about these topics - and had me place the topics on my cell phone so I would remember them. I am to look up the Scriptures and write what He shows me. These deal with not getting right what I thought I heard from the Lord.

See through a glass darkly - then see clearly

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (1 Corinthians 13:9-10)

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought like a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (1 Corinthians 13:11)

For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

He said all 3 of us (Beth, MF, and I) were getting better at seeing more clearly, but not perfectly. We will not be totally accurate while on earth as humans.

When I was a child I acted like a child. When I became an adult -

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought like a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (1 Corinthians 13:11)

# Be ye perfect

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48 NIV)

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (Philippians 3:12 NIV)

But let patience have her perfect (complete) work, that ye may be perfect (mature) and entire (finished), wanting (lacking) nothing. (James 1:4 KJV)

(Perfect - the word implies full development, growth into maturity or godliness. See Philippians 3:12 note in NIV Scofield study bible, compare also 1 John 1:8-10)

(The word "perfect," as the Bible uses it of men, does not refer to sinless perfection...the thought is usually either completeness in all details...or to reach a goal or achieve a purpose. Maturity is achieved progressively. See Phil. 3:12 note in NIV Scofield study bible)

Be ye holy

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV)

I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy...I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. (Leviticus 11:44-45 NIV)

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 20:7 NIV)

You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own. (Leviticus 20:26 NIV)

St. Luke's

He told me that if I should want or need to go to a hospital in the future, then I am to go to St. Luke's. It is a better hospital and will give me better care. I am to not make the decision about which hospital to go to by what is comfortable or familiar or closer or easier.

He has told me in the past that I will not need to go to a hospital again for the rest of my earth time.

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As I prepared breakfast I broke open a large egg to cook it, and discovered it was double yoked! I have not seen a double yoked egg for a long time as they usually only come in jumbo eggs.

As this happened, the Lord revealed to me that He planned that so I could get it, that it was a gift for me today, and that it meant I got the gift of a "double portion" of His Presence now. I received this gift happily and joyfully from Him.

Thank You, Lord, for that surprise gift today and for a double portion of Your Presence from now on!

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**UNLESS YOU BECOME LIKE A CHILD** 

Today in QT the Lord taught me about two major areas. The first area was about how "we love others because we are loved."

# We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

First we must receive love before we have love to give to others. Father loves us and pours out that love upon us. But we must recognize Him and that love He gives us - and receive it from Him. This is something we learn by being taught about it, AND by watching it demonstrated to us in other's lives.

The second area He taught me about was this: "Unless you become like a child you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:3)

When I typed Matthew 18:3 into this journal, I read verses 4-5 also and wanted to add them here.

Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. (Matthew 18:4-5)

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# **MULTIPLICATION**

I had a dream about people being honored in a church service for 15 years of service and ministering to 15,000 people. I saw and knew that this was happening in the church service, but I wasn't in there to be part of that. I was in the nursery listening to it.

So when I awoke I wondered what the 15's were about. The Lord showed me that 15 years ago I left CBC and went out from there into a new life devoted to building a relationship with Him in a deeper, more intimate way.

I thought about 15 being composed of 10 and 5. Ten means being tried and tested for something in order to determine its authenticity. Five means grace and favor.

The "thousands" refer to thousands of people I ministered to (due to multiplication) by leading MasterLife and Discipleship Training.

In 15 years, 15,000 is a good multiplication ratio. Remember I didn't stop your ministry work when you left Discipleship Training or when you left CBC. I have been multiplying your ministry through all the people you touched, in one way or another, over those 15

years. So while you have been drawing closer to Me, I have been multiplying your work through thousands of people. I wanted you to know that.

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# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "IN CHRIST"?

This is the question He is giving me to learn about today: What does it mean to be "in Christ"?

#### IN CHRIST

#### Romans 3:22

This <u>righteousness from God</u> comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

#### Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creation</u>; the old has gone, the new has come.

# Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has <u>blessed us in</u> the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

# Ephesians 1:4

For he chose us in him (Christ) before the creation of the world to be <u>holy and</u> blameless in his sight.

#### Colossians 1:26-27

The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the <a href="https://example.com/hope of glory">hope of glory</a>.

# Colossians 1:28

We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone <u>perfect</u> in Christ.

# Colossians 2:17

These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

2 Timothy 2:10

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the <u>salvation</u> that is in Christ Jesus, with <u>eternal glory</u>.

2 Timothy 3:12

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus <u>will be persecuted</u>.

2 Timothy 3:15

And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 3:14

We have come to <u>share in Christ</u> if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

We have <u>righteousness</u> through faith in Christ

We have no condemnation

We will be made alive

We are a new creation

We have every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms

We have been chosen to be holy and blameless

We have the mystery of Christ in us, the hope of glory

We are perfect in Christ

The reality of things to come is found in Christ

We have salvation with eternal glory

We are living a godly life

We have wisdom from the holy Scriptures for salvation through faith

We share in Christ

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# **ETERNAL GLORY**

## Colossians 1:26-27

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# 2 Timothy 2:10

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

It's that glory I want to talk with you about today. Eternal glory. Do you have any idea what that means, Joan?

I guess I don't, Lord. I haven't thought much about glory and what it means. Do You want to tell Me?

Yes. I want us to ponder and consider that today. Look up "glory" and see what it means.

I do not share My glory with humans for anything which I do. You do not get glory because you deserve it, or because you did something right, or because of your own goodness or righteousness, etc. That all comes as a gift from Me when you have faith in Me and believe in Me. You didn't earn it.

But the glory I am talking about today is different. The scripture says "salvation with eternal glory." So this glory is part of eternal salvation. You receive it after you leave this earth. It is part of "sharing in Me". It is eternal.

During the Millennium this glory will set you apart from those humans who live on the earth. It will be visible to all. All who have this eternal glory will serve Me and be part of My kingdom, ruling and reigning with Me on the earth during that 1000 years.

I just wanted you to think about this today and realize it. It is a precious gift you can look forward to - later on.

## **GLORY**

Glory: a brilliant light indicating the presence of God.

# 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.

#### Luke 2:9

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

## **TRANSFIGURED**

### Matthew 17:2

There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

#### TRANSFORMED

### 2 Corinthians 3:18

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.

## **CONFORMED**

## Romans 8:29

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.

## **GLORIFIED**

## Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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## THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED

He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom (which) also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. (1 Peter 3:19-20)

But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. (1 Peter 4:5-6)

B and I have been studying 1 Peter this week during breakfast time. We particularly noted 1 Peter 3:19 and 4:5-6. We pondered and wondered what all Jesus did during the time after He died and before He was resurrected. Then the Lord said He would teach me about that during our "conversation time" this morning. Here is what we discussed:

He is Lord of my imagination. I gave Him my imagination and asked Him to be Lord of it, along with my mind, will, and emotions, my body, soul, and spirit.

I will use it for My unique purposes. It will be a secret work just between us.

Then the Lord began to talk to me:

What I did during 3 days and 3 night in the tomb:

- My Spirit went down to the underworld. There was nothing in Me that could hold Me there, so I just "visited".
- I preached to those there about who I am, what I did, and what I will do. Now they all know who I am so every knee will bow to Me and every tongue confess I am Lord.
- I raised the dead from there who belong to Me and took them to heaven (from Paradise) so they can be with Me forever. All the Old Testament saints. All who recognized Me in My works. All who acknowledged Me as God.
- To the thief on the cross I said, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." This was before sundown. This was before resurrection morning. I went to Paradise just after I died, and he did too.

Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storehouse new treasures as well as old. (Matthew 13:52)

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. (Matthew 13:11-12)

Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. (Matthew 13:16)

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## **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Lord, what is the "every spiritual blessing" I have in Christ?

As I read on past Ephesians 1:3, I see many spiritual blessings listed in verse 4 on. I will list them here:

- He chose us in Him before the creation of the world
- Holy
- Blameless
- Predestined for adoption to sonship
- Freely given grace
- Redemption through His blood
- Forgiveness of sins
- All wisdom
- All understanding
- Made known to us the mystery of His will
- Chosen in Him
- For the praise of His glory
- Marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit
- A deposit in us guaranteeing our inheritance

More spiritual blessings that come to my mind:

- Given gifts of the Spirit
- Put together in a body/church
- Fellowship with believers
- Taught by the Spirit
- Given peace through Christ's bruising
- Washed by the Word
- Anointed with the Spirit
- Guided/counseled by Him
- Made righteous
- Eternal hope of glory
- Strengthened by Him
- Watched over
- Provided for
- Loved
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Spiritual armor-protection
- Victory over the devil

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## **ABOUT SPEAKING**

This verse caught my attention this morning when I was reading the bible to B during breakfast: 1 Peter 4:11 about speaking:

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. (1 Peter 4:11)

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## FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today I am being reminded of the scripture that talks about "Fellowship of the Holy Spirit". I believe I am to do a scripture study on that.

### SCRIPTURES ON FELLOWSHIP

The definition of fellowship - companionship or friendship.

Friendship with God - that is what Lou Engel prophesied over me.

### Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Galatians 2:9

James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me.

### 1 John 1:3

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

#### 1 John 1:6

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

## 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.

Fellowship with God

Fellowship of the Holy Spirit Fellowship with Jesus Christ Fellowship with other believers

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### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In reading from Philip Yancy's book today I became interested in his description of the Kingdom of God. I put these quotes into my Scriptures on the Kingdom of God file:

## QUOTES FROM THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW by Philip Yancy.

- (p. 246) Sheep among wolves, a tiny seed in the garden, yeast in bread dough, salt in meat: Jesus' own metaphors of the kingdom describe a kind of "secret force" that works from within. He said nothing of a triumphant church sharing power with the authorities. The kingdom of God appears to work best as a minority movement, in opposition to the kingdom of this world.
- (p. 248) On another occasion, Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come. He replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."
- (p. 248) Clearly, the kingdom of God operates by a set of rules different from any earthly kingdom's. God's kingdom has no geographical borders, no capital city, no parliament building, no royal trappings that you can see. Its followers live right among their enemies, not separated from them by a border fence or a wall. It lives, and grows, on the inside of human beings.

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## **BEING CONTENT**

Today I reviewed this from my scripture folder

# SCRIPTURES ON BEING CONTENT

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

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? (Matthew 6:25)

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34 NLT)

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen, and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Some soldiers asked him (John), "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely - be content with your pay." (Luke 3:14)

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# THREE THINGS TO MEDITATE ON

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

Three things to study and meditate on during this week:

- 1. The hope to which he has called us
- 2. The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints
- 3. His incomparably great power for us who believe

### **CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH THE LORD**

Today we watched a "Word for the Moment" message from Paul Keith Davis about Kathryn Kuhlman. The thing that struck me about it was his telling how she had such a relationship with the Lord that she had constant communication with Him. He said she didn't get tired from doing ministry and didn't pray extra on ministry days because she was in constant communication with Him.

I was so touched and the Spirit kept telling me that I had that same kind of relationship with Him where we talk and converse and commune all the time, day and night. He has not called me to the public ministry like He did her, but I have a similar daily relationship. He wanted me to recognize how special this was and be pleased with it.

We also listened to CD#3 of the "Feast of Tabernacles" series and I felt that I understood and related positively to so much more of it than I had when we listened to it previously.

It was about Rest - my resting in the Lord, and the Lord resting in me. I was so blessed by listening to it again.

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## THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED US

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## **SCRIPTURES ON HOPE**

## **Psalm 42:5**

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

#### Psalm 62:5-6

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

### Psalm 119:74

May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

## Psalm 147:11

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

### **Isaiah 40:31**

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

## **Romans 5:4-5**

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

### **Romans 8:24**

But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## **Romans 12:12**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

### **Romans 15:4**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

### 1 Corinthians 13:7

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

#### Colossians 1:27

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

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

## 1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

### Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

### 1 John 3:2-3

We know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

- Hope in God
- Hope in Rest for my soul
- Hope in my rock, salvation, and fortress
- Hope in His word
- Hope in His unfailing love
- Hope in His renewing our strength
- Hope that does not disappoint us
- Hope for what we have not seen
- Hope in joy
- Hope through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures
- Hope through love
- Hope that remains (lasts for eternity)
- Hope of glory in Christ in us
- Hope of salvation
- Hope in God our provider
- Hope as an anchor for the soul
- Hope that when He appears we shall be like Him

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### **REVELATION 10**

Paul Keith Davis said he believes we are living right now in Revelation 10. So today I looked up Revelation 10 to see what all took place there...

- The seven thunders speak (Rev. 10:4)
- There will be no more delay (Rev. 10:6)
- He took the scroll from the angel, ate it, and was told to prophesy (Rev. 10:8-11)

### THE CLOUD OF HIS PRESENCE

The Lord had me read Exodus 24:15 about the time He had Moses come up on the mountain and into the cloud of His presence, and His glory was there in that cloud.

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. (Exodus 24:15)

Today, as I read this I heard:

And that's where you come with Me, Joan. When you come into My presence, you come into My "cloud of glory" like Moses did. Remember I said he was My friend? And you are My friend too. Right now you are "in" My cloud of glory as you listen to Me and talk with Me - as Moses did - in the cloud, and in the tent of meeting.

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## THE SEED

And we know that <u>in all things</u> God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God <u>foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son</u>, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also <u>called</u>; those he called, he also <u>justified</u>; those he justified, he also <u>glorified</u>. (Romans 8:28-30 NIV)

And the seed of ALL that I am is in you, Joan, and that seed WILL grow to maturity and become like Me. I have predestined it that way and it will happen. Yes, and even My glory is in you and upon you. This glory will grow and mature even as you become more and more like Me. Remember that I said (in John 17) that "I have given them the glory that You gave Me." You HAVE My glory in you and it is shining forth (manifesting) more and more as you draw nearer and nearer to Me...like the moon reflects the light of the sun.

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)

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I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

"The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints"

## SCRIPTURES ON INHERIT/INHERITANCE

For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. (Psalm 37:11)

The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever. (Psalm 37:29)

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17)

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, not does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (1 Corinthians 15:50)

But as for you, the Lord took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are. (Deuteronomy 4:20)

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

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 1:13b-14)

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18)

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (Ephesians 5:5)

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)

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. (1 Peter 1:4)

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#### HIS INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER

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"His incomparably great power for us who believe"

I spent the morning doing a bible study on "Scriptures on Power". I noticed power and authority are translated interchangeably and also power and might.

## **SCRIPTURES ON POWER**

Psalm 21:13

Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might (power).

Psalm 59:16

But I will sing of your strength (power), in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

**Psalm 66:7** 

He rules forever by his power.

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Jeremiah 51:15

He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

Matthew 6:13

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

## **Matthew 9:6, 8**

I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority (power) on earth to forgive sins...When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe and they praised God, who had given such authority (power) to man.

## **Matthew 24:30**

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

### Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority (power) in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

#### Mark 5:30

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

### **Mark 9:1**

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

### Mark 14:62

Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

### **Luke 1:35**

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

## **Luke 4:14**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

## Luke 4:32

They were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power.

#### **Luke 4:36**

All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

#### Luke 6:19

And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

## **Luke 8:46**

Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

### **Luke 9:1**

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

## Luke 21:27

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

## Luke 24:49

You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

### John 1:12

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

### **Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

# Acts 3:12

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

#### Acts 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

### **Acts 6:8**

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

### Acts 26:18

I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith to me.

## **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

## **Romans15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Romans15:18-19

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God.

### 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:24

We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

### 1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

## 1 Corinthians15:24

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

## 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

### 2 Corinthians 2:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

## **Ephesians 1:17-19**

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

## **Ephesians 1:19-21**

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.

# Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

## Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

# Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active (powerful). Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

### 1 Peter 1:4-5

This inheritance is 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.

### 2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

### Revelation 2:26

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority (power) over the nations.

## Revelation 11:17

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

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# DO TO ME WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO DO TO YOU

This is a marvelous day. I made it. And I made it for you and all the others who love Me and follow Me. I have a purpose and plan for this day, and it is a good one. I will reveal that plan to you minute by minute as you and I walk through it together.

And this is My proclamation to you today: Bless Me and I will bless you. Thank Me and I will thank you. Do to Me what you would like Me to do to you. Talk to Me and I will talk to you. Laugh with Me and I will laugh with you. Proclaim what I give you to proclaim and I will do it with you - and what I proclaim comes true/manifests. Remember, all authority has been given to Me. (Matthew 28:18-20)

~ 65 ~

## SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE WORLD

Lord, are You telling me my prayer is being hindered?

Yes. Ask Me how and what to do about it, so it won't be hindered anymore.

Lord, please tell me how my prayer is being hindered, and what I should do about that.

There is something very important I want you to hear today and I want to take all measures to be sure you hear Me, and hear Me fully and rightly.

What should I do to ensure I hear You fully and rightly?

I need you to focus on Me, now, in great detail and intensity, and listen carefully, and do exactly what I tell you to do - to get rid of the hindrance.

Ok, Lord, I will do that right now. Please guide me. Instruct me and teach me in the way that I should go; counsel me and watch over me. (Psalm 32:8)

I knew ahead of time, so I gave you this alerting dream. That's why I wanted you to come and write down the dream and analyze it right away, first thing this morning during our quiet time together.

Ok, I am ready.

There is a great hindrance trying to push its way into your room, into your space, into your life, to keep you distracted by the outside world. It is trying to "back in" so you don't recognize who or what it is. It is trying to take your attention off Me. It is the world. I want you to separate yourself from the world right now.

I separate myself from the world, and the voices of the world trying to invade my space and keep me distracted. In Jesus' name.

I want to break your connection to the outside world via the telephone and set you apart unto Me exclusively for now, today. Will you do this?

Yes, Lord. I break my connection with the outside world and set myself apart unto You exclusively today.

You don't need a phone to talk to Me, Joan. We do our talking inside of you. Then the enemy doesn't know what we are talking about and what counsel I am giving you. The phone in that dream represents, not hindrances in our prayer life, but cutting off outside influences and voices for now, today.

I want to communicate with you today in a new and different way - one you've never experienced before. Set yourself apart for this, unto this. Go down to your Quiet Time chair and wait there for Me to come to you - in a new way.

~ 66 ~

## A DISRUPTION OF THE ENEMY

Yesterday the phone rang 18 times from the same phone number. They didn't leave a message any time, but each time the phone rang 6 times, then B's message machine message spoke. So it was disturbing. When she got home from work she looked up the number and it was from Mexico. So she blocked the number from coming into our home phone. This morning the phone rang 1x and then stopped. She looked it up on the caller ID and it was from the same number. So PTL the block kept it from ringing more. Since the rings started during my time of "waiting on the Lord" in my quiet time yesterday, I felt it was a disruption of the enemy.

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It's Tuesday, Lord.

It's a great day, Joan. Count on it. Yes, that WAS the enemy placing those phone calls yesterday to try to frustrate you. It didn't work. You stuck with Me and praised Me throughout the day anyway. Yeah!

LOL, you are funny, Lord.

I said we would laugh together, didn't I?

Yes, you did.

Let's just enjoy each other's company today. That's what I want. Is that what you want?

Yes, Lord, I'd like that a lot.

Then let's do it.

Now you can go ahead and work on your books. We will do it together. That's what I want, and that's what you want. And I will use those books to bring Me glory. The enemy doesn't like that.

~ 67 ~

WALKING IN THE TRUTH IS WALKING IN THE LIGHT

(From *The Final Quest*, by Rick Joyner, p. 130)

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

I asked Him to show me where I am deceived and the level of my present deception. He said He would show me if I asked Him.

You ARE deceived in several places and ways. I DO want to reveal them to you so you can be free and walk in the truth. Walking in the truth is walking in the light. Ask Me to do this.

I ask You, Lord.

Ok. This will take awhile as I don't want to show you all at once. So just be watching for ways I will show you where you might be deceived, and we will tackle them one by one. As you become free from them, you will walk in greater and greater truth - and the truth shall

set you free - free from wrong thoughts, wrong attitudes, wrong words, and from bodily illnesses.

~ 68 ~

A STUDY ON UNITY

Do a scripture study on union/unity/oneness.

Unity - being one.

Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

John 15:3-7

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 17:11

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.

John 17:20-23

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Acts 17:28-29

In him we live and move and have our being.

Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

2 Corinthians 6:16

For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people"

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:11-13

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

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Listen, My child, and I will tell you what unity is, what union with Me is. That is what you are searching for today, right?

Yes, Lord.

Do you want to hear **My** description of what it is - Union with Me?

Yes, Lord.

Union with Me is a relationship so tight, so woven together, so close, so similar to each other, that no one can tell us apart except by the outward appearance of our bodies. I have a spiritual body right now, and you have a natural body right now, but the place where we are THE SAME is in our souls and in our spirits. Those are unified, one, the same. They look the same and they act the same, They think the same, and they talk the same. THAT is union with Me.

And you and I are working on bringing you into greater union with Me every day. Every day. It is a lifelong process between us. And it WILL be completed, but only at the moment you leave this earth and come into heaven to live with Me forever, in perfect and complete union with Me.

So, we both will keep working on it together for your lifetime.

BARRIERS

Notes from Shift Church teaching – Pastor Caesar Nito speaking:

- You have to attach your faith to your vision
- Need to see things close and far away
- Barriers restrict our minds it's a mindset
- It takes one person to break a barrier
- What barriers are in you? It's an idea, based in a stronghold, becomes a high place
- It takes power and purpose to have your vision come true
- High place is known as "vain imagination"
- Purpose speaks of the design God's put in you
- Power is energy. It's the Holy Spirit in us. It's there all the time; it's a hidden tool within you.
- By harnessing that energy it is equivalent to what you set your sight on
- You have to look PAST your current situation, not at the disease, but the solution
- You have to set your sight on big things
- Look past the disease to the solution God has given us
- The big thing discover the purpose of the Holy Spirit in you
- What you set your eyes on, gives you vision
- Write the goals and remind yourself of them
- The bigger goals you set for yourself, it gives you vision, and that gives you faith to walk that out

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BELIEVING VERSUS BORN AGAIN

First comes believing, then comes being born again, then comes the fruit of being born again of the Spirit. Being born again of the Spirit is when you make Jesus <u>Lord</u> of your life and commit to follow Him. It is when you give Him first place in your life. You did that at CFO camp, although you already "believed" in Me from childhood.

So was I "saved" from childhood?

Yes, you (1) believed in Me and made a profession of faith in Me publicly. You belonged to Me. But you weren't cleaned by Me yet and set apart wholly unto Me. THAT decision came later on in your life - at CFO camp after (2) seeking Me and reading about Me and growing up in the desire to relate in a new and more complete way to Me.

After (3) being born again of the Spirit, then you grew to the place where you wanted a new, more (4) intimate and close relationship with Me, and I took you there (2000 on).

Then you came to the place of desiring (5) "union" with Me and wanting to become just like Me, and we did that together. This is when you became My bride.

(1) Believed in Me

- (2) Growing in desire to relate to Me
- (3) Being born again of the Spirit
- (4) Growing in a more intimate, close relationship with Me
- (5) Union with Me

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SPIRITUAL UNION

Shortly after I wrote what is above (in #70), I picked up *The Song Of The Bride* by Jeanne Guyon and read this, which fits with what the Lord was telling me earlier:

The Song Of The Bride by Jeanne Guyon (pg 1-2)

Let Him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth. (Song of Solomon 1:1)

What is this kiss? It is complete spiritual union: a real, permanent, and lasting experience of God's nature. The kiss is the union of God's spirit to your spirit.

When a person is first converted, he is united to God but he has not yet come to experience Him deeply. There is a deep and abiding union with Christ that you can come to know. The height and breadth and depth of God will take an eternity to know. Here is what this woman, the bride of Christ, cries out to know.

There are two kinds of union with God. One is to feel a sense of His presence for a few moments or hours. Deep and lasting union, however, continues in the midst of any circumstance. Let me try to explain. When you first come to experience the Lord you do not know Him very well. There is much in you that is not like Him and you do not understand the purpose of your Lord. This time is like an engagement period. God stirs up your love for Him, you present each other with tokens of your mutual affection, but you still do not fully know or enjoy your Beloved.

But there is a deeper union with God that can be thought of in terms of a spiritual marriage. Your spirit is fully united to Him. You are His without reservation. There is a communication of substance: God unites Himself with your spirit, and you are able to begin to explore the fullness of God.

The journey toward this complete union is what is being described in the *Song of Songs:* It is a place where your spirit is completely possessed by God. Barrenness and unfruitfulness are not known here. The "kiss of His mouth" is nothing less than the vital communication of the Word of God to you.

Consider that God is called "the Word." His touch to the spirit is the perfect enjoyment and consummation of spiritual union. God communicates Himself, and His Word, to your spirit.

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AN UNDESERVED CURSE

I happened to notice this scripture this morning in my open bible beside my computer, and found it quite interesting:

Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest. (Proverbs 26:2)

It's like this: if you accept the curse, accept that you can receive it, it has a right to stay on you.

But if you believe My Word and apply My Word to yourself, then a curse spoken against you cannot stay or attach to you.

That is what I wanted you to discover and learn. Keep yourselves clean before Me and there are no legal rights.

You may proclaim this out loud and be in alignment with My truth. The enemy doesn't want you to know about this. He has no power over you if you are in right alignment with Me, clean before Me.

You do that when you take communion - you get clean before Me if you ask Me for this before taking communion.

You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

Now you know you don't have to receive them or believe they can stick to you, as you are clean before Me. So, send them away in My name and never believe they have power over you again as long as you are clean before Me.

I gave your words power because I made you in My image. How you use that power of words, is instrumental in your eternal destiny.

Don't take it for granted; speak life, you get life.

Just remember this and don't toss it aside. It is important eternally, for you and for others.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)

THE EYES OF YOUR HEART

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

The "eyes of your heart" refer to your focus, your attention, and your will. It's where you choose to put your thoughts.

And where the "eyes of your heart" are focused, determines how well you see Me, hear Me, and follow Me.

Your heart is your "choos-er" - that which chooses to think and do things. It is closely aligned with your will. Your will determines, and your heart chooses.

I want you to keep your "eyes" on Me, Joan, and I want you to realize how important that is.

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WRITE DOWN THE REVELATION

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

As I read this scripture today in my QT notes, I was given revelation of how it fit me and my writings at this point in time. Here it is:

Write down the revelation (the things He reveals to me - which I put in my journals)

And make it plain on tablets (tablets refers to my journals and the documents I have on the computer)

So that a herald may run with it (the herald may be the internet, world-wide-web, which runs with things, takes them places)

For the revelation awaits an appointed time (there is an appointed time for people to read my writings and learn of the revelation given to me from Him)

It speaks of the end (the end purpose of God for these revelations)

And will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; It will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-3)

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ON ROSH HASHANAH

I have been reading 100 Days In Heaven (by James Durham) for around 40 days now, and have noticed that many of the things he saw happening in Heaven dealt with the Rapture of the Church, preparation for it, sharing with others how to get ready, hearing the trumpet, not being asleep, etc. I get the definite feeling he is being shown it is very close. The time he indicates is Rosh Hashanah.

So, James Durham indicates he believes the Rapture is soon and will come on Rosh Hashanah. Perry Stone also believes it will come on Rosh Hashanah. I do too. I surely hope it will come this year...on September 21.

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TEACHING ME ABOUT MY IMAGINATION

I created your imagination. And I can use that imagination for My use if it is dedicated/committed to Me. You have committed it to Me along with dedicating your whole life and self to Me. Therefore, I have access to your imagination. That's where the power is - in your imagination.

Remember C taught them to "see the solution" when they were praying for someone, rather than seeing the problem. You "create" with your imagination as you "see the solution".

Remember I said (about the tower of Babel) that what mankind can think up, he can do? It is a beautiful and powerful gift I gave mankind. But, I want to use it for My kingdom work.

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it is called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. (Genesis 11:5-9)

I use it to come to you, and speak to you, and talk to you. I use it to create through you. I am always creative. That is part of My essence - to create. And I made mankind in My image. Therefore, mankind is creative in his essence too. And we use this creative imagination to communicate with each other.

Why? Because you believe it is so. You were told (by Gordon Binning) that it was possible and real. He "gave his testimony" to the reality of hearing Me speak to you. And you believed what he said, and therefore were able to communicate. Believing enabled receiving it from Me. Just like believing in Me, and what I did on the cross for you, enables you to receive eternal life and forgiveness of sins.

Believing is the key. And you believe through your imagination. Because you believe, then you receive.

So dedicate/commit your imagination to Me and for serving Me daily, on a regular basis, and we will use it to create and communicate.

Wow! That's a powerful thing - the imagination. And I have such an active one.

Yes, you do. You "remember" and recreate in your mind many events, happenings, and things. You also "create" new ideas and thoughts.

The imagination can be used for good or for evil. That's what the devil wants to get a hold of in mankind - his imagination - and use it for evil, for his evil purposes. He knows how powerful the imagination is. You can see many examples of how he is using it for evil in your country/world right now.

This is one of the secrets of the kingdom.

You are a creator with your words now, so be very careful with your words. You don't want to create something with your words that you don't want created, or I don't want created. Careless words do that, and you don't want to do that now.

These are some things the Lord talked to me about today as we communed for a long time this morning:

- He wants to give me (and has given me) an imagination that is God given, God cleansed, and God anointed.
- He wants me to have His actions, His words, and His thoughts.

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RELINQUISHMENT

Another way God has led me is through relinquishing what I wanted very badly and letting God decide the situation the way He knew best.

Previously I had not been able to have children and we were blessed to be able to adopt our first daughter. But in the fall of that year a difficult experience began when I became pregnant. We were excited about the pregnancy and, as soon as it was verified, we began telling our family members at our annual Thanksgiving gathering.

But the day after Thanksgiving, when I started what seemed like a miscarriage of the baby, I went to the hospital. After a week of being in the hospital I was told to go home, and told to stay off my feet for the rest of the pregnancy period.

God was really with me during that time and I felt the prayer rising up within me - that if this baby was not right in some way, or there was some reason it was better for this baby not to be born, then it was ok if God took that baby to be with Him. And that is what happened. The miscarriage was completed after a day or two at home.

I expect to meet that child someday in heaven - along with my baby sister, who died at about 1 year old, before I was born.

~ 78 ~

MY PEACE GIVES YOU MY PERFECT TIMING

My peace is with you. When My peace is with you, then we can advance with the project – together. "Let peace be your governor/ruler." Don't set out or advance without My peace. It gives you My perfect timing.

I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. (Isaiah 60:17)

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UNITY

Unity, Joan. That's what I want to discuss with you this morning. I want to talk about unity - what it is and what it looks like while you live on earth. As you already know, unity is essential for My people to have in order to have power and authority to bring about great and mighty changes. Why is this, Joan? Do you know?

No, Lord, I don't know.

Listen, and I will tell you/reveal some things to you about it.

Unity is what we are in - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are ONE, which is complete and total unity. That's what I want among My people in their earth life as much as possible...unity. Oneness.

It comes from Me, and unity together "in Me" and "with Me." Therefore, unity with each other too. All who are in unity with Me will automatically be in unity with each other. To the extent you are in unity with Me, to that same extent you will be in unity with others who are also in unity with Me.

THAT is what you three are developing. You are an example, which I can display for all eternity, of how I brought unity on earth to you three.

THAT is why I have you confirm things with each other, knowing you can trust the other person is also in unity with Me, and you can therefore trust them to hear from Me also.

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one--I in them and you in me--so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:20-23)

The glory is in the unity, Lord? "The glory that You gave Me" - that You gave Jesus? Does the "unity" come through Your glory being given to us?

Yes, My daughter.

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BY OUR FAITH

(Quote from John Bevere's book: *Drawing Near* p 160ff)

You will never be blessed with something you don't believe. God is moved by our faith. Faith simply believes that what God says He will do, He will do.

THE YEAR OF THE DOVE

The Lord brought to my attention about the early and latter rain, so I looked it up. It is in Joel 2:23

Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and latter rain, as before. (Joel 2:23 RSV)

He also brought to my mind that I read an Elijah List article yesterday in which a prophet got the word that this year is "the year of the dove." The dove means to me the anointing of the Holy Spirit coming down upon Jesus - and now upon us this year.

Is this right, Lord? Is this the year of the "dove" anointing of Your Holy Spirit coming down in the latter rain outpouring upon the world?

Yes, My daughter. You have discerned this rightly. Rejoice and be glad.

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HARVESTING TIME

This is "harvesting" time, not "gathering" time, for my journals. That is why I am not reading much from other things. I gathered previously and planted into my journals for many years. And it is now time to harvest that crop and share it with others in my books.

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

As I read Psalm 96:1-3 He revealed to me this: "among the nations" and "among all peoples" is happening through my books, which are going out into all nations and among all peoples *through the internet*. This is the scripture He gave me many, many years ago to put at the beginning of my first book (Psalm 96:3)

~ 83 ~

TO BECOME LIKE ME, THEY MUST HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM
TO DO THAT GREAT WORK

I talked with the Lord about the sinful nature that mankind was born with. We also talked about the necessity of receiving the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. This is the Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, so that is on my mind today. He shared this with me:

Everyone (except Me) was born with a sinful nature after Adam and Eve sinned and fell. Everyone has a sinful nature to overcome on earth.

- First, they have to be willing to acknowledge that sinful nature and recognize that it exists.
- Then they must desire for it to be gone, to be forgiven/cleansed.
- Then they must recognize who I am, what I did for them in dying to redeem them from their sinful nature, and accept Me into their hearts and lives to cleanse them of that sinful nature.
- Then, after being born again, they must ask and allow Me to change them into being like Me.

To become like Me, (which means to know Me and be known by Me), they must deny themselves and follow Me. I will lead them along the pathway to become like Me.

To become like Me, they MUST have the Holy Spirit in them to do that great work. Those who seek My Holy Spirit and follow Him, gradually change to become like Me. That was what those 5 wise virgins (Matthew 25) did - they sought the Holy Spirit (represented by the oil they carried) and let the Spirit lead them, and therefore they became like Me - AND I KNEW THEM.

Remember that My disciples, who spent years learning from Me, still needed to WAIT for the in-filling of My Spirit. So do all My people. It is not different for people now. Even when they belong to Me through baptism and confession of faith in Me, they still need to be filled with the gift of My Holy Spirit. THEN they come to know Me more, and are led by the Spirit (like those 5 wise virgins), and I know them and they know Me.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25 RSV)

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11)

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## THROUGH SEVERE TESTINGS

(Quote from *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p.215)

I will never forget the statement which that great man of faith, George Mueller, once made to a gentleman who had asked him the best way to have strong faith.

"The *only* way to know strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm through severe testings."

~ 85 ~

## WHY YOU FEEL RESTLESS

I have more I want to say to you. That is why you feel restless, like you are not doing what you are supposed to be doing.

What do I want to say?

Walk in the light. I am the Light, so that means walk in Me. I am the way, so walk in the Way. I am the Truth, so walk in the Truth. Walking is very important, Joan. As walking refers to going forward and making progress. It also refers to persevering along the pathway I have for you.

Listen, My daughter. I have much to say. It was building up inside you like steam pressure, and therefore, you felt that pressure from Me to stop and ask what the pressure was about.

Always follow those clues I give you so that you will spend your time the right way, the way I want you to spend it. Time is precious to Me. So, time is precious to you too. Use your time exactly the way I lead you, and you will make maximum use of it.

That does not mean you have to work all the time because resting time in Me is equally as important as working time.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Galatians 6:9-10 NIV)

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## SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED

Share with God's people who are in need. (Romans 12:13)

Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. (Acts 2:45)

I asked the Lord if I was to sell anything and give the money to the poor as this scripture said. He basically said I was to give my goods to Good Will or City Union Mission as I have been, as that provides jobs for the people who work there and low priced goods for people to buy who don't have much money to spend.

But He also said I was not to do that right now, but when He leads me to. He wants me to spend my time right now on writing the books (*Encouraging Words*) and not on sorting and giving away goods.

Yes, Joan. That's My word to you for today. Work on the books for now, and only spend time sorting your possessions to give some away when I lead you to. I know the best time for doing things.

...but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. (Eph 4:28)

When I read this Scripture I was impressed with the thought that I AM working with my hands, almost daily, on the books He is having me write. And these books are to "share with those in need."

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## THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND

I love You, Lord.

I know you do, and our love is growing stronger every day. Not only stronger, but greater in volume, in amount. Love can do that. And love can grow to be more faithful, and yours is doing that too. And love can abound more and more in your life. What does that mean to abound more and more? That is what Paul asked for, for the believers. It means to grow and deepen in every way that love can grow and deepen.

And that is My word for you today.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9-11)

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## **HEALING YOUR WOUNDS**

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 30:17)

When I said "heal your wounds" I was hit by the Spirit. I knew I was to place that scripture in here and listen to what He wanted to say about healing my wounds.

That's what I have been doing over the many years we have been meeting together and talking, Joan, healing your wounds. You were given many wounds during early childhood that left you feeling uncared for and unloved.

As He said that, I got a mental picture of myself (and I've seen this picture before many times) of myself as a child standing up in a playpen wanting some attention and yearning for something I was not getting.

Yes, this happened to you as a child. You had a need to be loved and touched and held and cared about, and didn't receive enough to meet those childhood needs. Your mom and dad were so busy trying to cope with life, and make ends meet, and work hard, that they neglected to give you what you wanted and needed.

And you became afraid because you didn't feel loved and cared about. You didn't understand what they were going through with three older children to look after also. They were stretched thin. And then your younger sister came along and she got some of their attention too. It's hard to give adequate attention to five children at the same time and deal with their own needs too. You must forgive them.

I do forgive them, Lord.

And now I am healing you of the other wounds you have been given by others in your life too - teachers, other children, leaders, husband, boy friends, girl friends, etc. All were unable to meet your needs for assurances that you were ok and loved and cared about, as your needs were so great. ONLY I COULD MEET THOSE NEEDS! And I did, and I will continue to.

Thank You, Lord! You are my ALL IN ALL.

Yes, I am.

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

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#### YOU CHOOSE

Lord, do I force myself to believe?

No, you CHOOSE to believe. Your will is a "choos-er." You choose what you will and won't believe.

What I say is true. Always. I never lie. You have a Bible which tells you what I said and it is true. You choose whether you believe it or not.

Remember - "choose you this day whom you shall serve."

Remember what Paul Keith Davis says - if it says it is true in the Bible, then it IS true. The Bible is the infallible Word of God.

So choose, Joan. What does My Word say? Then choose whom you shall believe.

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

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

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

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### BEING ASLEEP BUT NOT YET DEAD - THE VISITING PLACE

I read a dream I had had previously, with scenes in it the Lord said was in heaven. He said I could go there many times in dreams and in my quiet times. I didn't recognize that "conference" I was attending in the dream as heaven. The Lord explained this to me: that I have a concept of what heaven is like, but it is much more than what I realize, and has places I have not conceived of yet.

Then the Lord and I had a conversation. This is it:

Yes, there is a place in heaven of "being asleep but not yet dead" as you talked with B about this morning. It is "outside the pearly gates" as Bob Jones talked about.

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile,

all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. (Luke 9:51-55)

It is for those who come to visit, but are not to stay. They are to return back to earth for some purpose. THAT is where you will be going. You may call it THE VISITING PLACE.

The visiting place in heaven is the realm where you can go and visit, but not be dead, and you can return from there. That's where that girl went who visited there for 90 days while in a coma. That's where Bob Jones went, and Corbin, the little boy, went, etc. Those who go to heaven and are resuscitated go there. Don't think of this in terms of space like you have on earth. It is a "realm."

You are ready to enter that "realm."

That's where you go when you have visions. That's where you go when you have dreams of a certain kind. That's where Joseph went when an angel came to him and told him to take Mary as his wife, to go to Egypt, etc. It was into this heavenly "realm."

That's where Roland Buck went.

I can take anyone there whom I choose to take there, and whenever I choose to do that.

Do you want to go there?

Yes, Lord, I want to go there.

Are you afraid to go there?

No, I am not afraid to go there.

You see, you can go there multiple times...like James Durham. So, you don't need to be afraid that you won't want to come back. You will be delighted to have gone there, and will know you can return there many times, as I lead you, whenever I lead you to.

John went there and wrote down what he saw there - all except what the 7 thunders said.

And Roland Buck went there and came back with a scroll, which gradually dissipated and disappeared.

And you can go wherever I take you, and you can write what you see and hear also, if I guide you to do that, and you can bring that back with you too, if I tell you to do that.

I like this, Lord.

I know you do. And you are ready. And it is time for this to come for you. So, you accept it now?

Yes, Lord, I accept it now.

Ok. We are ready. I won't tell you when. It will just happen when it is My time to do that. Just know you are ready, and it will come - someday.

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#### HE REJECTED GOD AND WAS TURNED OVER TO A DEPRAVED MIND

The thought that came to me today was about the man yesterday who shot men (Republican congressmen playing softball in Washington DC) just because they were Republicans, and he hated President Trump. He was subsequently shot by Capital Police and died. The thought was that he is now in hell and the "tormentors" were tormenting him due to his unforgiveness and sins from that.

The story that Jesus told came to my mind of the servant who was forgiven of a great debt he owed the master, and then he wouldn't forgive a small debt owed him by a fellow servant. Jesus said he would be put in prison and the "tormentors" would torment him. Matthew 18:23-35 - "handed him over to the jailers to be tortured"

As for those who were the targets of this shooting, I feel this scripture applies:

And we know that God works all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

As I read Romans 8:28, I further noticed a very important scripture for me and read it also:

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8:29-30)

Then I noticed the scripture that B and I talked about this morning, which I felt applied to the shooter...that he rejected God and was turned over to a depraved mind:

Matthew 18:23-35 portions

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since 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 people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts...

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

They are God-haters. They invent ways of doing evil.

Now I want to talk to you, Joan, about what you saw happening yesterday on TV about that shooter.

You cannot stop those with depraved minds from being depraved. This is not possible. They have made their choices and are reaping the consequences of those choices.

But you CAN pray for supernatural protection over all that I want to supernaturally protect. I did that yesterday. None of those targets of that man were killed, but all were dramatically affected by it. I WILL bring good out of that situation and I am already doing that.

When you pray in tongues for that, I choose what to bring forth from that situation, and it is all good. So, pray now for what I WANT to do through this.

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#### **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS**

I want to give you the gift of discerning of spirits - which spirits that speak through others (whether by voice, through TV, emails, writing, or in any other way) are really from Me, or partially from Me, or not from Me at all.

I want to refine your gift of discerning of spirits. Do you want that? Will you receive that?

Yes, Lord, I would like that gift very much.

Then it is now yours.

#### Thank You!

So when you are watching TV, you are going to "know" if that spirit speaking was a lying spirit, a spirit of ignorance, a spirit of stupor, or a deceiving spirit, or if it was a Spirit from Me, the Holy Spirit.

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#### THE HIDDEN NEED IN EACH PERSON'S LIFE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

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

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. (Ephesians 5:23-28)

This love that you just wrote about, Joan, what is it like? It is a wonder and a mystery. That is why it draws so many people to it.

People all need and want this wondrous love that I bring to them. When they discover it (that is, when I reveal it to them) they give up all to get that love and to find out how to keep that love. It is the hidden need in each person's life on this earth.

And I AM that love. That's why it is called "the pearl of great price."

People who find it give up everything to get it and to keep it. My love is more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. It is more beautiful than the greatest sunset you can ever see.

It feels so satisfying and good that people who find it will give up every other relationship to keep this one. Like you did.

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)

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#### A DREAM OF GRADUATION DAY

In this dream the setting was the home of a friend of mine, a young man. I didn't remember his name. We had both just graduated. Somehow, I had borrowed a pair of his slacks on graduation day which were pale yellow (a color I really liked) and I was wearing those slacks. The slacks had a row of 10 small white buttons across the left side just below the waistline. The buttons were graduated in size. Those buttons seemed to be the identifying mark of a special brand of slacks. I got the impression they were expensive.

Let's talk about the yellow slacks as those seem the most important symbol in the dream. That and the fact that you got them from "a young man" on graduation day. And the row of tiny buttons. What does all this mean?

It means your covering is yellow, representing the glory of the Lord and decorated with something which represented something significant. They represented a certain "brand" of covering. Ten represents tried and tested and they show that, indicate that, to others who see them. And yes, they were expensive.

So, what do others see when they look at you?

A person revealing and being covered with the glory of the Lord, tried and tested in life and passing those tests. And you were cleansed and vulnerable to others.

I was that "young man" who was with you on your graduation day, Joan. I gave you your covering showing My glory and with an emblem showing you were tried and tested.

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#### WELLS OF SALVATION

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 12:3)

The Lord had me put this scripture in my journal today, and then said:

I want you to draw water from the wells of My salvation which is bountifully supplied for you, Joan. How do you do that? By reading My Word. My Word is the well of salvation for you. What do I want you to read today? Look up "well" and see what all I talk about that word in My Word.

# SCRIPTURES ON WELLS

Wells - pits dug for water

Genesis 24:11

He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town (Abraham's servant who came to find Rebekah to be Isaac's bride)

Numbers 21:17

Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing about it, about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank - the nobles with scepters and staffs."

2 Samuel 23:15, 16

David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the three mighty warriors broke through Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David.

Song of Solomon 4:15

You are a garden fountain, a well of flowing water streaming down from Lebanon.

# FEATURES CONCERNING WELLS

Dug for water

2 Chronicles 26:10

Uzziah also built towers in the wilderness and dug many cisterns

Numerous in Canaan

Deuteronomy 6:11

A land with - wells you did not dig

Often very deep

John 4:11

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?

Covered with stones

Genesis 29:2,3

There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

Women came to for water

Genesis 24:13-14

I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.

John 4:7

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

Surrounded by trees

Genesis 49:22

Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.

Sometimes empty

Jeremiah 14:3

The nobles send their servants for water; they go to the cisterns but find no water.

Sometimes cause strife

Genesis 21:25

Then Abraham complained to Abimelek about a well of water that Abimelek's servants had seized.

# NAMES OF WELLS

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BEER

Numbers 21:16-17

From there they continued on to Beer, the well where the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together and I will give them water." Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well!"

BEER-ELIM

Exodus 15:27

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

BEER-IAHAI-ROI (well of the Living One who sees me)

Genesis 16:14

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. (well of the Living One who sees me).

BEER-SHEBA (well of seven and well of the oath)

Genesis 21:30,31

He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well." So that place was called Beersheba (well of seven and well of the oath), because the two men swore an oath there.

BEEROTH

Deuteronomy 10:6

And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

ESEK (dispute)

Genesis 26:20

But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, "The water is ours!" So he named the well Esek (dispute), because they disputed with him.

HAGAR

Genesis 21:19

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

JACOB

John 4:6

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

REHOBOTH (room)

Genesis 26:22

He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth (room), saying, "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."

SITNAH (opposition)

Genesis 26:21

Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also, so he named it Sitnah (opposition).

WELLS CAN BE FIGURATIVE OF:

One's wife

Proverbs 5:15

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Mouth of the righteous

Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.

Wisdom

Proverbs 16:22

Prudence is the fountain of life to the prudent.

Salvation

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Rich blessings

Jeremiah 2:13

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water (the fountain of living waters), and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

False teaching

2 Peter 2:17

These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

The Holy Spirit

John 4:10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

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ACKNOWLEDGE ME IN ALL YOUR WAYS

During the night last night the Lord talked to me about Proverbs 3:6 and kept speaking it to me over and over. I felt led to text it to myself so I would remember it this morning:

In all your ways acknowledge ME and I will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:6)

He reminded me of a time at CBC when I wanted to be acknowledged for giving the idea for something they chose to do. I felt I wasn't acknowledged when I should have been. The Lord helped me see that I had a wrong attitude at that time - because He gave me that idea. So He was the One to be acknowledged rather than me. It was a lesson in being humble. He kept saying to me:

Acknowledge ME in all your ways.

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GUIDE ME INTO TRUTH

Come away My beloved

Be still and know that I am God.

I created you to have fellowship with Me.

Holy Spirit, I ask You to guide me into all the truth I can handle.

I will, Joan, I will. That is My promise to you today. I will reveal truth to you - whatever amount you can handle. In order to do that, I request that you sit before Me, and "be still" before Me. Come away with Me. And I will reveal all the truth to you that I desire to reveal, and that you can handle.

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TO GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS

As I sat before the Lord this morning He said He wanted to give me freedom from fears - fears that He doesn't want me to have. So, I asked Him for that. I asked Him to erase those fears from me. He said the key is this:

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

The key is to keep my mind stayed on Him. He also gave me

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

He told me He gave me many very large strong angels to protect me all the time, and that these angels have been with me since I was born. He reminded me of the time when my aunt was taking care of me when I was about 3 months old, and I rolled off the table and fell to the floor. He told me an angel caught me and laid me gently on the floor at that time.

He reminded me the time when we visited the city of Luang Prabang in Laos where I sat on a box of dynamite at the airport and we could hear gunfire in the distance.

He reminded me of the airplane flight between mountains into a small village in Laos where the plane flying the same route was shot at just two weeks prior to that. He indicated that my angels had been watching over me.

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

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LIKE PUTTING TOGETHER A PUZZLE

During a listening time yesterday, the Lord showed me about how He works often in me, and likely in others too. These were the thoughts:

The Lord works in us like putting together a puzzle - a few pieces on the lower left, then a few pieces on the right, then in another area - and things begin to take shape and bring understanding.

He builds a foundation, then builds on that foundation. He doesn't complete it until the end of your life. You may not see the whole picture until He shows you in heaven.

I was thinking of how He has given me the words "follow Me" in different ways and times

In all your ways acknowledge ME and I will direct your paths. (See Proverbs 3:6)

As I read page 172-3 in *The Call* by Rick Joyner, my attention was caught by these words by Rick.

As I read the words of Jesus to Rick in this book, I felt they matched my own experience, and Jesus' words in the Bible, and His truths in other books I read too...

In His presence, I felt that thousands of fragments of information which I had accumulated over the years were all tied together to give a deep and comprehensive meaning to everything He said....His words did not just impart information, but *life...*The Lord did not just give information when He spoke, but somehow rearranged my mind and heart so that these truths would be the foundation for understanding, and the understanding released a love for the truth.

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THE EYES OF THE LORD

As I read through scriptures, I came upon this Scripture regarding "the eyes of the Lord" and felt immediately that I was to do a Scripture study on that topic. So, I will begin it today with this Scripture:

Psalm 33:18-19

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

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FIGURATIVE OF OMNISCIENCE

2 Chronicles 16:9

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

JUSTICE

Amos 9:8

Surely the eyes of the Sovereign Lord are on the sinful kingdom.

HOLINESS

Habakkuk 1:13

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

GUIDANCE

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

PROTECTION

Psalm 33:18-19

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

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Genesis 6:8

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 11:12

It is the land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

# 1 Kings 15:11

Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as his father David had done.

#### Psalm 139:16

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

#### Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

#### Proverbs 22:12

The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

#### Jeremiah 24:6

My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land.

#### Hebrews 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

### 1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

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# DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME

Last night I had a song floating through my mind. The song was "Dream a little dream of me". I felt it was in my mind so that I would ask the Lord to have me dream a dream of Him, so I asked that.

This morning, as I browsed through various dream events I had during the night, I was led to conclude that the "little dream of Him" was the very last scene I dreamed. And it was a very short or little dream scene.

In that last scene I saw a man standing to my right. He was facing away from me (I could see his back) and He seemed to be looking off in the direction to my right. I knew he had something

(maybe like a container about 4" in diameter) which had a compartment inside it that could hold a nickel-sized item. I was asking a woman if she wanted to be that nickel-sized item and be put in his container, and was waiting for her answer.

This morning as I pondered that scene and wondered if that was the "dream of Him" I was expecting, He showed me that it was, and that I was the woman I was asking if she wanted to become that item inside His container. When I realized that, I told the Lord, "Yes."

As I pondered that dream scene more, I realized that the small circle shaped item referred to something:

- Round shaped meaning spiritual
- Positioned on my right authority, the power of God revealed through flesh, accepted
- Carried around on His person go with Him wherever He goes (Revelation 14:1-5 the redeemed from the earth)
- I didn't see these things as much as I just "knew" them

He revealed to me that I "knew" rather than "saw" most of this dream scene, and this was significant. He wanted me to realize this. This means we are now communicating more by my "knowing" things from Him (in my "know-er") rather than actually "seeing" them.

This matches with what He revealed to me recently about my now "knowing" something without actually "hearing" the words from Him, just having the "knowing".

I realize from Rick Joyner's book *The Final Quest* that that is how communications mainly go on in heaven - by just "knowing" what the other person is communicating rather than it being spoken in words.

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

I looked up the scripture in Revelation about those who go with the Lamb wherever He goes. This scripture has meant a lot to me over the years. I have told the Lord I wanted to be one of those 144,000 redeemed from the earth and following Him wherever He goes. I feel like this dream may be referring to that desire in me.

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with woman, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. (Revelation 14:1-5)

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#### **TOTAL RECALL**

(From the book *Total Recall* by Michael Danforth)

(p 34)

In heaven the past, present and future occupy the same space at the same time. Heaven is not dimensional in terms of time as it is on earth.

The concept of "the future" is based on something that is present, yet invisible, but expected to become visible at another point in time.

Therefore, when speaking about the future, we are talking about events and things that have not yet appeared in their visible form, but presently exist in the eternal realms of God's kingdom.

(p.35)

Just because something is not visible doesn't mean it's not already here. There is a "heavenly present" and an "earthly present." In terms of visibility, what is visibly present in heaven is not necessarily visibly present on earth. Therefore, we cannot make the assumption that what we cannot see with our eyes is not already here.

Jesus instructed his disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) This means there are things presently in heaven that need to become visible on earth. It also means that just as there is a will of God for heaven so there is a will of God for earth.

Speaking of Abraham, "Even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist." (Romans 4:17)

It literally means, "Call the things which do not exist that do exist in another realm." In other words, speak to them as if they are already here.

(p.36)

The object of the prayer (Isaiah 53:5 "by His stripes we are healed") is an action to manifest what already exists in heaven into the earth. The point being, you are establishing something that has already been established in heaven, but not on earth.

(p.48)

There are many examples of how our ancient ancestors transferred blessings from one son to the next, as well as Jesus transferring the same power that was working in Him to others. Even after the ascension of Jesus, we can see the impartation of the Holy Spirit being transferred from one generation to the next.

(p.56)

Notice how the Lord emphasizes to Zachariah that John would not "drink wine or liquor." This wasn't just an instruction for Zachariah and Elizabeth to follow concerning their son, this was a knowing that God put within the mind of John to ensure that John would walk in the ways of the Lord. I believe it was a condition required to keep John in the memory of God's plan for his life.

As I read this last paragraph the revelation came to me that that is one reason I was born to parents who would teach us to NOT drink alcohol or smoke cigarettes, or cuss, or swear, etc. and to live a simple life...to help keep me in the memory of God's plan for my life. And the thought comes that that is one reason I have often NOT wanted to take medications unless absolutely necessary, as they might obstruct my memory of God's plan for my life. AND I think this is why I chafe so much at being under the control or obligation to follow a doctor's orders. I want and need to be free to hear and know and follow God's orders, not some other human being's orders.

(p.65)

It's important to note that while someone can have the Spirit of God in them, it is not the same as having the Spirit of God rule in them.

(p71)

The object of our journey on the earth is for the mind of the soul and body to come under the influence of the mind of the spirit, which is the Spirit of God living within these earthen vessels. The mind of the spirit is where the power of "recall" resides, thus bringing our souls into remembrance of the intentions of God for our lives.

(p72)

I suddenly realized that apart from the natural mind and body, the soul and spirit of that same man is the eternal temple of the Lord. In other words, when we shed this natural body, the temple of the Lord is still intact.

# ~ 103 ~

#### THE RECALL EXERCISES

(From the book *Total Recall* by Michael Danforth)

I finished reading the book *Total Recall* by Michael Danforth. In that book he gives practice exercises to read aloud to help you have recall of what you knew before you came to earth to live. The Lord told me to copy those exercises into my journal. So here they are:

#### THE RECALL EXERCISES

(p 21)

Holy Spirit, thank You for bringing to my remembrance everything that I have ever encountered in God, which includes everything before time. Thank You for giving me total recall of the plan of Father for my life.

(p 61)

Father, thank You for giving me the best view in the house. Thank You for raising me up with Jesus so I can get a clear view of my glorious state in You. Father, thank You for reminding me of Your eternal intentions for my life.

(p 75)

Holy Spirit, I realize that the spirit in me knows the intended purpose of my Father for my life. I do not want to leave this earth before fulfilling that very purpose. Holy Spirit, I ask You to help me transfer this foreknown knowledge into my soul, into the consciousness of my being.

(p.85)

Help me, Lord, to forget the things that need to be forgotten and to remember the things that need to be remembered. Thank You for creating this body with the ability to remember and for giving me a spirit that has the power to do the same.

(p 104)

Father, I know that I am destined to remember who I am and all that You have afforded me in this hour. Father, set me free from any blindness. Set me free from any spiritual amnesia that has plagued my heart and mind. Father, show me Your glory! Like Jesus, show me the glory that I knew before this time.

(p 116)

Father, I acknowledge that the Holy Spirit, whom You gave to me, resides within me. Therefore, through the practice of spiritual meditation, and through the yielding of my imagination, I ask You to reveal to me the mysteries of creation, of heaven, and of eternity. Father, show me everything that is pertinent to my divine journey on earth.

#### ~ 104 ~

# THE KITE AND THE WHEEL

This morning after I awoke, but before I got up, I saw a picture of a kite flying high up in the sky above the rooftops of the houses.

Last evening, I was trying to put puzzle pieces together for a wheel. Then, during the night, I dreamed about a wheel. When I awoke, I heard this:

You are putting together in you the parts of a wheel. Ask Me what that means.

So this morning I am asking the Lord about the kite and about the wheel.

#### First the kite:

The thoughts that come to me regarding the picture of a kite I saw were these: the kite represents me. The four corners represent going out into the four corners of the earth. The wind caused the kite to arise and move around. That represents the Holy Spirit doing that. The kite goes wherever the wind of the Holy Spirit takes it. The string from the kite to the ground represents the silver cord that ties the physical me on the ground to the spiritual me flying in the heaven.

Lord, what do You want to tell me about the kite? Does it represent me?

Yes, My daughter, it represents you. And you have discerned rightly what it means. You will go forth in the power of My Holy Spirit into the four corners of the world via the internet to share the message I gave you to share. Now ask Me about the wheel.

What does the wheel stand for, Lord?

Wheel: eternity, never ending, life's cycle, spiritual activity, completion, following the Spirit, life, spiritual condition, covenant, authority, for transporting, perfection

You are putting together in you the parts of a wheel. What does this mean? It means all the parts that make up a wheel (which stands for perfection and completion) are being put together in you during your lifetime on this earth. It is almost finished, almost done. It is your spiritual self, which will be the self you will be and live in all during eternity. Therefore, this is eternal. It is your life's cycle on earth represented by a wheel. You are putting together the last pieces or parts of this wheel. It represents perfection and maturity and completion of your life here on earth.

#### ~ 105 ~

#### **TAUGHT BY THE LORD**

As I read through Isaiah 54 (where my bible was open to) this portion struck me as applying to me today:

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. (Isaiah 54:2-3)

I felt this applied to the writing the Lord is having me do almost every day in the books He has me compile and has B put on my web site. I felt like this scripture applied to those books going out, spreading out to the right and to the left, into nations.

I thought of how B gives out my web site cards to people as she encounters them. Then the thought came that my web site was like a mustard seed, which Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to. It starts out tiny, but grows and grows into a tree where the birds can come and rest (Matthew 13:31-32).

# All our children will be taught by the Lord. (Isaiah 54:13)

I felt the Spirit applying this scripture to all those who will read my books. The Lord will teach them as they read the words He has had me place in those books.

#### ~ 106 ~

#### **MY PROPHETS**

I give You my attention and time now, Lord. Do You want to talk to me?

Yes.

Do You want me to just listen awhile?

Yes.

You may have a conversation with Me like you usually do.

Binding and loosing. I read about that yesterday - the keys of the kingdom that You told Peter about. Do You want me to use those keys for something you want done for your kingdom?

Yes. Listen closely and I will tell you what to bind and what to loose. Then I want you to speak that out for Me with your voice.

I have some place I want to bind and loose. Since you don't know where or what that is, please pray out loud in tongues for Me.

#### I did that.

Now I have something else for you to speak out. Listen and speak out loud what you hear from Me.

I want to say this to all the kingdoms on earth. I am the Lord God. I am in charge of you. You are under My dominion. You MUST follow Me. I will bring you together and tear you apart - as I choose. I will lift you up and put you down - as I choose. I am your Boss. I am your Manager. You MUST listen to Me and do as I say. I say - I AM the Lord God who governs you.

That's it. That is what I wanted you to say/speak forth for Me today.

Have You always had somebody who would speak Your words for You, Lord?

Yes. Those you call My prophets. Those close to Me who hear Me and listen to Me faithfully, and follow My word carefully. I have ALWAYS had them working for Me.

Now it's your turn.

It started with Adam. Notice he could hear Me and talk to Me, even after he sinned and fell. We still had fellowship. It just wasn't as close and wasn't the same as before the fall. And he knew the difference and always regretted what he had done and the consequences of that.

You don't know what that first fellowship was like, but there is still a yearning inside you for that early fellowship. It is built in to you. That's one reason you desire so strongly to be finished with earth life and yearn to come up here where I reside. You don't know what it will be like up here in heaven with Me, but there is still the yearning inside you for that.

#### ~ 107 ~

### MOLD ME AND MAKE ME AFTER THY WILL

(A song)

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way, Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

That is exactly where I want you to be - waiting and willing and listening.

Oh, Joan, I love you so much you cannot even imagine it. I am eager to demonstrate My love for you to you when you come up here. Then you will be able to discern and understand many more things, including My great love for you and for those who believe in Me and belong to Me.

Enjoy this time in your life when you get to meet with Me and talk with Me. It is a peaceful time for you. That is My great blessing.

Those whom I love, and those I have called to great things, I put through a lot to grow them and prepare them.

#### ~ 108 ~

#### HE MAKES HIS STEPS FIRM

If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NIV 1984 version)

Now I want to talk to you about this scripture. What does it promise you?

It promises me that You will make my steps firm - if You delight in my way.

Yes, and that's true. Do I delight in your way? That is the question. Ask Me.

Lord, do You delight in my way?

I surely, surely do, Joan. I want you to know that today. I DO DELIGHT IN YOUR WAY. You listen to Me, talk to Me, focus on Me, and write what I tell you to write. I truly delight in your way. SO, you have that promise - I will MAKE your steps firm.

Now what else does this scripture promise you?

That though I stumble, I will not fall, for You uphold me with Your hand.

Yes, and that promise is true also. Even if you "stumble" or make a mistake without realizing it, or do something innocently that you wish you hadn't - even then you will not fall. I make your way firm and I uphold you with My hand. Those are My promises to you today. Do you receive them?

Yes, Lord, I receive them - with thanksgiving for Your goodness and kindness to me.

Thank You, Lord!

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 KJV)

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NLT)

The steps of a man are from the Lord, and he establishes him in whose way he delights; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord is the stay of his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 RSV)

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. (Psalm 37:23-24 NIV 2011 version)

I am amazed at how different these translations are from the NIV bible I usually read from. Even the newer NIV version is different, having been updated and changed through the years. I can see that it is good to read and study in several different translations. Perhaps that will get for me a fuller range of the possible meanings of the Word. I can see why a person would want to study the Word in the original language.

#### ~ 109 ~

#### **MANIFEST MY GLORY**

THIS is where you have authority, Joan, right here, when you are praying My words. Do this every day as I lead you.

When you do this you manifest My glory. Did you know that when you pray My words you manifest My glory? Yes, that is what you do. When you pray My words you not only have My authority, you manifest My glory.

And My great plan is to manifest My glory all over the world through My people, those who belong to Me, speaking My words, in My authority, and manifesting My glory. Remember it says My glory will fill the earth? Look up that scripture and put it here.

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

That's one of the dimensions of that word. My Words have many dimensions of understanding. Those many dimensions must be revealed through My Holy Spirit. Remember He will lead you into all truth? Put that scripture here.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13)

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

But the Advocate, 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)

#### ~ 110 ~

# NO GOOD THING DOES HE WITHHOLD FROM THOSE WHOSE WALK IS BLAMELESS

This is the wonderful scripture the Lord led me to this morning. It is my Word for today from the Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (Psalm 84:1-2)

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. (Psalm 84:4-7)

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. For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you. (Psalm 84:10-12)

I am especially impressed with this sentence: "No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless."

This scripture IS for you, My daughter. I led you there today for a reason. It IS My Word for you today, just as you thought. I do not withhold any good thing from you, even though it might seem that way to you at times from your human perspective. I am alive and well and active in your life. I and My Word are One. I AM My Word, and My Word is Me.

### ~ 111 ~

#### IT'S BASED ON LOVE

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

And that's My Word for you today. Nothing can make you stumble because you love My law and that love causes you to desire to obey it.

Remember that I and my Word are one. If you love Me, you love My law. If you love My law, you love Me. If you love Me, you will obey My commands. Remember that I said that? And you DO love Me, Joan, because you obey My commands. It's based on love.

## ~ 112 ~

#### THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### **Isaiah 32:17**

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

I was impressed by the scripture about the fruit of righteousness Isaiah 32:17 and felt I was to do a scripture study and file on that topic today.

#### SCRIPTURES ON FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness - being in a right relationship to God; not guilty before God.

#### **Isaiah 32:17**

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

### Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

# Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.

#### **Hebrews 12:11**

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

#### Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.

#### Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life.

So these are some of the fruits of righteousness:

Tree of life

Fountain of life

Peace

Quietness

Confidence

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

It comes through Jesus Christ, and comes through the Holy Spirit.

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#### **PICTURES AND/OR THOUGHTS**

This morning B explained to me what Pastor Caesar taught them last night at Shift. He taught about two different ways the prophetic presents itself through us - ra-ah, and na-bi.

Ra-ah presents with pictures you see and interpret to people.

*Na-bi* presents with a thought that comes. When you speak that thought forth, then more thoughts come and this bubbles forth as you speak it.

*Na-bi* is what I experience happening mostly through me, even though occasionally I see a picture or vision.

# ~ 114 ~

# **LEAVE THINGS ALONE**

(Streams In The Desert by L.B.Cowman, p. 262-3)

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you. (2 Chronicles 20:12)

Living a life of faith often requires us to leave things alone.

If we have completely entrusted something to God, we must keep our hands off it. He can guard it better than we can, and He does not need our help. "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." (Psalm 37:7)

Things in our lives may seem to be going all wrong, but God knows our circumstances better than we do. And He will work at the perfect moment, if we will completely trust Him to work in His own way and in His own time. Often there is nothing as godly as inactivity on our part, or nothing as harmful as restless working, for God has promised to work His sovereign will. A. B. Simpson.

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#### APART FROM ME THERE IS NO SAVIOR

Isaiah 43:6-7

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

When I read this Scripture, I was impressed with the words "whom I created for my glory."

I was also impressed again by this Scripture:

Isaiah 43:11-12

"I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed - I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God."

When I read this, I think of someone who told J that God and Allah were the same. No, they are not! Allah is "some foreign god" and is no savior.

#### ~ 116 ~

#### I SPEAK THE WORDS UNTIL THEY TAKE ROOT AND GROW IN MY HEART

- I live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- I hold firmly to the word of life. (Philippians 2:16)
- The word of God is alive and powerful. (Hebrews 4:12)
- I don't just listen to the word, I do what it says. (James 1:22)
- God's words will never disappear. (Matthew 24:35)

- Jesus' words remain in me, so I may ask for anything I want. (John 15:7)
- I have the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done (Matthew 6:10) (no pain and no disease) on earth as it is in heaven.
- I come to the light so others can see that I do what God wants. (John 3:21)
- I go to God's word and wash in it. (John 9:10-11)
- Jesus died to break the power of sin. (Romans 6:10)
- So, I consider myself dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:10-14)
- I speak the words until they take root and grow in my heart. (Matthew 13:23)

#### ~ 117 ~

#### **BLESS THE LORD**

This morning the song coming to me is:

(A song)

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Therefore, guided by this song, I knew the Father was calling me to prayer. As I talked with Him, I was guided to read from the New Century Bible which I had open to Psalm 103 in the family room where I was at the time. I read through that Psalm and felt led to place certain verses here in my journal. I especially like these verses (Psalm 103:2-5) in this translation because it makes them personal (using the word "my").

My whole being, praise the Lord and do not forget all his kindnesses. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He saves my life from the grave and loads me with love and mercy. He satisfies me with good things and makes me young again, like the eagle. (Psalm 103:2-5 NCV)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5 RSV)

Song based on this verse:

(A song)
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Bless His Holy Name.

As I thought about this translation of these verses, and the song I learned based on the RSV translation (using the words "Bless the Lord"), the idea came to me to do a Scripture study on "blessing the Lord" today. So, I plan to do that.

Blessing the Lord is the great privilege of My people Israel, and of My people the sons of the kingdom. I hear those words when you bless Me. I treasure those words of blessing towards Me. I want you to know this, My child. Blessing Me does things that you know not of. So, bless Me whenever it comes into your heart and mind to do that.

# SCRIPTURES ON BLESSING THE LORD

Psalm 103:1-5 RSV

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

# Judges 5:2

That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord!

#### 1 Kings 8:56

Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he uttered by Moses his servant.

#### 1 Chronicles 16:36

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

#### 2 Chronicles 20:26

On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah (blessing), for there they blessed the Lord; therefore, the name of that place has been called the Valley of Beracah to this day.

#### Nehemiah 9:5

Then the Levites...said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed by thy glorious name which is exulted above all blessing and praise."

#### Job 1:20-21

Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell upon the ground, and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

#### **Psalm 34:1**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

#### **Psalm 66:8**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

#### Psalm 66:20

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

#### **Daniel 2:19**

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

#### **Daniel 2:20**

Daniel said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings, he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him."

#### Matthew 21:9

And the crowds that went before him (Jesus) and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

#### Mark 11:9

And those who went before and those who followed (Jesus) cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest."

# **Luke 1:64**

And immediately his (Zechariah's) mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.

#### Luke 1:67-68

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people."

#### Luke 2:28

And it had been revealed to him (Simeon) that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."

#### Luke 13:35

(Jesus said) O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

#### ~ 118 ~

#### **NEW THINGS**

The Lord told me he was going to open up more understanding (another layer) of Scripture as my gift today.

See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you. (Isaiah 42:9)

And I am announcing something new to you today, Joan, and that is what you are discerning in your heart and thoughts right now. Listen, and I will tell you these new things.

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I WILL SUSTAIN YOU

(A song)

Father, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You

Jesus, I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You.

Holy Spirit, I adore You Lay my life before you How I love You.

I come into the New Secret Place with You, Lord.

I love you, My daughter. I know this is a hard time for you to wait to come up here and be with Me, but I WILL sustain you and cover you and strengthen you so you can persevere. Count on it. Count on Me. I am faithful.

~ 120 ~

# WAIT AND RECEIVE THE RENEWING STRENGTH OF THE LORD

(From *Beyond The Ancient Door* by James Durham, p 50)

The Lord spoke to me and said, "Don't wear yourself out during a time of refreshing."

But those who wait on the Lord shall <u>renew their strength</u>; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

There is no doubt in this passage of scripture. In the presence of the Lord be still, be silent, and be patient in waiting on the Lord. Wait and receive the renewing strength of the Lord. It is more awesome than anything you can ask, think or imagine. Trust Him, and allow him to take you to deeper places in Him. He knows when you are ready and is faithful to accomplish it.

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**PRETENSION** 

There is a lot of pretension in the world today, Joan. Many are not genuine in what they try to project about themselves. I want you aware of this and thinking about this, and aware of how to keep from being deceived.

And the truth will set you free. I AM the Truth. My way is the right way, the ONLY way. It IS a narrow path, not a wide path. It must be walked on slowly and carefully. Therefore, make no hurried decisions outside of My counseling.

# ~ 122 ~

#### **VERY LITTLE PEACE**

I saw the jet trail out the window and was marveling at people flying up there. And He told me that during the Millennium there will be things invented that I haven't even dreamed of. And He said:

Just think - 1000 years of peace. Can you imagine it. No, because you have known little peace on the earth during your lifetime. Your lifetime has included WW2, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf Wars, and many other wars all over the world. Very little peace.

Only in the hearts of My beloved ones is there peace, Joan. Only those who belong to Me get to have the peace that I took the punishment for them to obtain and have. It is one of My most precious gifts to My people - My peace that passes understanding.

You KNOW that all things will turn out for good to you because you have accepted Me and what I did for you. Therefore, you get My peace while on earth, and forever peace in heaven after this life.

Remember what I said in Luke? My angels sang at My birth and said:

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

Those "on whom his favor rests" are all those who believe and receive Me as their Savior.

### ~ 123 ~

### **DURING THE MILLENNIUM YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE**

I want to talk. It's part of My timing. I give you messages so that you come back to them and read them again on just the right day, at just the right time. That's the way I work in you, as you are My scribe, and we are writing your books together.

During the Millennium you can go anywhere. Space will not hold you back. Trees will not hold you back. Buildings will not hold you back. Why? Because you will be made of a different substance then - a spiritual substance which is not subject to the laws of the earth. You can live and move and function on earth, just like I did after My resurrection, but will not be subject to its laws.

#### ~ 124 ~

#### THE SPIRIT IS THE DEPOSIT THAT SEALS OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER

Now I want you to know this...it is a VERY SHORT TIME now until the rapture and the changing of the bodies of all who belong to Me - those who truly belong to Me, not those who just think they belong to Me, but really don't.

The filling with My Spirit is the key to this. The Spirit is the "deposit" that seals our commitment to each other. Those who have My Spirit (like the 5 virgins with plenty of oil) are the ones who will come with Me when I return for My bride.

Deposit - something pledged or given as part of the payment.

When you 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 1:14-15)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30

He (God) anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV)

But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22 RSV)

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

Because those who are FILLED with Your Spirit deny themselves, take up their crosses and follow You. (Luke 9:23).

Those who have just enough of Your Spirit to ask You to be their Savior, but are not filled with Your Spirit, they do not deny themselves, pick up their crosses, and follow You.

Is that it, Lord? Is that the difference between the five wise and five foolish virgins?

Yes, Joan, that is it. Remember IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, he must deny himself, pick up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Remember that some would come to Me, would believe Me, but would not follow Me. They believed in who I was and what I said, but did not FOLLOW Me.

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Those who don't follow after Me, will not be raptured. And it takes the filling of My Holy Spirit to follow after Me.

Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:1-6)

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there...But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women....When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:5, 12, 14-17)

I see that according to these scriptures there were believers who believed in Jesus who were not filled with the Holy Spirit. They had not even been taught about the Holy Spirit. When they were taught and believed, and prayed for to receive the Holy Spirit, then they were filled with Him.

#### Remember what James said -

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. (James 1:22-26)

#### ~ 125 ~

# WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST

The Word, The Name, and The Blood by Joyce Meyer

(p. 18-19)

According to the Scriptures, Satan seeks to build strongholds in our minds. Strongholds are lies that are believed. A person who believes a lie is deceived. When an individual believes that wrong is right, he has fallen into deception. Satan works through deception, but the knowledge of the Word is the believer's defense and victory.

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For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

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)

~ 126 ~

YOU HAVE SET YOUR GLORY IN THE HEAVENS

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in 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, and the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:1, 3-4)

As I watched the webshots pictures scroll through on my computer screen, I saw two pictures of outer space galaxies, which were just beautiful. I marveled at the immensity of the Universe and how tiny we mortals are on our little planet Earth. And I marveled at the Lord who created all of this. So, this Scripture especially means a lot to me today.

~ 127 ~

ORAL ROBERTS

I realized through listening to Oral Roberts on TBN Classics from May 1, 1986 (or 1989) that when I hear something from the Lord it *may* be an interpretation from the times I pray in tongues, which I do throughout the day as He leads me.

The teaching by Oral Roberts was exceptionally good. He taught about speaking in tongues:

- How it happens physically and spiritually,
- How he got started doing that,
- How he was taught to ask God for the interpretation,
- How his wife first started doing that,
- The story about God calling him to build a university,
- And how God gave him the vision for that university with revelation while praying in tongues.

It was most remarkable and inspiring. I want us to keep that recording so B can listen to it too, and perhaps for others to view also.

~ 128 ~

HIS ANOINTING TEACHES YOU ABOUT EVERYTHING

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and

as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in him. (1 John 2:27 NIV)

But the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him. (1 John 2:27 RSV)

But this anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (1 John 2:27 KJV)

But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true, for the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true - it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ. (1 John 2:27 NLT)

This Scripture is such a confirmation to me regarding my listening to the Holy Spirit teach me day after day regarding what He wants me to know that day.

~ 129 ~

A WATCHER

As I prayed about watching He told me I was a "watchman". He said I was not a "watcher" as they are in heaven, but a "watchman". He said He knows I don't understand what a "watcher" is, and said I am to look that word up in His Word today.

I want to talk to you now. Listen and you will hear.

You are a watcher from earth. I call them My watchmen. You are one of those.

But there are "watchers" from heaven. That's what I want to disclose to you today. Look up "watcher" online today and see what you learn.

WATCHER

Daniel 4:13 NASB

I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

Daniel 4:17 RSV

The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.

Daniel 4:23 RSV

And whereas the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven...

Job 7:20 NASB

Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target, so that I am a burden to myself?

So, from these Scriptures I see that a "watcher" can be angels or the Lord Himself.

~ 130 ~

I, WISDOM

I heard in my spirit and mind the words: "I, Wisdom." I knew those words should be found in Proverbs, probably in chapter 8. So I searched until I found those two words in Proverbs 8:12 and wrote out that verse along with any others He led me to write.

- I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power. I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:12, 14, 17, 34, 35 NIV)
- I, Wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment. Common sense and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine. I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me. Joyful are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gate, waiting for me outside my home! For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:12, 14, 17, 34, 35 NLT)
- I, wisdom, dwell in prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. I have counsel and sound wisdom, I have insight, I have strength. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. Happy is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:12, 14, 17, 34, 35 RSV)

These are the reasons you are so mightily blessed, Joan.

- You have sought Me and found Me
- I love those who love Me and you love Me. I know because you seek Me daily and you obey My commands.
- Since I have common sense, success, knowledge, discernment, insight, strength, counsel and wisdom, then you have these also because I am in you and leading you and instructing you daily.
- When you have Me, then you have My blessing, joy, and happiness.
- You have My favor and My life there is nothing greater.

~ 131 ~

A HOUSE OF WOOL

As I awoke this morning, I heard this:

There is a house of wool. In that house the wool is pulled over their eyes. There is also a house of truth. In that house they walk in truth. You are the house of truth, Joan. And you live in a house of truth. There are many people who live in the house of wool and they are deceived and do not know they are. Truth prevails.

~ 132 ~

BY THE EAST WINDOW

In the dream I "saw" myself sitting by the east window in the sunshine in the upstairs bedroom of my childhood home. It seemed like I was taking notes there.

As I pondered this dream, I asked the Lord if it was from Him and felt the answer was yes. I gradually got understanding about what the dream was teaching me. The revelation was this:

I got my lunch, my food, the Word, from sitting in an intimate place with the Lord in the sunshine. East window. This represents revelation from Him.

Yes, Joan, you have the correct revelation about the meaning of this dream. You already have your revelation of My Word, your food, directly from Me, sitting in My presence. That's why I gave you the dream - to prepare you for that understanding. Look up what "east" window means and put it here.

I felt like there was another level of interpretation and understanding He wanted to give me about the dream. He said to let Him highlight (bold) the meaning of each symbol I listed here, so I did that, and took out all the other possibilities from the list. I ended up with this:

East: Light, God's glory; arising; Cherubim

Eating: friendship; consuming wisdom; meditation; digesting the Word of God, becoming a part of; relationship between friends; to consume the Word

Window: Revelation knowledge; unobstructed view

Food: For the mature; deep and satisfying teaching of the Word of God; work of God.

Sitting: rest; position; concentration; receiving

Chair: concentration; receiving position, rest or position, quietness;

Upstairs: going higher in the Spirit

Bedroom: place of intimacy, rest; privacy; peace; salvation, meditation, covenant

I want you to know that this is where you are now - in a position of rest, privacy, peace, intimacy, meditation and covenant. You are going higher in the Spirit every day.

Quietness is part of your everyday life now. You are in a receiving position all the time now. I am giving you light and revelation knowledge from an unobstructed view.

You are consuming My Word and digesting it and becoming a part of it every day now. This is all to My (God's) glory.

You are arising to meet with Me every day and I bring you revelation knowledge. This is for the mature. It is deep and satisfying to you. It is the work of God in your life. THAT'S what this dream is showing you most of all.

This is the way I see you - as you saw yourself in this dream.

THIS is to My glory - to make you daily like Me, more and more, little by little, as you consume My Word and listen to Me.

I am your life now. And you have My life now. You are walking in Me and with Me daily. This is what I want you to see. Receive this understanding (from the east window) from Me.

~ 133 ~

GREAT GIFTEDNESS

The path of the righteous is level; you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you. My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. (Isaiah 26:7-9)

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

Giftedness, not greatness. Great giftedness, Joan. These people you mentioned are like those who were given 10 talents and used them well. They are to be honored.

But others, with smaller giftedness, will also be honored just as much with "Well done, good and faithful servant." Remember what I told Rick Joyner about the homeless man who used faithfully the very little he was given.

~ 134 ~

THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:18)

He gave us birth through the word of truth - hmm. That touches me today. I wonder why.

Lord, what do You want me to learn from this scripture today?

~ 135 ~

WEALTH TO GIVE OUT TO OTHERS

In this dream I seemed to be working on a book that I was writing. I could see the words of paragraphs on pages. I was putting little clip art pictures by those paragraphs. I put a clip art picture of King Midas beside one paragraph.

Was this dream from You, Lord?

Yes, it was. I have a message for you about this dream. Ask Me.

What is the message You have for me about this dream?

What does King Midas symbolize to you?

He symbolizes having lots of money.

Yes. And the book with paragraphs symbolizes your books. The clip art symbolizes pictures that will form in people's minds as they read those books/words. The King Midas symbolizes richness that is stored in those words you are writing - richness and abundance of wealth that will be gathered and gleaned from your words as people read them - because of the anointing I, the King, am putting on them. I am like King Midas with all that money/wealth to give out to others as they read your books. This is the understanding I am giving you through this dream. It is from Me.

~ 136 ~

AN ANCIENT ANGEL MESSENGER

In this dream I just seemed to see a picture. There wasn't any action taken. I seemed to be lying on the ground looking up at a bird that had a long-pointed beard hanging down from it. The beard was about 2-3 ft. long and tapered down to a point. I seemed to be beside a tree. The tree was old, mature, short, almost like an apple tree, with a thick trunk. I also saw a scene or picture of tiny U.S. flags in the air.

Lord, was this dream from You?

Yes it was. It is a message dream.

The message is hidden/dark/secretive and mature, from long ago. You must look up to see it. You are under the messenger. A messenger can be an angel. If so, you are under that angel.

It's not evil, as you wondered because it was dark and not colored. Dark refers to hard to see.

The tree refers to life, the tree of life, which is old and mature and full of fruit. That is beside you.

The flags refer to your country. They were flying in the air, so that represents your country will keep flying and being lifted up in the air, not crushed down. This refers to the concern

you had since watching the news last night regarding the increasing threat of war with North Korea.

My mature and hidden messenger visited you to let you know you are bearing fruit and will keep bearing fruit as you keep looking up, keep following Me, and resting under Me and in Me.

The bird represents My messenger to you...a very old and mature messenger with a long, long maturity (beard).

This is a message to give you hope and assurance, and to show you that your position is resting under and beside what I send you to nurture, inform and protect you.

So I see myself resting and looking up, receiving wisdom from an ancient angel messenger, and eating from the tree of life, and bearing fruit from eating of that tree of life - You, Jesus.

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)

~ 137 ~

SET OUT RESOLUTELY

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. (Luke 9:51)

I want you to set out resolutely to finish up your course set for you on this earth too, Joan. Will you do that? No matter what comes?

Yes, Lord, I commit to do that...I will set out resolutely to finish up my course set for me on this earth - as You did, and as You enable me to.

Ok, I will enable you to.

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

~ 138 ~

ENDLESSLY CREATIVE

You can't give to someone else the relationship you have with Me, Joan. You can only give testimony to what it is, but they must seek it for themselves with Me. It is unique and different with each person, because each person is different and unique.

I like it that way. I made it that way. There is nothing boring about relating to human beings, Joan, as each one is different.

Just like I made each flower different, even though some are similar, and just as I have made each animal different, even though some are similar, it is the same with human beings.

I, the Lord, am endlessly creative - endlessly. I never reach the end of My creativeness, and neither do you. You may wear out and stop creating, but the potential is still there as long as you are alive on this earth.

BUT, when you come to heaven, that creativity doesn't end, it only expands and grows. Therefore, heaven will be a delight for you. I made My people like Me, like Us, so they are creative too.

~ 139 ~

WE BECOME WHAT WE BEHOLD

The Lord talked to me this morning about this idea: we become what we behold.

- If we behold porn, we become full of lust and seek to fulfill that
- If we behold violence, we seek to use violence
- If we behold rebellion, we become rebellious
- If we behold a gentle spirit, we imitate that gentle spirit
- If we behold alcohol/drugs, we seek that
- If we behold the Lord, we seek Him, and become like Him.

~ 140 ~

I HAVE PUT MY WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH

Through tongues or English you administer My Word through your mouth speaking it. If you want to have effective prayer, it is through MY WORD being spoken through your mouth...THAT'S what effective prayer is. Therefore, you must hear Me and listen to Me first.

So, when you want to bring a person before Me – present them to Me and ask Me: "What word do You want spoken over ____? The answer will come in tongues or English, and then you speak those words for Me.

That's why I have you pray by yourself, Joan, for you are called to intercession, and intercession for you means you speak My words for Me.

As soon as you are finished with the ENCOURAGING WORDS books, then I want you to speak prayers for Me. I want you to sit in the special chair when you begin your quiet time in the mornings, and speak the words I give you. I have lots of things I want spoken forth at this time, and I am calling you to do that with Me.

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth." (Jeremiah 1:4-9)

That's why I gave that scripture to you.

I'm training you in authority – in receiving authority (My word) and using authority (My word). And you're learning it now, while on earth.

~ 141 ~

THE DOVE COMPANY

Today B and I listened to Paul Keith Davis talking with an interviewer on the MorningStar partner conference. One thing Paul Keith mentioned is about the "dove company" which God is raising up. This dove company is a group of people who are really close to the Lord and know His heart. He mentioned the Scripture about doves with silver on their wings and gold on their feathers - a Scripture that has fascinated me for years.

Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold. (Psalm 68:13 NIV)

I knew when I heard this that I am one of those doves who is close to God's heart. They come close to the heart of God. That's why He gave me the dove sign on the roof many years ago, and why He led me to call my web site DoveMinistry.net.

As I talked to the Lord about this, He prompted me to do a Scripture study on "dove."

DOVE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 8:8

Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground.

Psalm 55:6

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest."

Psalm 68:13 NIV

Even while you sleep among the sheep pens (or campfires or saddlebags), the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.

SOS 2:14

My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

SOS 6:9

But my dove, my perfect one, is unique.

Isaiah 60:8

Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?

Jeremiah 8:7

Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration.

Matthew 3:16

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At the moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

John 1:32

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

You are one of My doves, Joan. Your wings are sheathed with silver and your feathers with shining gold. You are beautiful to behold by Me. I created you to be this. That is what you came to earth for - to become one of My dove company as Paul Keith Davis calls it. Just know this.

~ 142 ~

A PIVOTAL WEEK

This is what the Lord said to me last night before I went to sleep:

This will be a pivotal week, Joan. I will explain more tomorrow what that means. Good night, My daughter.

- You will finish your EW book series.
- MF will have some surprises in his life
- The August 21st eclipse day will be a milestone marker along the way

~ 143 ~

THE MYSTERY OF GOD

As I read this, the Lord told me to put it in today's journal:

Paul Keith Davis said he believes we are living right now in Revelation 10. So today I looked up Revelation 10 to see what all took place there...

- The seven thunders speak (Rev. 10:4)
- There will be no more delay (Rev. 10:6)
- He took the scroll from the angel, ate it, and was told to prophesy (Rev. 10:8-11)

Write down what the angel said to John at that time.

"There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished (shall be completed), just as he announced to his servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:6-7)

No more delay, Joan. That means things are going forward now into the tribulation time and time of wrath. But before I do that, the mystery of God will be accomplished.

What is this "mystery of God" that is being accomplished now, before the seventh trumpet sounds?

Do a scripture word study on the "mystery of God".

As I did the word study, I felt this mystery may be what is being referenced in Revelation 10:6-7. The mystery of God that will be accomplished/completed is the fullness of Christ in us. And when that is accomplished, the seventh angel will sound his trumpet, and the bride of Christ will be raised.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Colossians 1:26-27

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

1 Cor. 2:7

We speak of <u>God's secret wisdom</u>, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

Colossians 2:2

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 2:9

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and <u>you have</u> been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

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MYSTERIES

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

A secret or mystery in Scripture is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed.

- 1. The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:3-50)
- 2. The mystery of Israel's blindness during this age (Romans 11:25 with context)
- 3. The mystery of the <u>translation of living saints</u> at the end of this age (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-17
- 4. The mystery of the New Testament <u>church as one body</u> composed of Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 3:1-12; Romans 16:25; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3)
- 5. The mystery of the church as the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:23-32)
- 6. The mystery of the indwelling Christ (Gal. 2;20; Col. 1:26-27)
- 7. The <u>mystery of God, namely, Christ</u> i.e. Christ as the incarnate fullness of the Godhead embodied, in whom all the divine wisdom for man subsists (1 Cor. 2:7; Col. 2:2, 9)
- 8. The mystery of the processes by which godlikeness is restored to man (1 Tim. 3:16)
- 9. The mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7; compare Matthew 13:33)
- 10. The mystery of the seven stars (Rev. 1:20)
- 11. The mystery of Babylon (Rev. 17:5, 7)

Amos 3:7

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing $\underline{\text{his plan}}$ to his servants the prophets.

Matthew 13:3 and following - the parables which Jesus calls the <u>secrets of the</u> kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 13:11

The knowledge of the <u>secrets of the kingdom of heaven</u> has been given to you, but not to them.

Mark 4:11

He told them, "The <u>secret of the kingdom of God</u> has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables."

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the <u>mystery hidden</u> for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen!

1 Corinthians 4:1

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the <u>secret things of God.</u>

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a <u>mystery</u>. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Ephesians 1:9

And he made known to us the <u>mystery of his will</u> according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 3:3-5

That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the <u>mystery of Christ</u>, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

Ephesians 3:6

<u>This mystery</u> is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise of Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:32

This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 6:19

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

Colossians 1:26-27

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

Colossians 2:2

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 <u>mystery of God, namely, Christ</u>, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the <u>mystery of godliness</u> is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

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SHINING

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (Proverbs 4:18)

This is the scripture that came to me this morning, and I decided to do a scripture study on shining.

SCRIPTURES ON SHINING

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (Proverbs 4:18)

(David) The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth." (2 Samuel 23:2-4)

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. (Philippians 2:14-16)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

What you decide on (decree) will be done, and light will shine on your ways. (Job 22:28)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and think darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

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. (Daniel 12:3)

The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. (Zechariah 9:16)

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl, instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43)

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IMAGINATION

As I rested the Lord began to teach me more about our imagination.

With your imagination you create faith and with your imagination you create fear. Worry is the imagining of fearful things. As you create fear, then your mouth may speak those fear thoughts. That produces that fearful situation in the spiritual realm. You have created it.

If you use your imagination to think on what God is like, what His Word says, and praise and worship Him, then you create faith with your imagination. Then, if you speak those faith thoughts, they create that faith-filled situation in the spiritual realm. You have created it.

I wonder if that is the way bread is multiplied, and money is multiplied.

He reminded me of Oral Roberts - saying he expected provision for his needs when he gives his tithe. The Lord taught him to do that. And the Lord provides as he does that.

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WAITING IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN WALKING

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 317. Sunday School Times)

Waiting is much more difficult than walking, for waiting requires patience, and patience is a rare virtue. We enjoy knowing that God builds hedges around His people, when we look at the hedge from the aspect of protection. But when we see it growing higher and higher until we can no longer see over it, we wonder if we will ever get out of our little sphere of influence and service, where we feel trapped. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand why we do not have a larger area of service, and it becomes difficult for us to "brighten the corner" where we are. But God has a purpose in all of *His* delays. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." (Psalm 37:23 KJV)

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BUILD YOURSELVES UP

This is His Word to me today:

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. (Jude 20-21 NIV)

But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love. (Jude 20-21 NLT)

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THE GREATEST LIFE IS "AFTER YOU HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO STAND"

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 318. J.R.Miller)

Must life be considered a failure for someone compelled to stand still, forced into inaction and required to watch the great, roaring tides of life from shore? No - victory is then to be won by standing still and quietly waiting. Yet this is a thousand times harder to do than in the past, when you rushed headlong into the busyness of life. It requires much more courage to stand and wait and still not lose heart or lose hope, to submit to the will of God, to give up opportunities for work and leave honors to others, and to be quiet, confident, and rejoicing while the busy multitude goes happily along their way. The greatest life is "after you have done everything to stand." (Ephesians 6:13)

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A STORY ABOUT GEORGE MUELLER

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p. 318-319)

A number of years ago I went to America with a steamship captain who was a very devoted Christian. When we were off the coast of Newfoundland, he said to me, "The last time I sailed here, which was five weeks ago,

something happened that revolutionized my entire Christian life. I had been on the bridge for twenty-four straight hours when George Mueller of Bristol, England, who was a passenger on board, came to me and said, 'Captain, I need to tell you that I must be in Quebec on Saturday afternoon,' 'That is impossible,' I replied. 'Very well,' Mueller responded. 'if your ship cannot take me, God will find some other way, for I have never missed an engagement in fifty-seven years. Let's go down to the chartroom to pray.'

"I looked at this man of God and thought to myself, 'What lunatic asylum did he escape from?' I had never encountered someone like this. "Mr. Mueller,' I said, 'do you realize how dense the fog is?' "No,' he replied. 'My eye is not on the dense fog but on the living God, who controls every circumstance of my life.'

"He then knelt down and prayed one of the most simple prayers I've ever heard. When he had finished, I started to pray, but he put his hand on my shoulder and told me *not* to pray. He said, 'First, you do not believe God will answer, and second, I BELIEVE HE HAS. Consequently, there is no need whatsoever for you to pray about it.'

"As I looked at him, he said, 'Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been even a single day that I have failed to get an audience with the King. Get up, Captain, and open the door, and you will see that the fog is gone.' I got up, and indeed the fog was gone. And on Saturday afternoon George Mueller was in Quebec for his meeting." (Selected)

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YOU ARE IN THE HARVEST TIME RIGHT NOW

This morning my bible was lying open to Matthew 13:37 and I read it. It was the parable about the wheat and the weeds. I was impressed to place here in my journal the explanation of the parable (Matthew 13:24-30) of the wheat and the weeds.

The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

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 blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. (Matthew 13:24-30)

This is really about the church, Joan. They are the sowing of the good seed. But, notice, it is a mixture until the harvest time.

You are in the "harvest time" right now. It is the end of the age. I am now having My angels tie the weeds together in bundles. That is what is happening in the world right now and it is a time of great stirring and moving around and forming opinions/sides.

You see it on the TV news. You see some of the "bundles" out in the streets causing havoc. Some of those "weeds" THINK they are church members. Some of those "weeds" THINK they are Christians. But they are not.

The church has been such a mixture, Joan, and that is what has caused so many problems in the church. But now it is time to clean out and purify My church and get her ready to shine in My kingdom. That is what I am doing right now in the world.

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. (Matthew 13:30)

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THOU ART WORTHY O LORD

(A song)
Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy
Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor
Glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
For Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure, they were created.
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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WORDS OF FAREWELL TO MY READERS

John 14:3 "When everything is ready, I will come to get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

Today is the day to say farewell to my readers. I have prayed for you often and continue to pray for your own personal relationship with Jesus as your Lord. Remember the Bible says He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). I want to close with this wonderful benediction from Ephesians 3:20:

Now unto 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.