

ENCOURAGING
WORDS
Book 3

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 (*which will be in blue italics*), 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.

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I AM HERE

I love You, Lord.

I am here, and I love you too, My child. I've been waiting for you to draw near to Me this morning so I could teach you - speak to you. I have much to say to you.

Wait, wait patiently before Me. Let Me come in deeper.

The dream you had last night means I have opened your heart and put many storage spaces in it to store lots of things I want to give you and want you to have. Big, small, different shapes and sizes. These are people, causes, prayers, concerns, provisions -- all of these I want to give you and have you store in your heart.

And I am the door to your heart now - completely. You never put anything in your heart that I don't let you put in there. I want to keep your heart pure and set apart unto Me only. There is even a space there for "frozen" things - where I store up food for later to give you. These are already "preserved" in your heart and you will thaw them out later and consume them. This is the place where I store your manna.

And I am your manna. I am the bread of your life. Eat Me, Joan. Eat Me every day of your life, every time you are hungry, eat Me. I will renew your

strength and health. Didn't I keep the Israelites fed and well during those 40 years with My manna? 40 years represents a lifetime, your lifetime. I am now your manna for the rest of your life. As you eat Me you are renewed, fed, strengthened, made healthy and whole.

I love you, My child, and I want the VERY BEST for you. I know you want that too, so I am giving you the way to the very best - Me. It all comes through Me. I am your very best. I am your portion and your cup.

Keep writing about Me and from Me and for Me. That is your destiny right now. It may not be forever, but it is right now.

~ 2 ~

A SEASON OF TESTING

A voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation." (Luke 3:4-6)

I came through John the Baptist (as Elijah) then, I am bringing MANY John the Baptists as prophets (as Elijahs) now just before My coming in the Rapture to take out My bride, and I will have the two witnesses to bring the message of repentance of Elijah just before My final coming to earth to set up My kingdom there.

I make three appearances: one in body back when I came then, one in the clouds to take out My bride, and one in glory to fight that final battle with evil and set up My kingdom. Before each of these appearances I give multiple opportunities to repent and choose Me.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. (Luke 4:1-2)

You also had your 'forty days' of testing, Joan, which represents a 'season' of testing time. They began in 1979. From then until now you have had many 'testings' for faithfulness, perseverance, whether you would listen to Me and follow Me, whether you would believe My Word, etc. They are finished. You are out of the wilderness. You are in your 'ministry time' as Jesus was when He came out of the season of temptation.

Your ministry time is doing exactly what you are doing today -- sitting with Me, listening to Me, reading books I guide you to read, writing down what I tell you, then preparing that writing to publish for others to read later.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit. (Luke 4:14)

You are now coming/returning to ministry in the 'power of the Spirit' since I am the One who gives you what you write down for Me. Jesus was doing what I led Him to do. You are doing what I lead you to do.

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COME HOLY SPIRIT

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

And what this means is: dwelling with Me and resting in Me come together as a package. I, Holy Spirit, dwell with you when you invite Me to do that, as you did this morning. When you invite Me to come to you, I never turn you down, I always come. When I come, then you REST in Me. Rest, Joan, rest.

I want you to know that I am "with" you all the time, and I am "in" you all the time, BUT coming "to" you is something else, something different. I come "to" you when you invite Me to come. Otherwise I just stand waiting to be acknowledged, to be invited, to share your life, your time with you. When you say "Come, Holy Spirit," that is My invitation. I come then.

Once I come "to" you, then you can be in My presence instantly when you want to.

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LEARN TO LIVE IN THE SECRET PLACE

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

And that refuge and that fortress is all within. It is in our Secret Place together. You see, when you come into that Secret Place with Me, then all My power and comfort and protection is available to you, and you can call upon it momentarily. It's bringing Heaven down to earth. But it comes from dwelling in that Secret Place of the Most High with Me. My angels respond to the Secret Place with Me. The winds, the rain, the fire, the snow - they all respond to Me from the Secret Place.

Jesus dwelt in that Secret Place all the time. He never left it as you do. You walked out of the Secret Place and into the world on earth yesterday after you stopped your Quiet Time. You stayed in the world until you returned to the Secret Place this morning, just now.

I want you to learn to live in the Secret Place with Me, Holy Spirit, all the time...and you do that mostly some days now, especially when you are writing. I want to guide you through your days and make choices with you and for you. Do you want this too?

Yes, Lord, I do.

Then let's try it today. When Beth gets up and you start responding to her and making plans, keep our communication line open. Don't go back to the world, but keep thinking of Me and communicating with Me at the same time.

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THE BUBBLE AROUND YOU

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. (Psalm 91:3)

*You see, Joan, when you are in that Secret Place with Me, then you have access to My "saving." As you dwell with Me moment by moment I can warn you of the snares of life and you will be listening because you are still in the Secret Place. **I am the bubble around you that you saw in your vision!** Deadly pestilence can't get inside that bubble. I am your protection!*

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DWELLING IN THE SHELTER OF THE MOST HIGH

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

This is a pictorial, "earthly" description of what I do when you are in My Secret Place. It's like you are covered with My feathers. It's like I have My wings over you to protect you. It's like I am a shield in front of you. It's My truth and My faithfulness that accomplishes this.

First you come to Me in the Secret Place and learn to relate to Me there for a short period of time. Then you learn gradually to extend that time out into the world and keep yourself in My Presence even while living in the world. Remember Jesus said to be "in the world but not of the world." You must walk in the world while you are living this life on earth, but you can learn to walk it with Me, and then you will not be "of the world" and it's way of thinking and acting (responding).

As you read the rest of this Psalm, all of these benefits come from our being together in the Secret Place - which means "dwelling" in My shelter - the shelter of the Most High.

I am the Most High. I am the Holy Spirit. The Most High and I are one, in unity, together in a way you cannot fully comprehend while you live as a

human, but you will understand it more later when you come up to Heaven and see things more fully, completely, and clearly. For right now, while on earth, you receive it “by faith.” That’s why it is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you won’t and cannot walk in unity with Him, with Us. He is pleased when you are with Him, and displeased when you are not with Him. So without faith you are not pleasing Him - or Me since We are one.

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ASKING GOD

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)

When you desire to receive something from Heaven and have it brought to earth to you, first pray and see if it is My desire too. Then wait before Me as long as it takes (sometimes several days if needed) until I tell you whether it is My desire or not.

If it is My desire too, then it is My will to give it to you. It may not be My timing to bring it the exact day/time you want, but at least you know it is My will to bring it to you.

When you know it is My will, then ask Me for it - ask the Father in the name of Jesus, your Savior and Lord. Ask Me to bring it in My perfect timing for it.

Then you keep asking, daily, persistently, until it arrives.

When you begin asking it is sent out via My angels to come to you. The time it takes to get to you (from Heaven to earth through the second heaven) is determined by several factors:

- 1. Your persistence in asking daily (that’s why you are to pray “Give us this day our daily bread”)*

2. *The number of people who pray (strength is added and multiplied by praying in unity together)*
3. *The strength and amount of forces arrayed against your request in the second heaven*
4. *The number and strength of the angels sent to carry the request to earth to you.*
5. *My perfect timing to get it to you*

Picture your request on its journey coming to you via My angels. Picture the battle they must go through getting to you through the second heaven. Remember that all My work on earth comes with a battle since Satan has temporary dominion over the earth allowed there by Adam and Eve giving that control to him. So he has a right to contend for what he wants on the earth.

I created the earth and it's Mine. But Satan has temporary dominion over it, legally, so we are in constant battle for what I want done on the earth. Jesus won that battle, but it still has to be fought daily by Me and by those who belong to Me who want to bring My will to earth to them and others. Picture the battle as described in Frank Peretti's book "This Present Darkness."

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WRITE THESE THINGS

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

I noted in Scripture this morning about how God told Isaiah to write things down. I want to look up Scriptures where He told people to write things down, as He has told me to do also, and put them here. It is such an encouragement to me to know God spoke to others and told them to write things down to be read.

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

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. (Habakkuk 2:2)

Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered. (Exodus 17:14)

Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you. (Jeremiah 30:2)

Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you. (Jeremiah 36:2)

Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. (Revelation 1:19)

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TALK ABOUT THEM

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

I especially like this Scripture. For many years of my life I have tried to live out this Scripture in my home and with my children. I have talked with my children all their lives about God. I have read them stories as children that were based on scripture (i.e. the *Books of Narnia*). I have tried to live before them my Christian witness about how someone lives their life who believes in God and His written Word. I'm trusting God is using that witness in their lives now too.

I'm doing that right now. Certainly I am using your witness in K's life and B's life as they watched you live before them.

And now you are living before other people too as you write this testimony in your books about Me and about how you live life with Me on a daily basis.

The testimony of a prophet is a witness about Jesus. In that respect you are a prophet witnessing to others about who Jesus is in your life as you write.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. (1 Corinthians 2:6-7)

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

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GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Reading this Scripture today reminds me of the dream God gave me awhile back in which I saw a large open space in front of me which seemed kind of like an open field ahead. I feel like I am one of "God's fellow workers" and I am working in "God's field" by writing these books for Him. This is the focus of my life right now: to listen to Him daily and write what He shows me to write for those in that "large open field" before me. I pray for every single person who reads my books to be touched by the Holy Spirit through them. I pray God will bring each of those people to a closer meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. My relationship with Jesus means so much to me. I want this also for everyone who reads my books. Holy Spirit, will You do this?

Yes, I will touch every person who reads your book(s) in some special way. Some will share that with you and some will not. But all will be touched in some way. Some may back away from Me and some may come closer, but all will be affected some way.

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A STRONG HOUSE

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

You see, Joan, that I am a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29) When you come up here to live with Me, My consuming fire will consume anything in you that cannot stand under fire. Gold, silver, and costly stones can stand in fire, but not wood, hay, and stubble. So they will be burned up in My presence. They cannot stay with you here. So you want to build your life, your character, your "house" on gold, silver, and costly stones - those things that can stand with Me and stay with Me.

What are gold, silver, and costly stones? All those things you do by faith in Me. It's that simple. That's what will stand here. "The righteous shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4; Galatians 3:11) "Without faith you cannot please God." (Hebrews 11:6) What you give by faith, what you do by faith, what you declare by faith, what you pray by faith, where you stand by faith.

What you have built, Joan, is a strong house within yourself, with much faith, with much struggle, with much turmoil over the years, with much depending on Me for everything, with much time spent with Me in Quiet Time, with much prayer, with much giving, with much sowing into others' lives and

ministries. You have built a good strong house. It will survive the fire of My testing. You have a mansion waiting for you in Heaven with Me.

A strong house! That's what you want. A place that is all yours and always yours forever. No moving around like you have done much on earth. What you have will be yours forever. I have gone and prepared a place for you as I told you in John 14:2-3---"In my Father's house are many rooms---I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am."

I have been building the "house/place" within you for the "place" you will be here with Me.

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WHAT I YIELD SURPASSES CHOICE SILVER

I asked the Lord if it was His will to provide the finances I need. He said to turn to page 792 in my Bible and read the part He shows me and stop when He says to stop. This is what He had me read:

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full....Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. (Proverbs 8:17-21, 34)

You see, I am "yielding" something in you, which surpasses choice silver and is better than fine gold. I am giving you My BEST gift, and it is BETTER than silver and gold. It is like silver and gold inside of you. Declare these Scriptures.

FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)

That's what the Lord is trying to develop in me - faith that can move mountains and have nothing impossible for me.

Notes from last night's LIFE meeting at S's where prophet M and his wife F ministered to us individually.

M:

My day of reckoning, pleasantness.

Sufferings will diminish greatly. People suffering on beds will be touched.

No stoppage between this what?

Consuming love, precious, word of love, a life-giving force

A consuming love - others will hear and hearken

Presence of living One within you

God is bringing it to pass...God has given my heart's desire.

A time to rise up, and say "truly God has given unto me my heart's desire"

He has brought you through this, an open door. "What God has opened a door that no one can shut and shut a door that no one can open."

No ramblings of a mind, but words of Spirit

Completed work. Today it is declared.

Eye hath not seen. Wind blows as it.

Full witness of call is upon you.

Received the full witness of your call

You will know what that witness is

F:

Pressure in chest

Blockage in artery in heart - be healed now

Muscles-come alive and function properly

Lungs be healed

Bring oxygen into every cell of body now
Length-new strength

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HE HAS OPENED WHAT CANNOT BE SHUT

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

I have opened what cannot be shut - your finances, your ministry, your writing, your good health. I have closed what cannot be opened - Satan cannot get to your finances any more, or to your health any more, or to your ministry, or to your writing. That is closed to him now and from now on.

You want it easy, but I want to stretch you. I sent you here to teach you how to be a learner, a spiritual daughter, from others. (C & A, L & D, W & K)

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ALTAR MINISTRY TRAINING

Gospel - W
Baptism of HS - K
Healing/Deliverance - L
Prophetic - G
Ministry to us time

Gospel-W

- We are here to give away Life.
- Help me to be whatever God wants me to be at the time.
- Give self as an offering to God

- Give away love, hug

1. Greeting (tell my name, meet them)

2. Inquiry - why came up, how can I pray for you, what do you need

- You're the container holding Jesus to give to them
- Don't be in a hurry - concentrate on person
- Be real, be you
- Don't be self-focused
- God is excited about prayer time. He is inside of you. It's about Him.
- Prepare your heart before come. Wash mind before come with Word re who Christ is in me. Phil. 4:13, etc.
- Partnering with Jesus and person needing prayer. Go with them there. Ear to hear
- Listen (tell them I want to listen awhile) Just pause here for a moment
- Realize He is already working in me
- Eph. 3:7 We are a loaded weapon. You've been given authority through Jesus.
- Do all I know to do and love
- Rom 4:23
- 1 Cor 15:21-22 (Genesis 3)
- Romans 5:2 (Gen 2:17, John 11:25, 27)
- Romans 10:13
- John 3:16
- 1 John 4:19
- Romans 10:9-10
- They will give us a card with Scriptures to go over with them to understand gospel, and sinner's prayer to give them and go over and pray that. Then give them card to take with them
- You're giving them something supernatural.
- You become a gift to someone.

It's not quite time for you to do that yet, Joan...but it will be sometime. I wanted you to find out what the training was and to learn from them, and be ministered to. I will tell you when it is time for you to help. If you feel the urge or desire, ask Me if you are to minister, and to whom. Listen and do what I say. I may not have you minister in that way for a long time, or never. Be open to whatever I lead you to do. If you're called upon, then be obedient to your spiritual mom/dad.

- Have them fill out the decision card with your help. Take it to office in G's mailbox
- Contact them during week after
- Encourage them to get into Word. Give Bible if needed.
- Have them read: Psalm 119, 23, 25, 139, 4 gospels, 1 John, Proverbs a chapter a day, Romans 8, Acts 2, Ephesians

Baptism in Holy Spirit - K

- Enduement of power with HS
- John 20:22 Received HS
- Acts 2 Filled with HS
- Isa. 28:11-12
- Stirs up the gifts within me, by praying in tongues before ministry.
- Pray in Spirit with person
- Discernment of root problem will grow.
- To receive HS: 1. Empty self of sins 2. Ask for HS to fill you
- Luke 11:13
- Acts 2:4
- Acts 19:2
- If want HS: saved, surrendered, present body, willing to obey, focus on Person of HS
- Mind is like a cap on HS releasing
- Not an experience, but a relationship
- *Pour Out Your Heart* book by Gwenn Shaw-end time handmaidens - good for explaining what happens to you and answering questions

Healing and Deliverance-Lee Harms

- See handout he gave us titled PERSONAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Prophetic - J and J G

- Wait on the Spirit
- John 15:5
- Prophetic maturity develops over a period of time
- Relax and let gift work through you
- Timing of word takes maturity
- What you do with what you know takes maturity

- Being faithful 1 Cor 4:1-2
- Have compassion and mercy 1 Cor. 13:1
- **All you have to do is follow the HS**

Ministry to me

- L prayed for healing from sleep apnea. I stepped back to steady myself but didn't fall.
- J prayed for healing from throat irritation, jaw and teeth problems, and he said some other things inside me also needed healing. I felt a great shaking inside and stifled sobs, which wanted to come from my mouth.
- J prayed she saw a funnel above me with always an abundant supply coming to me from heaven.
- K felt peace when taking my hands...said it was exuding from me and ministering to her. She mentioned joy and surprises of joy in the next year. She also mentioned dancing (3rd prophet who said that to me)

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QUESTIONS TO ASK THE LORD

Bob Sorge asks these questions in *Secrets of the Secret Place*, p 54. As I asked the Lord these same questions, He gave me these answers:

Lord, what are You doing in the earth today?

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

- *When I bring you riches and wealth, then you have an accountability to Me and to others to use that wealth in the right way.*
- *When I bring you healing, then you have an accountability to Me and to others to take that healing to others.*

- *When I bring you teaching/illumination, then you have an accountability to Me and to others to share that revelation with others. And that's what you are doing in these books.*
- *I am watching to see who seeks Me*
- *I am watching to see who walks in righteousness and justice*
- *I am watching to see whom I can bless with prosperity who will share it with others*
- *I am watching to see how much you look to Me for guidance rather than choose your own way according to what you want*
- *I am setting apart the righteous and the unrighteous and gathering them in "bundles" together*
- *I am putting people in the places I want them to be for the days that are coming*
- *I am preparing you for what I have ahead for you to do for Me. This preparation includes some struggling to help you grow faster*

What themes are You emphasizing right now?

- *Righteousness and justice.*
- *Kindness and goodness.*
- *Developing a relationship with My own people.*
- *Drawing My people into closeness with Me to listen to Me and get instructions from Me.*

Among which groups of people are You moving in an unusual way?

- *Certainly among those at CTC.*
- *Certainly among those who lift Me up and give glory to Me alone - not to themselves or others.*

What do You want me to see concerning the day and hour in which I live?

- *I want you to see that My return for My bride is imminent, close, soon.*
- *I want you to help alert My bride to draw closer and closer to Me so they won't be "without oil" at the midnight hour when I come (as in Matthew 25:1-13)*

What is my role in Your present activities?

- *Number one is to come to Me daily and listen to Me*
- *Number two is to write what I tell you in a way it can be read by others sometime*
- *Number three is to keep this the primary focus of your life for right now*
- *Number four is to take advantage of and learn from all the training opportunities I give you where you can learn from mature mentors like you did yesterday. I have use for all that you learned someday, when it's the right time. In the meantime just share it in your books as you are doing.*

~ 17 ~

IMPORTANT IN CELEBRATING CHRIST'S BIRTH

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 31:24)

I want you to get out of the world and into My Kingdom, My Secret Place, and wait and rest with Me awhile this morning. Whether you write anything or not is not the most important thing - drawing close to Me is the most important thing.

In Your mind, Jesus, what is important for me to do to celebrate your birth at Christmas?

The answer came in the form of a song singing over and over in my mind as I got up in the morning. The first two lines of the song were: "*Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice.*" The last line was: "*Christ is born today, Christ is born today.*" I don't remember the words in between the beginning and the end. However, I felt the reason that particular song was in my mind was to answer the question about what is important in Jesus' mind for me to do to celebrate His birth.

The answer is I am to *rejoice, with heart and soul and voice, because He is born.* That's why I send Christmas cards and letters - to rejoice that He is born. That's why I sing Christmas hymns and carols - to rejoice with my voice because He is born. Just

like I rejoice in my daughters' birthdays on the day they were born with cards and gifts, so I also rejoice in Jesus' birthday with cards and gifts to celebrate.

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PROVED FAITHFUL

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

And how am I proved faithful, Lord?

By listening to Me daily, by accepting what I teach you, and by sharing it with others. You have many secret things of God that you know and live out, but you don't understand how few people have those secret things.

Like what, Lord?

Like how to give themselves to Me and become Mine. Like how to communicate with Me and be obedient to Me. Like what are the things I teach you through My Word and how to obey them. Like how to love Me. These are secret things to most people in the world, especially to those who don't belong to Me, but also to some who do.

But there are other secret things I can show you, and I will be showing you gradually. These secret things you can share with others too as I lead you to, and show you the right time to do that. You keep writing, and I'll keep revealing/showing.

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. (1 Corinthians 4:5)

WHEN IT'S MY WILL, IT'S MY BILL

“In other words, when it's God's will, it's His bill! What God orders, He pays for. When God does it for you, He will see it through. Let go and let God do it!” (*The Blessing of Favor* by Kate McVeigh , p 70)

That's what I wanted you to see in that book when I guided you to read it today. Note: when it's My will, it's My bill. What I order, I pay for. Did I order you, by My will, to spend your time writing these books when you moved to LS? (yes). Then you are following My guidance, right? (right) Then it's My will. I pay for it. I pay your salary, Joan...no matter where it comes from. Maybe some of it comes from Beth paying your household expenses.

That was your idea and her idea that you pay toward the household expenses...not necessarily Mine. If you didn't pay her, would you be able to make ends meet? (Yes, pretty much so.)

Then let her pay your household expenses unless and until I give you money to pay her a portion of it. Let her help you in return for all those years you took care of her. I'm not going to have you stay here forever. Not even much longer. I have plans for your next place and how it will be paid for. Leave it in My hands and don't be anxious - either now or for the future. I know it all and have it all planned and prepared for you. You are My child and I want to take care of you and be in charge of your finances. Isn't that what a husband and/or father does? (yes) Then let Me do it.

I am your Husband (Jesus) and I am your Father (Heavenly Father) and I am your Counselor (Holy Spirit). And we have all the finances we need to take care of you in the way we want to do that. This is a walk of faith for you and you are to walk it by faith, not by sight. Trust Me.

MORE THAN ENOUGH

And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done." (Exodus 36:3-5)

You see how this Scripture fits you, Joan? The skilled craftsmen were doing the work of the Lord on the sanctuary, and people brought them offerings daily, until they informed Moses they had more than enough to accomplish the work given them to do.

This is like you. You are daily doing the work of the Lord that I have given you to do...and I will have My people bring you the offerings needed to accomplish what I want to do through you. My people can be believers on earth, or they can be angels, My messengers to help believers on earth.

You have proven faithful in continuing to do My work even though it used up all the money you had, and you have been faithful in believing Me to bring the "offerings" that you need to accomplish what I have called you to do. Since you are faithful, I will also be faithful to you, Joan, to bring in the "offerings" you need too.

Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. (Psalm 108:6)

This reminds me of the dream where I saw a right hand coming toward me. I felt it represented the righteous right hand of the Lord bringing what I need. So I prayed this Scripture verse over my needs: my financial needs, my mental attitude, my health, and my writing.

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THREE PHASES OF MY LIFE

In my dream there were fruit (grapes). It seemed that these produced effects (almost like it was magic, we didn't know why) to the tires of cars. There were three cars in the garage. I checked the tires on them (car on the right, then middle, then left, or first, second, then third) and saw that the right car was ok, and the left car was ok, but the middle car had three flat tires on it.

Interpretation

- Automobile=Life: person; ministry
- Grapes=Fruit: The Spirit of promise (HS); fruit of the Spirit
- Tires=Spirit: Life, spiritual condition... Air out of tires---possibly HS out of them so they couldn't function
- Deflated tire=discouragement; dismay; hindrance, lack of prayer
- First car=beginning: first (in time, rank, order, or importance)
- Second car=divide: separate; discern
- Three=Conform: obey, copy, imitate, likeness
- Right=Natural: authority, power, the strength of man, the power of God revealed through flesh
- Left=Spiritual: Weakness of man, God's strength demonstrated through man's weakness,

The three automobiles may represent my life, person, or ministry. The Spirit or fruit of the Spirit has the ability/power to change the ability of my life or ministry to function.

The first car (ministry) (on the right) was with the Holy Spirit but in the strength of man, the power of God revealed through my flesh. (Perhaps this refers to my time of ministry at CBC in DT.)

The second car was separated out for lack of the Holy Spirit (air) to function. (Perhaps this refers to 2000-2003) when I wasn't functioning in ministry.)

And the third car (ministry) (on the left) also, was with the Holy Spirit, but in man's weakness and God's strength demonstrated through that. (Perhaps that refers to 2004 and following, where I am right now - totally dependent on the Lord for finances and writing.)

Perhaps these three cars represent three time phases in my life.

SCRIPTURES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

The joy of the Lord is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10)

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

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

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

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

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

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

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. (Psalm 50:15)

When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. (Eccl. 5:19)

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

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

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

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7)

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. (1Thess. 4:11-12)

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

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

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IN CHRIST

You can heal yourself now. You don't have to go to a healing room and have someone else pray for you. You can command your body to heal in My Name. That is one key I want to reveal to you today.

And there is one more. It has to do with how to release the money/provision I have for you. It is WITH ME. The provision is IN ME. It is IN CHRIST.

**With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.
(Proverbs 8:18)**

It is WITH ME that you have access to riches, wealth, prosperity as well as honor. So draw close to Me and you will have those things too.

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you. I will show you the things of the kingdom as you draw near to Me. It may or may not include the treasury room of heaven. I AM the treasury room for you.

Now quiet your soul, Joan, your mind, will, and emotions. In quietness and confidence is your strength.

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A VISION OF BEING UNDER AUTHORITY

I was attending a special revival/renewal meeting at my church. The presence of the Lord was very close to me and I was communicating in worship with Him. As I was doing this I "saw" a picture before my eyes, my inner spiritual eyes, of the pastor placing his hands on my bowed head (like a blessing) as I knelt before him. I wondered what this picture meant.

Now, many years later, the Lord is revealing the meaning of that vision picture to me. It was a prophetic picture telling of a promise He was giving me: that I would be kept under the blessing of the authority of my pastors. I look back over the years of

my life since then and see that I have surely been under the blessing of the authority of my pastors in the churches I've attended ever since then, and that was from 1980 to now, 2004.

There was AB, then LR, then PJ, then BL at CBC in C, (for 22 years from 1980-2002) then DP at CPC in C (for 2 years from 2002-2004 summer), and now pastors A and CK, and GH at CTC in LS starting last summer when I moved here in 2004.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessing of being under the authority of these men and women of God for all these years!

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A VISION ABOUT UPHEAVAL AT CHURCH

I was in the sanctuary at CBC in C and was looking toward the pulpit at the front of the church. As I watched I saw it being pulled up, as if by an invisible hand, and pulled right out of the floor. When the bottom of the pulpit became visible I saw long roots coming down from it, roots that had extended down holding it in place before. As this was happening, the space beside the pulpit where I was standing began heaving up and down, tossing me up and down with it. At first the movement was great, but gradually got less and less violent and calmed down, so I could eventually stand on the floor beside the pulpit again.

As I look back at that vision (which occurred in 1985) I see it was a prophetic picture of an event that took place at CBC in 1990 which involved the pastor resigning suddenly and leaving, along with a portion of the church members. This split the church and produced much, much upheaval for all involved. We were all 'tossed up and down' suddenly with no solid floor to stand on for awhile until gradually the turmoil became less and less.

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TWO KEYS

I have been following instructions from the Holy Spirit to draw near to God, submit to Him, and resist the devil and he will flee. In light of that, I have been taking authority over the sickness (cold) I have been fighting. The Holy Spirit told me to bind it and command that it leave in Jesus' Name. So, I have been doing that this morning. It seems like I used to be able to do that and get better results sooner than this time. I asked Him why, and He said:

It is because as you grow and mature I must do less, and you must do more. I did more before (more of taking the authority for your healing) and you did less. Now I want you to take more of the authority and stand in that authority. It will come. Expect it.

Even though the victory is won, you still keep fighting the battle in your time realm. My angels will help you. Keep praying "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" as I taught you.

Last Saturday at the altar training ministry time: I got you up there so I could heal something down inside you which you did not know about, but I did know about. It is now healed. I used the call for those with throat irritations to come for healing prayer to get you there for healing prayer, but the prayer for you went to "some other things inside you" which needed healing too...as the prophet said (JG.) I healed the "things inside." before they could cause you more trouble. But I left you to battle for healing of the cold.

These are the two keys He has been teaching me the last couple of days:

The first key is PERSISTENT PRAYER until the battle, which is already won in heaven, can be brought to earth through the second heaven by God's angels.

The second key is that provision is IN CHRIST and is accessed from being with You. As I come nearer to You, You bring Your provision closer to me. For me this is right. Not necessarily for everyone else, but it is for me. I am to draw near to God and He will draw near to me; and with Him is His provision.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)

Thank You, Lord, for helping me through the night! During the night I had a long period when I could not sleep and the cold symptoms were such that I coughed a lot and it was difficult at times to breath through my nose. I began to feel some vague little pains on the left side of my chest in the area of my heart, as I have felt off and on many times over the last 9 years or so, and had to fight fear of heart troubles. I thought back over the heart tests which were done on me some years back (~ 1998-1999) and how the results showed my heart was ok, and how Dr. W suggested I try Tagamet and that helped. But I also knew my heart condition could have changed since that time. Often yesterday I thought about how I have no medical contacts here in LS for help. I thought a lot about my parents and how they must have felt going through their heart/stroke troubles.

The thought came to pray the Scripture of Phil 4:6-7 and I did.

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

I was struck by the fact that Scripture said His peace would guard my *heart!* Hmmm! I had always thought of that referring to my inner heart, meaning my soul (mind, will, and emotions). I prayed and prayed for Jesus to heal me; over and over I called on Him to do that. Gradually I relaxed, and had peace, and went to sleep. Thank You, Lord!

You're welcome, My child. I did guard your heart (meaning your mind, will, and emotions) through your prayer, but I also guarded your body heart too. I can do both at the same time.

You mean You can keep me from having a heart attack, even if my physical heart might have the means of causing one?

With God, all things are possible. YES!

Will you clean out my heart's blood vessels, Lord, and make them young and renewed again and capable of handling the blood passing through like it should? Will you heal and renew any part of my heart that might be damaged and need healing? Will you clean any of my blood vessels that might be blocked or partially blocked that could potentially cause a heart attack (like my carotid arteries in my neck)? Will you please not only guard my heart, but totally heal my heart and blood vessel system, Lord? This is what I ask You for today!

Yes, I can, and I will. I want to give you a renewed body so you can continue the rest of your life in good health, ministering for Me. I want this for you. Keep asking. I want you to ask, and seek Me, for this. I will do it. I know you are "feeling" the cold symptoms, some pain in your head, a stuffy nose, and fatigue, and even bits of pain on your left side chest, but do not base your thoughts on your feelings, but on Me. With Me all things are possible. I am Jehovah Rophe, your Healer. I can make ALL THINGS new. Even you.

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Revelation 21:5 RSV: Behold, I make all things new.

I praise You for healing me, Lord, and "making all things new" in me. Thank You!

All things are possible to him who believes. (Mark 9:23 RSV)

I ask you, Jesus, Jehovah Rophe, to make all things new in my body. New blood vessels, new heart, new eyes, new ears, new joints, new spinal column, new hands, new feet, new skin, new hair, new back, new front, new organs, new digestive system, new brain, new arms, new legs, new everything. Make my body new like You created me to be, Jesus. New, new, new! Like You planned and created the human body to be! Like you created it in the beginning.

I hear your prayer, and I say yes to your prayer! The answer is yes. Watch for it. Look for it. At precisely the right time... It's My grace, Joan, My grace to heal you.

In Me all things are possible, Joan, even things you have not thought of or dreamed. Ask Me for ALL THINGS. All things are possible.

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BENEFITS

I thought during the night that I should get in contact with a primary care physician, a woman, and have my records sent there, and know about what hospital she works with. I thought I might ask KW for her ideas on this, and perhaps DH, and maybe JL.

I also went to a website last evening called www.benefits.gov which was recommended by AARP to see if I qualify for a prescription discount card. I learned on that website that I might qualify for a Medicare Savings Program that would cover the deductibles, copayments, etc. of Medicare A & B. I plan to look into both these possibilities asap.

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AS ENOCH

The Lord is very close to me this morning. He is giving me the option (or at least asking my opinion on) taking me home to be with Him in heaven before the Rapture of the Church. I realized one reason I wanted to be part of the Rapture was so I didn't have to go through death. He indicates to me the idea that He could "rapture" me individually, as He did Enoch, but just take my spirit from my body instantly, even if my body stayed on earth and therefore was found "dead."

I think of how J's grandmother, JH, just slumped over one Sunday afternoon and was dead. I often thought that would be a wonderful way to die, just have your spirit leave, and your body slump over dead, with no sickness, pain, or trauma. Her death was after a usual day of going to church in the morning and out to lunch, then this happened later in the afternoon or evening that day.

If I get the 5 books finished before then, that would be good. But, if I don't, then He will use what I do get finished for His purposes. It could be His purpose was mainly to give me something meaningful to do during these months at Beth's house.

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TWO MINDS TOGETHER IN UNITY

What about the times I wrote down a date and wrote that You would do something by that date? i.e. Last May when I wrote that You would show me where my financial provision was coming from (for time in LS) by the end of May. And I STILL don't know where my financial provision is coming from now in December. Did I make that up?

When we commune together it is you and Me thinking together; our minds are united together. Sometimes I have a stronger influence over that thinking, and sometimes you have a stronger influence over it. Not everything you write is from Me, but I am with you as you write it, and I allow it. If what you write is perfectly from Me, then it would be My Holy Word, and it is not that. It is a melding of our two minds together in unity. So look at everything you write from Me as possible, but not necessarily definite.

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BATTLE TO GET YOUR INHERITANCE

I read page 297 in my NIV Bible as He instructed me. It was about Joshua doing all the things he had been commanded by Moses to do.

**He left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.
(Joshua 11:15)**

So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war. (Joshua 11:25)

Joan, you have a battle to fight to get your inheritance too. As Joshua fought his battle under My instructions to Moses, so you must fight My battles for Me also in your time of living on this earth. You are about finished with the battle to get your inheritance from Me for you on this earth. It's health and finances - the two areas for which Satan has fought so hard against you and tried to keep My provision from you.

Keep fighting day after day. By that I mean keep praying and declaring what I have promised you. My word is right and will be fulfilled, but you must fight the battle for Me. You fight it by speaking forth My Word as you were taught yesterday at church by C and W. Now speak forth My Word today about provision, the words I've given you.

2004 is the year of fighting. 2005 is the year of releasing what you have fought for. Don't give up the fight; the new is coming!

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A BEAR AND CAKES

“A big black bear” - the words came over and over in my dream last night--so much that I got up and wrote down those words. It means evil or sorrowful destroyer...some kind of lack due to the destroyer, some situation of destruction.

Also I saw, in another dream, huge cakes, each about 4 ft in diameter, and about 2 1/2 ft. high. They were cut in half showing decorations inside them (like chocolates and strawberries) and decorations on top of M & M's or strawberries. These represent celebration times, like birthday celebrations, and a time of plenty (in times of famine you don't usually have dessert). Strawberries are fruit and may represent words or fruit of the Spirit.

The big black bear is for certain situations in America, but the cakes are for My Bride, those I am protecting in the midst of the bear situations.

Anything else you want to tell me about those dreams, Lord?

Yes, but not yet. Just have that information in your journal and I will remind you of it later.

Is there any particular way you want me to pray regarding this?

Yes, pray for My Bride, My people, those who belong to Me - to be spared the destruction, and to be kept in plenty during the difficult days ahead.

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HE PROTECTS THE WAY OF HIS FAITHFUL ONES

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

If you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5)

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. (Proverbs 2:6-8)

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

I will protect My people, just like I did in Goshen in Egypt. I protected My people from most of the plagues sent there upon the Egyptians. I even protected them from death because of “the blood” placed over their houses.

Place My blood over the houses of all My people, Joan. Do it in prayer, and do it as often as I put this in your mind.

I have a great surprise for you within the next two weeks.

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PATHWAY OF LIFE AND ADVENTURE

I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us. (Isaiah 63:7)

He takes the upright into his confidence. (Proverbs 3:32b)

Remember that I'm the author and you're the writer. And I cannot author a book unless you listen to Me. And you cannot listen to Me unless you spend time in My presence--basking, soaking, gazing. Remember LI said that those who gaze upon Me are given My secrets. And you are gazing now as you focus your attention fully on Me. Just take My hands, spiritually, and look into My face, spiritually, and let Me guide you wherever I want to take you.

Remember that I took DF down a well into My presence. With you I will not do that because of claustrophobia in you. But I will take you walking with Me on a pathway...your pathway of life and adventure.

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A STORY

The Lord is good...He cares for those who trust in him. (Nahum 1:7)

I was out taking a walk around my neighborhood for exercise. As I neared my home this beautiful miniature collie, my favorite type of dog, came along beside me and ran along at my pace, accompanying me on my walk. I talked to him and he just trotted along happily. Two other dogs came near, but didn't come any closer. Hmmm. I wondered about all this. This had never happened to me before in all my neighborhood walks and didn't after that day...just this one time. The beautiful collie walked me all the way home. After going into my apartment, I watched out the front window and saw that he was sitting quietly on the front walk. Hmmm. What was this? Could this have been a gift sent from God to delight me and protect me during that particular time - protect me from a danger I wasn't even aware of? I have remembered this event for many years as one of *His Marvelous Deeds*. A most unusual event for me! Thank You, Lord.

Yes, that collie was a gift from Me. I have many ways of being with you and protecting you. My angels can assume many forms, as needed, to help those who belong to Me. You're welcome.

And now, this is the day to start a new part of the book, Joan, a part about the future and what is coming. Don't be afraid. I am with you and I will be with you. I will NEVER leave you or forsake you. I know it is hard to write of future events for you, but I want us to do that now. I may show you in pictures as you watch with Me. Just describe what you see.

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SOME FAVORITE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 4:18

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:25-27

Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left.

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ABOUT THE FUTURE

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:18-19)

And now, this is the day to start a new part of the book, Joan, a part about the future and what is coming. Don't be afraid. I am with you and I will be with you. I will NEVER leave you or forsake you. I know it is hard to write of future events for you, but I want us to do that now. We'll start with a vision by Tommy Hicks...

This is a vision I read many years ago in a book called *To Heal The Sick* by Charles and Frances Hunter. It meant so much to me, and gave me such encouragement, that I get the book out every so often and reread it. Therefore, I want to share this vision with you, my readers, also. It was received by Tommy Hicks, noted evangelist, in 1961, and published in a book entitled *Pertinent Prophecies I* by John M. and Dorothea M. Gardner, and reprinted by permission in the Hunters' book. Here is the vision:

VISION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE END-TIME MINISTRIES

My message begins July 25, about 2:30 in the morning at Winnipeg, Canada. I had hardly fallen asleep when the vision and the revelation that God gave me came before me. The vision came three times, exactly in detail, the morning of July 25, 1961. I was so stirred and so moved by the revelation that this has changed my complete outlook upon the body of Christ, and upon the end-time ministries....

As the vision appeared to me after I was asleep, I suddenly found myself in a great high distance. Where I was, I do not know. But I was looking down upon the earth. Suddenly the whole earth came into my view. Every nation, every kindred, every

tongue came before my sight from the east and the west, the north and the south. I recognized every country and many cities that I had been in, and I was almost in fear and trembling as I beheld the great sight before me; and at that moment when the world came into view, it began to lightning and thunder.

As the lightning flashed over the face of the earth, my eyes went downward and I was facing the north. Suddenly I beheld what looked like a great giant, and as I stared and looked at it, I was almost bewildered by the sight. It was so gigantic and so great. His feet seemed to reach to the north pole and his head to the south. Its arms were stretched from sea to sea. I could not even begin to understand whether this be a mountain or this be a giant, but as I watched, I suddenly beheld a great giant. I could see his head was struggling for life. He wanted to live, but his body was covered with debris from head to foot, and at times this great giant would move his body and act as though it would even raise up at times. And when it did, thousands of little creatures seemed to run away. Hideous creatures would run away from this giant, and when he would become calm, they would come back.

All of a sudden this great giant lifted his hand toward the heaven, and then it lifted its other hand, and when it did, these creatures by the thousands seemed to flee away from this giant and go into the darkness of the night.

Slowly this great giant began to rise and as he did, his head and hands went into the clouds. As he rose to his feet he seemed to have cleansed himself from the debris and filth that was upon him, and he began to raise his hands into the heavens as though praising the Lord, and as he raised his hands, they went even unto the clouds.

Suddenly, every cloud became silver, the most beautiful silver I have ever known. As I watched this phenomenon it was so great I could not even begin to understand what it all meant. I was so stirred as I watched it, and I cried unto the Lord and I said, "Oh, Lord, what is the meaning of this," and I felt as if I was actually in the Spirit and I could feel the presence of the Lord even as I was asleep.

And from those clouds suddenly there came great drops of liquid light raining down upon this mighty giant, and slowly, slowly, this giant began to melt, began to sink itself in the very earth itself, and as he melted, his whole form seemed to have melted upon the face of the earth, and this great rain began to come down. Liquid drops of light began to flood the very earth itself and as I watched this giant that seemed to melt, suddenly it became millions of people over the face of the earth. As I beheld the sight before me, people stood up all over the world! They were lifting their hands and they were praising the Lord.

At that very moment there came a great thunder that seemed to roar from the heavens. I turned my eyes toward the heavens and suddenly I saw a figure in white, in glistening white--the most glorious thing that I have ever seen in my entire life. I did not see the face, but somehow I knew it was the Lord Jesus Christ, and he stretched forth his hand, and as he did, He would stretch it forth to one, and to another, and to another. And as he stretched forth his hand upon the nations and the people of the world--men and women--as he pointed toward them, this liquid light seemed to flow from his hands into them, and those people began to go forth in the name of the Lord.

I do not know how long I watched it. It seemed it went into days and weeks and months. And I beheld this Christ as he continued to stretch forth his hand; but there was a tragedy. There were many people as he stretched forth his hand that refused the anointing of God and the call of God. I saw men and women that I knew. People that I felt would certainly receive the call of God. But as he stretched forth his hand toward this one and toward that one, they simply bowed their head and began to back away. And each of those that seemed to bow down and back away, seemed to go into darkness. Blackness seemed to swallow them everywhere.

I was bewildered as I watched it, but these people that he had anointed, hundreds of thousands of people all over the world, in Africa, England, Russia, China, America, all over the world, the anointing of God was upon these people as they went forward in the name of the Lord. I saw these men and women as they went forth. They were ditch diggers, they were washerwomen, they were rich men, they were poor men. I saw people who were bound with paralysis and sickness and blindness and deafness. As the Lord stretched forth to give them this anointing, they became well, they became healed, and they went forth!

And this is the miracle of it--this is the glorious miracle of it--those people would stretch forth their hands exactly as the Lord did, and it seemed as if there was this same liquid fire in their hands. As they stretched forth their hands they said, "According to my word, be thou made whole."

As these people continued in this mighty end-time ministry, I did not fully realize what it was, and I looked to the Lord and said, "What is the meaning of this?"

And he said, "This is that which I will do in the last days. I will restore all that the cankerworm, the palmerworm, the caterpillar--I will restore all that they have

destroyed. This, my people, in the end times will go forth. As a mighty army shall they sweep over the face of the earth.”

As I was at this great height, I could behold the whole world. I watched these people as they were going to and fro over the face of the earth. Suddenly there was a man in Africa and in a moment he was transported by the Spirit of God, and perhaps he was in Russia, or China or America or some other place, and vice versa. All over the world these people went, and they came through fire, and through pestilence, and through famine. Neither fire nor persecution, nothing seemed to stop them.

Angry mobs came to them with swords and with guns. And like Jesus, they passed through the multitudes and they could not find them, but they went forth in the name of the Lord, and everywhere they stretched forth their hands, the sick were healed, the blind eyes were opened. There was not a long prayer, and after I had reviewed the vision many times in my mind, and I thought about it many times, I realized that I never saw a church, and I never saw or heard a denomination, but these people were going in the name of the Lord of Hosts. Hallelujah!

As they marched forth in everything they did as the ministry of Christ in the end times, these people were ministering to the multitudes over the face of the earth. Tens of thousands, even millions seemed to come to the Lord Jesus Christ as these people stood forth and gave the message of the kingdom, of the coming kingdom, in this last hour. It was so glorious, but it seems as though there were those that rebelled, and they would become angry and they tried to attack those workers that were giving the message.

God is going to give to the world a demonstration in this last hour as the world has never known. These men and women are of all walks of life; degrees will mean nothing. I saw these workers as they were going over the face of the earth. When one would stumble and fall, another would come and pick him up. There were no “big I” and “little you,” but every mountain was brought low and every valley was exalted, and they seemed to have one thing in common--there was a divine love, a divine love that seemed to flow forth from these people as they worked together, and as they lived together. It was the most glorious sight that I have ever known. Jesus Christ was the theme of their life. They continued and it seemed the days went by as I stood and beheld this sight. I could only cry, and sometimes I laughed. It was so wonderful as these people went throughout the face of the whole earth, bringing forth in this last end time.

As I watched from the very heaven itself, there were times when great deluges of this liquid light seemed to fall upon great congregations, and that congregation would lift their hands and seemingly praise God for hours and even days as the Spirit of God came upon them....

And then again, as these people were going about the face of the earth, a great persecution seemed to come from every angle.

Suddenly there was another great clap of thunder, that seemed to resound around the world, and I heard again the voice, the voice that seemed to speak, "Now this is my people. This is my beloved bride." And when the voice spoke, I looked upon the earth and I could see the lakes and mountains. The graves were opened and people from all over the world, the saints of all ages, seemed to be rising. And as they rose from the grave, suddenly all these people came from every direction. From the east and the west, from the north and the south, and they seemed to be forming again this gigantic body. As the dead in Christ seemed to be rising first, I could hardly comprehend it. It was so marvelous. It was so far beyond anything I could ever dream or think of.

But as this body suddenly began to form, and take shape again, it took shape again in the form of this mighty giant, but this time it was different. It was arrayed in the most beautiful gorgeous white. Its garments were without spot or wrinkle as its body began to form, and the people of all ages seemed to be gathered into this body, and slowly, slowly, as it began to form up into the very heavens, suddenly from the heavens above, the Lord Jesus came, and became the head, and I heard another clap of thunder that said, "This is my beloved bride for whom I have waited. She will come forth even tried by fire. This is she that I have loved from the beginning of time"

As I watched, my eyes suddenly turned to the far north, and I saw seemingly destruction: men and women in anguish and crying out, and buildings in destruction.

Then I heard again, the fourth voice that said, "Now is My wrath being poured out upon the face of the earth." From the ends of the whole world, the wrath of God seemed to be poured out and it seemed that there were great vials of God's wrath being poured out upon the face of the earth. I can remember it as though it happened a moment ago. I shook and trembled as I beheld the awful sight of seeing the cities, and whole nations going down into destruction.

I could hear the weeping and wailing. I could hear people crying. They seemed to cry as they went into caves, but the caves in the mountains opened up.

They leaped into water, but the water would not drown them. There was nothing that could destroy them. They were wanting to take their lives, but they could not.

Then again I turned my eyes to this glorious sight, this body arrayed in beautiful white, shining garments. Slowly, slowly, it began to lift from the earth, and as it did, I awoke. What a sight I had beheld! I had seen the end-time ministries--the last hour.

You see, you're just getting ready for this end time outpouring, and I am positioning you to have you participate in it where I want you to be. That's why I have you hooked up with the healing teams now. Yes, I DO want you to stay there, even though you are uncomfortable with it right now. You won't be later. You will be very glad you stayed. I want you there, Joan, if you are willing.

Yes, Lord, I'm willing. Help me through this uncomfortable stage, ok?

I will. Just prepare each time you are to go, ahead of time, so you are as prepared as you can make yourself. And I will do the rest.

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PRIVATE, NOT PUBLIC

Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known unto God; and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Well, I don't have the peace of God yet today, but I want it. I need Your help, Holy Spirit, to deal with this issue of whether to stay on the healing prayer team or not. I have been thinking about this ever since I took the healing team training when I applied to be a team member. I did that, not because it was my desire, but because I felt You were leading me to do that and wanted me to do that - so I was obedient to that leading.

Then, every time it is my turn to be on the prayer team, I haven't wanted to go. When I did go, I have been so uncomfortable about trying to make myself pray aloud, or say something out loud, that I struggled and struggled with it. And the thoughts kept coming that I can't do this, that I have no desire to do this, that I don't want to try to force myself to do this, etc.

There are two reasons I've discovered why I participate in this:

1. I want to be obedient to You, Jesus and Holy Spirit, in what You keep saying you want me to do--which is participate in this. And it is something I don't feel I have the gifting or temperament for.
2. I don't want to disappoint L and D and the others in the team. I enjoy the team family feeling and like to be part of that.

I am realizing now that it is similar to trying to "please" my dad and my ex-husband by trying to be what they wanted me to be, rather than who I really am. The struggle leaves me bound up in a tug of war which I can't win because it's not who I am.

I realize I want to be accepted the way I really am, and loved that way, and allowed to be free to be that way. I feel caught in a situation where I don't have that freedom. Perhaps the Lord planned for this to come about to help heal me from "having to be someone I'm not to please someone else."

I realized since last night's gathering, that I feel bound by trying to be something which I am not naturally...I am not one who speaks out prayers easily or naturally. I am an intercessor, but a private one, not a public one. Doing this is not a right fit for me and my personality unless the Lord changes me A LOT! And I feel He made me this way...for a reason...that I am to be this way, and He has not asked me to change that, or to ask Him to change that.

I like being private and quiet. I also like to be an intercessor--but privately. If I could be a silent partner with the healing prayer ministry, I could participate much more happily.

I'm presenting this as a petition before You, Lord. Help me! Show me the way.

I had a dream last night in which I was in a situation where there were very rigid rules that had to be followed in order to be ok. I don't remember the details, but that

was the main idea...I had to do things in a certain way in order to survive or be ok. It felt like a description of the above situation that I feel caught in right now - the healing team ministry.

B said this morning (in relation to her sickness and missing work) that “avoidance can only last so long.”

I feel that way about my above problem - that I don't want to avoid dealing with it head on any more. I want to deal with it and get on with my life.

Ok, I will “take you into My confidence” as you have prayed and asked. (Proverbs 3:32) I want you to know that I did literally lead you into this situation as you have suspected, as I led the Israelites into the difficulties they had to face in the wilderness. And then I took them to their place of refreshing (Elim) - with palm trees and springs of water, shade and refreshment, food and drink.

Yes, I want you to learn in this situation with the healing teams - that You might not be able to please those who have desires and expectations of you that do not fit with who you really are. And you might have to give up the close family relationship of the healing team in order to face and deal with that unrealistic expectation.

I led you there as a test - so I could show you that I could take you (walk with you) through the possible rejection you might get when you explain who you are and how I've really gifted you to function. You must do that now. Email or write L and D and explain all this. I will help you, enable you, to write it to them. That's why I pushed you so hard last night (and it was I) to tell them you are in a battle to participate. It was the beginning of this open sharing. That was one reason I had them drive you there - so you could communicate with them more about this.

You can tell them -

I have equipped you for intercession, but not for publicly voiced prayers, out loud, in front of others...but quiet focused intercession by yourself. This is what you do each day as you come before Me, and listen, and write, and intercede as I lead you.

But praying for the sick out loud as the prayer teams do, that is foreign to me, and not at all comfortable, and I have to “force” myself to try to do it - and I don’t feel gifted in that way. It is a wonderful gift, but I don’t have it - yet. But the Lord might give it to me someday and I wouldn’t be surprised if that happens sometime. But it isn’t there right now.

So I feel I need to withdraw from “active duty” on the healing team on Monday night unless and until I receive gifting in that way. I can still help out as receptionist if you want that on occasion, but I don’t want to displace Beth from that.

Thank you for believing in me, and giving me the training, and letting me participate even feebly as I did. I treasure your friendship and don’t want to lose that. It means a lot to me to get your greetings and hugs at CTC. That is a precious gift you give me.

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WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND LIFE

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Lord, I haven’t stored my provision in the summer of my life (money for retirement) and I haven’t gathered and stored up my food at harvest (again money for retirement, winter, years). You guided me to use that money to live so I could spend my time with You and in ministry to others. Now I am in the winter time of my life and have no funds stored up (on earth, at least). Now what do I do?

Yes, I guided to give up all that the world calls “security” so your sole security can be in Me alone. I am your security and I am your retirement funds. I am your treasury where you have deposited your life all these many

years. I have these things stored up for you. I will pour them out upon you now, in your retirement years. I will take care of you, Joan.

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. (Proverbs 8:10-11)

And My child, you chose Me rather than retirement funds and safe checking accounts. You chose Me, Wisdom. You chose Me, Understanding. You chose Me, Life. And now I give all those back into you - therefore you now have wisdom, understanding, and life! You have Me! And that is much better than funds and checking accounts. With Me comes all of that, all the provision you need, along with wisdom, understanding, and life. With Me comes provision, because I AM Provision. You have found the secret to having ALL you need - Me. With Me. With Me. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

So--trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

The Lord is my light and salvation--whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1) Light lights your way, Joan, and salvation saves you from everything, including famine, want, lack of enough. So I am your salvation and I light your way. You do not need to fear anyone or anything!

Your future is bright. It is full of hope. It is full of love and fulfillment of who you are, what I made you to be. It is full of the joy of the Lord. Your future is bright and cheery - more so than Christmas is. More so than Easter is. More so than monetary funds are. More so than marriage on earth is. More so than the love of humans is. I am all of these things to you, and you got Me when you gave up those funds to draw closer to Me.

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MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU

If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. The Lord said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:13-14)

Is that Scripture all for me today, Lord? Are you saying this to me?

Yes, My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest. I AM teaching you My ways. That is one reason I brought you to LS to CTC - to teach you My ways in a different way than you have ever been taught.

I gifted you in prophecy (as you asked Me many years ago, remember?) and you needed to see prophets at work like here at CTC, your church. Here you see many prophets and you see how they function publicly. Now, I haven't asked you or guided you to function as a prophet publicly, but privately, as a writer of what I show you. Just as the prophets here function publicly by speaking what I show them, you function privately by writing what I show you.

I needed to show you that being prophetic is ok; it is a gifting that I give for edifying My people. It needs to be given in love, and you do that in your books. It's a gracious gift you are giving others for Me and from Me. Use it wherever I lead you, Joan. I gave it to you to be used, and it wasn't being used in C.

And yes, you were right this morning in realizing that you didn't tell D that you didn't want to be called on to pray out loud publicly. He was another man that you didn't want to disappoint, you wanted to please, so you tried to do what he wanted you to do - but it was very uncomfortable and didn't "fit."

This started as a child with your father - who didn't really 'know' you for who you are and didn't try to find out who you are, or help you find that out. He didn't know to do that, Joan, he didn't know. He only knew to be who he was and that's all. He didn't even know you needed more. But I did. And I know you. And I am leading you to find out who you really are - as I gifted you and as I made you. It is ok to be exactly who you really are.

Yes, you have found favor with Me. Yes, you please Me. And yes, I will continue to teach you to know Me, because as you know Me more, you know yourself more too. The two are intertwined/interlocked. As you know yourself better, you know Me better. As you know Me better, you know yourself better.

You brought me here to open up a new world to me -- the world of who I am in You, and who You are in me. Oh, thank You, Lord!!! I want to know and function in who I am in You, Jesus.

As John knew Me, I am teaching you, too, to know Me. You may rest your head (your mind and thoughts) on My chest just as John did. You may be that close to Me if you want to be.

Yes, Lord, I want to be! I want to be! Help me?

Yes, I will and am helping you. That's why I arranged this move here and set you in CTC under many leaders and authorities in the prophetic -- so you could find out who you really are in the gifting and call I have upon your life.

CPC helped give you a step away from staying at CBC, and helped loosen the ties to C and that church. Then you could take the next step out from almost 30 years of being attached there, and come to let Me build new attachments to new people - at the place of My choice. I brought all this about, Joan, in My way and in My time. You know that, don't you?

Yes, I see Your hand in all this, Lord. And I do so thank you for doing in my life what I didn't even know to ask You for.

You prayed that I would "teach you to know Me" as in that Scripture (Exodus 33:13), many times. I heard that prayer and answered it in a way you never asked or imagined. That's the way I often work in people who are willing to entrust themselves and their lives to Me and to follow Me. You are following Me, and I am leading you, I am directing your path (Proverbs 3:6).

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GAZING TIME

Gazing time: It's like we're sitting on two couches across from each other. I am gazing at you, and you are gazing at Me. This is not about DOING something, but BEING something in My Presence. Gazing. Looking intently at Me as I look intently at you. I teach you in your spirit during gazing time.

That's what you do almost every morning as you sit and focus on Me and listen for Me to speak inside you. Gazing. Remember, LI said the secrets of God come from gazing on Him. That's true.

I love you, Joan, and I want to work all good things into your life that I have planned for you. I don't want you to miss a single thing. As you gaze at Me I am able to place more of Myself in you and more of My thoughts and plans in you. Gaze at Me often, especially when you don't know which way to go. As you gaze at Me, that's when I tell you "This is the way, walk ye in it." You don't have to "see" anything with your natural eyes, but it's with your heart you "see" Me, and know I am here.

Now relax, and wait before Me. Visions will begin to come soon. And I want you to record all these visions in your books you and I are writing so others can see and experience them too.

Listen, just listen. I will give to you any thoughts and/or visions I want you to have. Take My hands, Joan, and hold on to Me.

I will take you to places you have never known before...places you will know later in your future up here with Me, in heaven...heavenly places which I want to give you a glimpse of right now for you to be enlightened and for you to share with others. Like PKD and others see. Do you want to see them?

Yes, Lord

I love you, and those I love I want to share Myself and My life with. You are one I want to share Myself and My life with, and, through you, to others too who will read your books. I DO have a purpose for these books, and I will see that it gets to them - the right ones. Leave that in My hands.

Just wait, just wait.

Then this song went through my mind, a song that I learned in college to sing:

(A song)

"Oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He will give thee thy heart's desires, oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him. And He will give thee thy heart's desires, and He will give thee thy heart's desires.

“Commit your way unto Him, and trust in Him, Commit your way unto Him, and trust in Him. And fret not yourself because of evil doers.

Oh, rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, wait patiently for Him. And He will give thee thy heart’s desires. And He will give thee thy heart’s desires.”

And that’s what you are doing right now, resting in Me. And I WILL give you your heart’s desires, Joan. What are they?

To know You more, Jesus and Holy Spirit, to be closer to you and to fulfill all you have planned/destined for me on this earth during the rest of my time here.

And that will come, My child, My sister, My bride, as you come to Me each day and rest in Me and wait for Me.

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THE WORDS YOU SPEAK

I am writing down in my journal some notes from past Sundays at CTC:

CK told us in a sermon: Declare over yourself the prophetic words the Lord has given you. There is power in our spoken words. You either speak life or death. God said, “Let there be ___”

WW told us in a sermon: You establish the road ahead of you with the words you speak.

AK spoke on believing/praying the prophetic promises given us. The ones I thought about were: 1. Book 2. Provision 3. Healing

BS prayed for me and said I was a spiritual mother.

WW said I was doing what God wanted me to do right now, I was doing the right thing, that I should allow B to take care of me for now, that I should relax and not worry, and celebrate Christmas, and drink deeply of it. He said to ask Jesus for a

Christmas present and I asked for my provision. The Holy Spirit said He would bring it this Christmas.

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I AM ALWAYS DEPENDENT ON THE LORD

This morning I was thinking what my life might be like if something happened to B to disable her from working and providing for this house she bought, or if she died and I would have really no one on earth to live with or help take care of me. It was pretty bleak thinking. By moving here and giving up my job in C, I have become dependent on her now, and of course, on the Lord through her, as I was dependent on the Lord through my job before.

The Holy Spirit promised me that if something happened to her (and it wouldn't unless He allowed it) then He would take me home to be in heaven too. That I wouldn't have to stay on this earth with no family to live with or care about me. I know K would care, but she has her own life, separate from mine, and that is ok. But I don't see myself living with her or being dependent on her as I am with B right now. I could possibly see myself living with one of my sisters. I am writing this down so I can reread His promise.

You are always dependent on Me, Joan, always. You need Me and can't function on earth without Me because you belong to Me now. I will never leave you or forsake you, and I will always provide for you and your needs. Trust Me in this. My Word says this and it is true.

Do not fear for I am with you.

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

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

So you see, Joan, you do have wisdom because you fear Me, and you do have understanding because you have knowledge of Me. You live in wisdom and understanding daily as you walk with Me.

If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you. (Proverbs 9:12)

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A CHILD IS BORN!

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11 KJV)

Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 KJV)

Good Morning, Jesus, and Happy Birthday! Thank You for coming as that little child to the earth to die for me. Thank You for teaching us, healing us, loving us, dying for us, and redeeming us back to You. Thank You for loving us soooo much!

I celebrate Your birth, Lord Jesus!

Thank you for the peace on earth, good will to men that is coming upon the earth through You. Thank You for bringing Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and I pray for that today.

You are welcome, My child, My bride. I love you too. Come away with Me right now and let's talk. Come away for a Christmas message to you...and for you.

Thank you for getting B that book. I will bless her as she reads it and guide her TO read it. I will use it for good in her life. Thank you for using what little money you had left to buy that for her instead of food for yourself, which you needed. I will bless that action.

This is My Christmas promise to you today, Joan. I will bless you all the days of your life:

- *With My Presence - as much of the Son (sun of righteousness Malachi 4:2) as you can take and not be burned up*
- *With My provision - that includes financial provision, but all other provision needed too*
- *With My love - and this will never diminish, but only grow stronger within you*
- *With My anointing for all I want you to do*
- *With favor from Me and others - in all situations you encounter*
- *With closeness and nearness to Me every day - and this includes writing My words*
- *With joy bubbling up within you, My joy - more than you have ever felt so far in your life*
- *With every good thing that I have for you especially - things unique to your wants/needs*
- *With healing - I shall arise with healing in My wings as it says in Malachi 4:2*
- *And I will prove Myself to you, as in Malachi 3:10, that I will pour out more blessing on you than you can contain, and you will give, and give this out to others - in My Name*

AND I will give this to your children too - all three of them. And to your President whom you have faithfully prayed for. And for your church, CTC, and everyone there week after week.

This is My plan for 2005, to do all this and more, Joan, to you and to many, many others too. It IS the year of the release of My blessing, and My prophetic words being fulfilled. You'll see!

And that is My message to you today. Now go and enjoy My birthday!

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MY NAME

Anna: gracious one, devotion built through faithfulness. Psalm 111:10 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.”

Margaret: Pearl, gift of God. Psalm 18:32 “It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.”

Joan(n): God is gracious

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HE KEEPS MY LAMP BURNING

You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. (Psalm 18:28)

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

It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. (Psalm 18:32)

Imagine! God makes my way perfect! Not I, but God. You, God, keep my lamp burning! Yes, that’s true. How could I keep going except for You. You give me the strength inside me to keep going.

Thank You, Lord, for keeping my lamp burning! Thank You, Lord, for turning my darkness into light. Thank You, Lord, for broadening the path beneath me so my ankles do not turn. Thank You, Lord, for arming me with strength and making my way perfect!

I praise You, Lord!!!

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COME, LORD JESUS, COME

(A song)

Even so, come Lord Jesus come
Even so, take Your bride away
How my soul longs to be with You, my Lord,
Even so, even so, come Lord Jesus come.

Lord, You are the lover of my soul
Lord, You are exalted over all
And I bow before Your throne to worship You
Lord, You are, Lord, You are, the lover of my soul.

(Terry MacAlmon, *Live Worship CD*, “Even so”)

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IN HIS PRESENCE

I am in the bubble of His Presence and His protection today.

Jesus, You're my Friend forever!

You'll do what I tell you?

Yes, Lord.

I tell you to worship Me in this way all the days of your life on earth. This is what you will do in heaven, only even more so, greater, more magnificent, more empowered with My Presence than you can EVER know and feel on earth. More, more, more, Joan. More of Me. That is what you are crying out for - more of Me. And I will give you more of Me. Even today.

Yes, thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. I want more of You.

I am your healing,; I am your righteousness, I am your love, I am your peace, I am your joy, Joan. When you have Me near and close, you have all of these things and more, for I am all of these things and more. When I come to you, I bring all of these things with Me. For I AM all of these. I AM all in all. You can feel My Presence now, today. It feels like peace, and life, and joy, all bundled up into one and poured out upon you. Such a sense of “rightness” and security in My Presence.

If it takes music to get you to this place in My Presence, then use music. If you can come without the music that day, come without the music. But remember this sense of being in My Presence, and plan to come there each day.

Yes, Lord.

I love you, Joan, and I want to spend this time with you in this closeness each of your remaining days on earth. I know that some days it will be easier than others. Sometimes, you will just turn your attention toward Me and you will immediately come into this sense of My Presence. Some days it will take more soaking time in seeking Me using anointed music to help you get there. But I want you there, Joan. This is a great blessing I offer you for the rest of your days. Do you want this?

Yes, Lord.

Then seek it each day, especially in the morning when you are fresh and you are by yourself. This is My delight as well as yours.

If You say so, Lord.

Yes, you do not comprehend how much I WANT to be close to you, but trust Me, I do. You said you want to know Me more?

Yes, Lord.

Then know that I delight in being close to you like this is today. And I want it every day. Will you accept that?

Yes, Lord.

Don't settle for less.

This is the start, Joan, of where I am going to take you in the New Year. I have been eagerly awaiting this new year, 2005, for great and wonderful things are in store for you during this New Year. I'm telling you ahead of time so you can know when they come, that they are from Me and I told you ahead of time.

I brought you here for a reason, and have been preparing for that reason, those reasons, for this last 5 months since you arrived here. Now it is time for you to begin to "see" what it is I've brought you here for, My darling child. It is more than you have ever thought or imagined. Just like I am more than you have ever thought or imagined - and I have given you a really good imagination!

I'll give you all the stories you need for your last 2 books. They will come to you. You don't have to seek them out; they'll come to you.

Thank You! Thank You!

It will be great and glorious, and praiseworthy, and more than you can ask or imagine. That's the kind of God I am...great and mighty and glorious. Glorious, glorious.

And yes, you are a mother in the house, in CTC, but in a different way than you yet understand.

Don't look at yourself in the mirror and think that is the way you look to Me. I see you as a beautiful (I look on the inside, on the heart), young (I see you as you are in heaven), bride (one who is betrothed to Me), in white garments (you are pure and clean and lovely), and with lots of gold and silver sparkling on those white garments (wisdom and knowledge). I love to look upon you, My bride. I look inside you and I see this pure lovely being that I created for Myself, to be with Me forever, clean and pure before Me, smiling, happy, filled with My joy and peace exuding from you. This is who you are, My love. My beloved.

Come away with Me, My beloved, and rest with Me in the peace and quiet of your soul joined to Mine...your spirit joined to Mine. Your body filled with Me, My Spirit, in you.

I'm filling you with My healing now. There are places in your physical body I am healing even as you type this. Each time you come to Me and draw close like this, I will bring more healing into you. You want to be totally healed?

Yes, Lord.

Then come and let Me heal you a little more each day you come to Me. That is the way I am working My healing in you, Joan, a little more each day. You will look and feel younger and younger as I take away the effects of aging from you.

And I will lift every burden from you as you spend time with Me daily. Even the burden of not having as much money as you want. Relax and let Me take care of your finances, Joan. I also bring your provision with Me when I come close to you. All you need. Not so much you have to deal with it as the world does - investing, etc. I am your savings account. I am your retirement account. I am your daily bread. I am your monthly salary. I am your all in all.

Let the fullness of Your life now heal me, Lord. (from song on CD player)

I'm starting with that right arm of yours that you've wanted healed from the pain and stiffness. Watch and see what I do.

Thank You, thank you, Lord. I believe You.

I'm close, Joan. I'm close.

Thank You, Lord that we can reach up to You and You come close to us. Thank You for this closeness, Lord. I love it, and I love you.

IF YOU WANT TO BUILD YOURSELF UP, PRAISE GOD

If you want to build yourself up, praise God.

These are the words that came to me in a dream during the night.

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

You really are with me, aren't You, God?

That You would give me this wonderful encouraging dream when I was so stressed and discouraged yesterday. That You would really be with me and know what I need and visit me in a dream like this. Thank You, God!

Interpretation:

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

Beth gave me this Scripture this morning: (Luke 9:1-6, I added 7)

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 preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: "Take nothing for the journey--no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them." So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere. (Luke 9:1-7)

She says maybe I am not supposed to have money with me for right now, and maybe I am supposed to be healing the sick.

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PREDICTIONS

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
(Psalm 188:1)**

Do you want Me to give you predictions for 2005 too?

OK.

Then write down these things:

- In 2005 will come great release of answers to prophetic words I've previously given.*
- In 2005 will come release of answers to prayers that have been prayed previously and not yet fulfilled - even great healings, miracles, wonders, and signs*
- In 2005 will come the greatest stress yet on the whole world in terms of economics, jobs, terrorists, family relations, churches, countries.*
- In 2005 great leadership and strength will be needed, and therefore called forth, in all My churches. I will bless those who bless Me and curse those*

who curse Me. Many will be under a curse due to the choices and decisions they make.

- In 2005 you will see your 3 children come much closer to Me as they seek Me to help them through difficulties they face. But I will keep them safe in the midst of it all. Remember this.*
- In 2005 you, Joan, will find an even greater “peace that passes all understanding” and you will find your way through the great unknowns that are before you right now. Do not be afraid of these steps to come. I know what they are, and I will lead you through them one day at a time. Keep your hands in Mine - literally.*
- Keep coming to Me morning after morning and seek My Presence as you are right now. I will come, I promise.*
- You will be healed in 2005, Joan, healed one day at a time, one illness/physical problem at a time. In all this you will draw even closer to Me, and love Me even more. You are to be totally dependent on Me for this next entire year. Do not give up your life, the life I’ve given you, unless I say, “Now it’s ok to give up your life into My hands.” Just like Jesus gave up His spirit at exactly the time He was supposed to do that.*
- The terrorists will multiply and their effects will multiply. This terror will prepare the world for a one-world government eventually. Stand firm in the midst of this, trusting Me to take care of you and your loved ones (family, church, children, President & family). I will be carefully watching over My Bride, My faithful ones, and bringing about in their lives exactly My plan for them. I will add many new members to My Bride during this next year.*
- The end is almost here, Joan, so determine you will be faithful to the end. It won’t be much longer. Most of My Bride is already committed to Me...some are yet to make that choice. The time is short for that choosing.*

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HE ANNOUNCES THE NAME OF A NEW BOOK

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

On 12-31-04, the last day of the year, I heard this:

After I finish Book 5 of *Thoughts and Stories* I will be guided to begin a new book called: ***THINGS THE LORD HAS SHOWN ME***

It will contain: insights, visions, dreams, wisdom, and knowledge given by the Lord - things the Lord wants to put into print for others to read at strategic times in their lives.

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I AM THE CAMPFIRE

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)

Those who stayed by the campfires will share the riches taken in battle. (Psalm 68:13 NCV)

I am the campfire, Joan, and you are staying by Me. You will share the riches that are taken by those out battling for Me.

Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. (Psalm 68:13 KJV)

Though you have stayed at home, you shall be as the Holy Spirit covered with knowledge and wisdom.

I am not to get a job outside the home in 2005. If any job is offered me I must bring that idea to the Lord before His throne, as I was today, and seek His guidance...not a quick answer, but a sure answer from His throne room to me.

You will be of help to others, Joan, as you desire to be, but not through a job outside your home, but through writing for Me, anointed writings, that will bless others you know not of. This is My plan for you. Will you do it?

Yes.

Worship before My throne will be the key to your writing from now on. The more you worship, the greater the revelations will be in your writing. Plan on a worship time each day before you write. OK?

Yes.

I want you to go through Book 5 writing first, because there is special timing involved in this. Then the timing will be right for beginning the new series on THINGS THE LORD HAS SHOWN ME. It doesn't mean I will show you greater things than I show others, but I will have you put those things in writing for specific people to read who will be greatly blessed and benefited by it. This is "our plan" for 2005. I will show you the way and provide for you all the way - as long as it takes.

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

I promise I will be found by you in 2005!

"Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:28)

I have taken you through much uprooting and tearing down, overthrowing, and destroying, both in your own life and in relationships with others, so I will also now build and plant in your life and through your life to others.

Yes! Thank You, Lord!

BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Good morning, My child. I am your Heavenly Father and I love you dearly! You don't know Me very well, but you do know My Son and My Spirit well. And I am like them.

Good morning, My bride. I am Jesus, your Lord and Savior. I love you too, and I dwell in you, Joan. You are beautiful in My sight. Your heart is pure before Me. I look at you and I am delighted and pleased in our relationship. I will never let your love for Me die. It will only grow and become even more precious than now. Do not be afraid of 2005, either for yourself or for B, or for K and J. I am Lord of all, remember, and greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

Good morning, My loving one. I am Holy Spirit, the One who is with you all the time, the One who guides you and warns you and protects you. I send angels out to help you each day. I will continue to do that during 2005 and will also do that for B, K, and J.

2005 will be a good year for you, Joan. If you can imagine yourself at the end of 2005 and the beginning of 2006, one year from now, you would look back and say thank you to us for all that we did in you and for you (and your loved ones) in 2005. Remember that. It is good, even while difficult things are going on around you in the world. You have a special, set-apart place, your Secret Place, with us ALL THE TIME. And, because of you, we also keep your children in Our care.

Yet I (Joan) am always with you (God); you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterwards you will take me into glory. (Psalm 73:24)

And afterwards isn't far away, Joan, it is close, soon, not long yet.

This is a good Scripture for beginning 2005 - knowing God is with me and I am with Him, that He holds me by my right hand, He guides me with His counsel, and He

will take me into glory someday. Thank You, Lord, for that promise Scripture for this New Year.

Here is another Scripture for this New Year:

Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

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DEFINING MOMENTS

(Notes from talk by Lou Engle on defining moments in your life)

For such an hour I was brought into this world

Art of walking with Jesus is the art of recognizing moments

Usually your defining moment has to do with going public

Have to forsake security

Calls for giving up financial security

Your greatest fear factor has to be faced

Go face your giant and die and hope there's a resurrection

So weird you can't seek men's permission

I relate all these points to what I am walking through right now in my life. My greatest fear factor may be what people will think of me when I go public with these books...or it may be living without financial security. What I am doing seems to fit being "so weird you can't seek men's permission".

EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM GOD

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:2)

My Word to you today, Joan, is HONOR ME!"

How do I honor you, Lord?

By giving Me your time and attention. By giving Me your tithes and offerings. By giving Me praise and thanksgiving. By calling on Me day and night. By spending time with Me. You honor the one you spend time with. You declare that one important to you and that honors him.

You are spending your days with Me and that honors Me. Therefore I honor you, My child. And therefore I listen to you. And what I listen to, I fulfill and answer when it's best and right for you. All that I do is for your benefit, My child. ALL. I am a God of righteousness and justice. What is right and just is best for you and for My people.

**Who is this coming up from the desert leaning on her lover?
(Solomon 8:5)**

*And you are now **coming up** from your desert experience, Joan, leaning heavily on Me now - and that is what I want. That is why I had you go through it, the desert. Yes, you had many "defining moments" during the last 5-6 months, many, and you made the right decision each time. I am very pleased with you and now you are "leaning heavily" on Me. Now you are ready for more of Me.*

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

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out

demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up snakes with their hands, and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. (Mark 16:15-20)

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PSALM 91

I want to memorize Psalm 91 a line at a time:

- 1) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2) I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- 3) Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4) He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;
- 5) His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- 6) You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 7) Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- 8) A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- 9) You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

- 10) If you make the Most High your dwelling--even the Lord, who is my refuge--
- 11) Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
- 12) For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
- 13) They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- 14) "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- 15) He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
- 16) With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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THE BOOKS

Today I noticed a dream sequence I had earlier as relating to the series of books the Lord is having me write (most of which I did not know about when I had the dreams). So, this is about what is coming through the books into other's lives. I now see these things:

1. The books are done solo, done alone, about Jesus and His goodness.
2. The books will be used to plant and cultivate in the field of others' lives. Even though some were already mature Christians there is still cultivating and planting being done.
3. The books will be like a refrigerator holding food, with different help and information for different groups of people with different needs.
4. The books will help take away things that block people's vision and revelation.

5. The books will help wash away stuff that needs to be cleaned from people's lives.
6. The books will also plant (begin) new Christians and cultivate baby Christians.

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HE IS WATCHING EVERYTHING THAT CONCERNS YOU

Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. (1 Peter 5:7 TLB)

Interpreting my dream last night:

The airplane represents me, or my ministry. I was preparing to fly means preparing to be moved by the Spirit. Oil represents the Holy Spirit, anointing, healing. Leaking oil may mean I am losing some of the Spirit's anointing in this dream and want to get the leak fixed so it won't leak more. I wonder if I can even fly with the oil leaking.

The young woman represents an angel bringing me a gift and helping me fix up the plane (myself or my ministry) so it can fly. The young man also represents an angel and he also helps fix me or my ministry so it can fly better. This also expresses my concern about being moved by the Spirit in order to get home or where I am supposed to be with enough oil to get me there.

Do I have enough of You, Holy Spirit, to get me to the place I am supposed to be - to fly me there?

Yes, My child, you do. This dream expresses your concern about getting to the place you know you are to finish up being (the books published and distributed in the right places). I am showing you that My angels will help you. And I will give you enough anointing (oil) to do all I am asking of you. You do not need to fear its leaking away and not having enough to get you to your destination.

I am your Father, and I am your Husband, and I am your Brother. I will take care of you now and you don't need to feel you depend on others, just on Me.

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THREE QUESTIONS

God stands up to open heaven's court. He pronounces judgment on the judges. (Psalm 82:1 TLB)

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

Ask Me these three questions:

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

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

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

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

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

For others, please pray for tender hearts that yearn for Me, for a heart that desires Me and seeks Me, and for them to take the time to seek Me. Please pray that I will put people and circumstances in their pathways that they will notice and follow to reach Me. Please pray that I block all the efforts of the enemy that would try to keep them from seeking Me. If they seek Me, they will find Me. So seeking Me is all important.

FIRST IN YOUR DAY

There is none like the God of Jerusalem--He descends from the heavens in majestic splendor to help you. (Deuteronomy 33:26 TLB)

Yes, I am here; just wait before Me.

Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus.

I am here to receive you, since you are seeking Me.

This is a new day in Me. I want to talk to you this day. Come, after breakfast, and worship Me. Then we will talk together and you can write what I say. Most of what you wrote yesterday was not to go in the book. That's ok. The book is not the most important thing, you are.

Shaping you, teaching you, forming you (out of the dust as I shaped Adam) is the most important thing in our relationship. I am forming you little by little, day by day, into an image of My Son. Remember We created you in Our image.

Then, Lord, form me and shape me into Your (plural) image.

I am always here ready for you to come to Me. That way you have instant access to Me.

Thank You, Lord. I count that as such a privilege.

But your best answers, if you have questions, are found after worshipping Me.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
(Psalm 100:4)**

You are My friend, and that's why I am explaining this to you. Friends share their secrets with each other and share how to best communicate with each other. I communicate best with you after you have spent time thanking Me

and praising Me and you sit before My throne, waiting to hear from Me. You communicate best with Me after you quiet yourself before Me and everything around you which might distract you from Me is quiet too.

I'm first in your life and first in your day. This pleases Me very much.

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FILL ME WITH YOUR GLORY

(A song)

“Spirit of the Lord, fall on me,
And fill me with Your glory.”
(from *Visit Us* album by Terry McAlmon)

I am, Joan, I am. I am filling you with Me today, and My glory is one attribute of Me that comes with Me as I fill you. You have My glory when you have Me outshining from you.

I love you, Joan. I want you to know that every single day of your life on earth. You will have no trouble knowing that when you are up here in heaven with Me because there will be nothing to block that love from you. But on earth, there are so many blockades and so many disturbances that try to block My love from you. My love is still always there for you, but you may not always “feel” it and so I keep telling you to remind you of it.

Thank You, Lord. I love you too. Thank You for loving me. I recognize it is unmerited love, not based on anything I did to deserve it. So I thank you all the more for your unmerited love. Just because You are who You are, You love me. Thank You for Your love.

I love you with My whole heart, with all My being, with all that I am. You do not comprehend all that means yet, but I will keep opening understanding to you about it.

Get up and dance with Me.

Remember how much more it means to Me for you to praise Me, worship Me, and dance with Me while still on earth living during the darkness times. And you do it whether you “feel” like it or not. THAT means a lot to Me and I treasure it and delight in it up here in heaven.

I want to do the things You treasure and delight in, even if it doesn't come with “feeling like it.”

~ 63 ~

MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM

A voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation." (Luke 3:4-6)

Make STRAIGHT paths for Me, Joan. That means don't make Me work around all the difficulties in your life to get to you. Smooth out everything before you, and reach out to Me in a straight, direct path right to your heart and mind. Lay everything down except finding Me. You do this by focusing on Me in My throne room and “seeing” Me sitting there before you, like you are before the throne as the 24 elders in Revelation 4:4.

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads...also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. (Revelation 4:4, 6)

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OFFER THE PARTS OF MY BODY TO HIM

I want you to “see” Me using your hands to type these words. I want you to “see” Me using your eyes to read My Word. I want you to “see” Me doing all sorts of things through you - every day. Keep picturing this happening. This gives you a “knowing” that I am working through you. These are My hands typing these words because you have given Me your hands to use. Even though your body makes the effort, your body belongs to Me now, so I am using it. Your will and My will are united, they have become one.

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. (John 14:21)

If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (John 14:23)

“Show myself to him....make our home with him.”

You make your home here with me, and You show yourself to me - even as Your Word says.

And offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.” (Romans 6:13)

And I offer the parts of my body to You, Jesus, as instruments of righteousness, to do Your will for them.

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PSALM 91

The Lord has put in me the desire to memorize Psalm 91. He did this before, and I started it, but I didn't finish it. Now I want to try again. I want to add one verse each day and keep repeating it from the beginning each day. As I am now doing this, I was especially drawn to something I wrote last November about Psalm 91 which I am going to put in my journal again today since it is really meaningful to me....

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

And what this means is: dwelling with Me and resting in Me come together as a package. I, Holy Spirit, dwell with you when you invite Me to do that, as you did this morning. When you invite Me to come to you, I never turn you down, I always come. When I come, then you REST in Me. Rest, Joan, rest.

I want you to know that I am “with” you all the time, and I am “in” you all the time, BUT coming “to” you is something else, something different. I come “to” you when you invite Me to come. Otherwise I just stand waiting to be acknowledged, to be invited, to share your life, your time with you. When you say “Come, Holy Spirit,” that is My invitation. I come then.

Once I come “to” you, then you can be in My presence instantly when you want to.

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

And that refuge and that fortress is all within. It is in our Secret Place together. You see, when you come into that Secret Place with Me, then all My power and comfort and protection is available to you, and you can call upon it momentarily. It's bringing Heaven down to earth. But it comes from dwelling in that Secret Place of the Most High with Me. My angels respond to the Secret Place with Me. The winds, the rain, the fire, the snow - they all respond to Me from the Secret Place.

Jesus dwelt in that Secret Place all the time. He never left it as you do. You walked out of the Secret Place and into the world on earth yesterday after you stopped your Quiet Time. You stayed in the world until you returned to the Secret Place this morning, just now.

I want you to learn to live in the Secret Place with Me, Holy Spirit, all the time...and you do that mostly some days now, especially when you are writing. I want to guide you through your days and make choices with you and for you. Do you want this too?

Yes, Lord, I do.

Then let's try it today. When B gets up and you start responding to her and making plans, keep our communication line open. Don't go back to the world, but keep thinking of Me and communicating with Me at the same time.

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. (Psalm 91:3)

You see, Joan, when you are in that Secret Place with Me, then you have access to My "saving." As you dwell with Me moment by moment I can warn you of the snares of life and you will be listening because you are still in the Secret Place. I am the bubble around you that you saw in your vision! Deadly pestilence can't get inside that bubble. I am your protection!

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

This is a pictorial, "earthly" description of what I do when you are in My Secret Place. It's like you are covered with My feathers. It's like I have My wings over you to protect you. It's like I am a shield in front of you. It's My truth and My faithfulness that accomplishes this.

First you come to Me in the Secret Place and learn to relate to Me there for a short period of time. Then you learn gradually to extend that time out into the world and keep yourself in My Presence even while living in the world. Remember Jesus said to be "in the world but not of the world." You must walk in the world while you are living this life on earth, but you can learn to walk it with Me, and then you will not be "of the world" and it's way of thinking and acting (responding).

As you read the rest of this Psalm, all of these benefits come from our being together in the Secret Place - which means "dwelling" in My shelter - the shelter of the Most High. I am the Most High. I am the Holy Spirit. The Most High and I are one, in unity, together in a way you cannot fully comprehend while you live as a human, but you will understand it more later when you come up to Heaven and see things more fully, completely, and clearly. For right now, while on earth, you receive it "by faith." That's why it is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you won't and cannot walk in unity with Him, with Us. He is pleased when you are with Him, and

displeased when you are not with Him. So without faith you are not pleasing Him - or Me since We are one.

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A WONDERFUL BOOK

I had a wonderful book sent to me by my sister, J. It is a book I want to recommend to anyone who reads my books, so I will give the information here about the book and how to order it. It is titled: *Prayer Strategy Resource Book* by Ruth Shinness.

In this book Ruth tells how she began studying Scriptures and eventually gained insight into how to pray the Scriptures. In this helpful and delightful book she gives instruction to the readers in “Tuning Up Your Prayer Life” and “How to Pray the Book.” She then puts Scriptures into sections of such topics as Family, Children, Favor, Fear not, Guidance, Prosper, Healing, Knowing Jesus, Deliverance, etc. She lists the Scripture and reference, but she also paraphrases each Scripture into a positive way to pray that Scripture back to the Lord to: “remind God of His promises.”

At the back of the book she gives many testimonies from people who received prayer answers after praying God’s Word. To get a copy of this book you may order it on her web page at www.prayerstrategy.com. Or you may write her at: Ruth Shinness Brinduse, 2539 E. 450 N., Anderson, IN 46012-9518. You may call her at (765) 643-0612 or email her at PrayerStrategy@juno.com.

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FAITHFUL AND WISE SERVANT

Matthew 24:45-46 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant

whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.”

And Joan, you are preparing the food I want to give to My servants at the proper time. And I want you to keep doing this until I return. You see what I said I will do for you if you do this? I will put you in charge of all My possessions. I know you don't know what that means, but it is good, and it is what I want to do for you. Do you want this?

Yes, Lord.

Then let's do it together! I don't want you to take a different job than the one I've given you - to listen to Me daily and write for Me. We are preparing the food that I want to give to My servants at the proper time. You are a part of this preparation. It is very, extremely important to Me. So I want it to be important to you too. Is it?

Yes, Lord. I say yes to you. It is extremely important to me too.

In a similar way to how you take in the words I give others and teach you through those words, I will use the words I am giving you to teach others and minister to them. Do you want that?

Yes, so much, Lord!

Good, then we are together on this writing.

Thank You, Lord, for letting me do this!

I have prepared you all your life for this time, this harvest of all I have put into you. I am harvesting it into words in your books and I will use those words and those books to feed others at the times they need that food which I'm giving through you.

(2 Peter 3:7, 10) By the same word (God's word) the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men....But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare (be burned up).”

I wonder if this is the lake of fire and the second death...

(Revelation 20:14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 37:4)

As I meditate, He shows me that I will be doing this the rest of my life (as in the above Scripture). He had me think in terms of what would I want to do and be if I had 11 more years left to live on earth. This was in January 2005.

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THE VALLEY OF DECISION

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. (Joel 3:14)

Yes, it's now here - these final days and years of the earth under the Gentiles. Soon the Israelites will be in charge, king over all, praised and envied by all others. They will have their promised, cherished place in ruling over the earth...being the head and not the tail, on top and not below. They will be My cherished ones, My treasured prize, My possession forever. My Bride will come and help Me rule and reign over the world. It's happening soon - what you just read in the book of Joel. We are 'at the gate' of that time.

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AN EVERLASTING WITNESS

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

What does this mean, Joan, an everlasting witness?

An everlasting witness would have to mean a witness in eternity, wouldn't it? Because the tablet or scroll would be destroyed when the earth is destroyed. So where will this 'everlasting witness' be? It must be in heaven. There this everlasting witness will be kept forever in the record of the one who wrote the tablet or scroll.

I keep eternal records, Joan, about each person who is Mine. Eternal. Your records are with Me eternally. What you write for Me is with Me eternally. Isn't that grand?!!! What you and I do together is kept eternally in your own personal record...in heaven.

Now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be as a witness for the time to come forevermore. (Isaiah 30:8 AMP)

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THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM

And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and

**look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!
(Isaiah 30:18 AMP)**

Wow! That is one powerful Scripture, Lord! This describes so much what You are like - One who waits to be gracious to us, One who wants to have mercy on us, One who wants to show loving-kindness to us. And for those who wait for You, the blessings are great - victory, favor, love, peace, joy, companionship with You! That's what I want, Lord. I wait for You!

And we wait for You in this way:

In returning [to Me] and resting [in Me] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15 AMP)

And when we do that, then:

And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left. (Isaiah 30:21 AMP)

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COME TO ME

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)

Come to Me, My child, every day of your life. I am your strength and your comforter. You will need My strength and comfort each day as you walk through the rest of your days on earth. They will be troubled days. There will continue to be many signs in the weather, in the skies, in the shaking of the earth, in men who do evil. It all is part of the end times that you ARE now

living in. The end times are here. You know this from My Word and how it tells of these times.

Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matt.11:28) I know you get heavy laden and labor when you think about the future and where you might live with no retirement funds. Come unto Me with that burden, and I will give you rest each time you get concerned.

I want you to know these things and tell others these things in your books. I want My goodness and My faithfulness recorded for all others to see and know. I am a faithful God to those who belong to Me. I take care of My own...and you are My own. You have been faithful to Me and I am and will be faithful to you, Joan. Count on it.

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TWICE AS MUCH AS BEFORE

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. (Job 42:10)

Remember how prosperous you were before when you were married? And after he divorced you how that prosperity dropped so that now it is almost nothing? Well, like Job, I will now make you twice as prosperous as you claim this Scripture. That's what came on Job (loss of prosperity, sickness, death of children, sores, etc). Divorce was the calamity that came on you and took away your prosperity. But you have persevered and stood with Me and depended on Me all the way through your "difficulty," so now I WILL restore to you twice as much as you had before.

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

GOING ON A TRIP TO SEE THE KING

In this dream I was telling people that my husband and I were going on a trip and that we would get to see the King while there, and that we were able to get tickets to attend the “royal wedding” while we were there. That seemed to be a wonderful treat and opportunity I was telling some people about. We seemed to be going soon.

This seems to refer to my relationship with Jesus, my Husband, and to indicate that soon we will be going together on a trip, the Rapture, to the place where a royal wedding will be held - and I was blessed to get tickets to attend that. My ticket is my relationship with Jesus, my Husband.

I was trying to get clothes ready for elementary children to go to school. I think they would go to school while I was on the trip. We were making plans for how many pair of shorts and tops they needed, what colors, etc. One outfit had many colors and I told the child to tell us what colors there were, then he/she could match those colors with the top to wear with it.

Perhaps this refers to the clothes of righteousness children need to be able to go to the “school” of learning of the Lord. I was trying to get the children with the right clothes for their school which would be while I was on the trip (maybe after the rapture). This may refer to those who would read my books after I left on my trip. If the child would look closely at the “colors” or aspects of the clothing article (look at what Jesus was like, His characteristics), then they would know how to match those aspects with their other clothing. I guess that is what my books are about - what is it like to look at the characteristics of wearing Jesus and being a Christian and to imitate those and be like Him. These children being elementary children may mean they are new Christians and are starting their learning about following Jesus.

This may be primarily for those who become Christians after the rapture who accept Jesus as their Savior then. For many years the Holy Spirit has brought to my mind that my writings might be used after the Rapture for those who come to Him then.

Why did You give me these dreams, Lord?

I want you to know the Rapture is soon, is near, and you will be participating. You already have your "ticket" for the royal wedding between My Bride and Me. There will be children, babes in Christ, who will need clothes of righteousness after your trip, and you are helping prepare them even now. Many colors are many aspects of what I am like and who I am. They will see these many colors in your writings. That is why I now want you to read back over your old journals and put them in writing.

All of them, Lord?

Yes, all you can find. Type a computer file for each year, and put them on disks and put them on B's computer. Print out all that I show you to print out. I have plans for all of it. This may be easier for others to find after the Rapture than things found at Christian bookstores. I will look after your writings and protect them and keep them safe from being destroyed. I already have plans for all those who come to Me then. I know who they are and what they need. I am using you to help Me prepare for them.

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KEEP PLANTING WITH ME

I, the Lord, am your Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel. (Isaiah 49:26 TLB)

I remember a piece of a dream last night where we (I and at least 1 other) were preparing to plant something. I saw the garden/field area with a line dug across it to plant in - a line to use as a 'plumb line' to plant in, and to gauge how to plant the rows on either side of it straight.

The 'one other' is Me. You and I are preparing to plant something and we are looking at the place of planting and seeing a row there marking where to plant. The "where to plant" place, the field or garden, is your books, Joan. You are planting yourself and the thoughts I've given you into your books. I want you to know this planting is a straight line, as you saw in your dream. It is ready to put seeds into.

I plowed the field, and I marked the row for us to plant in. You are doing your part in giving all your time to writing the books I am leading you to write. Together we are planting that field and together we will harvest it. You get to harvest it along with Me, whether you are here on earth or in heaven.

Keep planting with Me. Know that this is the most important work you will ever do here on earth - to keep planting in the field of writing your books. You will be thrilled when you see the harvest from this planting. We must do this together. I cannot do it alone, or rather, I will not do this alone. I need you to put the thoughts into writing and into book form. Then I will get those books printed at the right time and promote them and get them to the exact people whom I want to have them at exactly the right time. Do you believe this?

Yes, I do, Lord.

Then will you keep on writing with Me? No matter what comes up? Don't let mammon tear you away from the writing, ok? Turn down any job offer you might get. I will provide your finances needed, just as I am now.

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THE WEDDING

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee. (John 2:1 AMP)

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and his disciples believed in Him. (John 2:11 RSV)

Yes, I did that on the third day, Joan, and on this "third day" you are now living in, I will also display My power and My glory in My people and with My people. You are one of My people, and I will display My power and glory in you - along with many others whom you know at CTC. I have put you with this group of people that I am preparing for the display of My glory. That's

one reason I brought you here to LS and CTC...to display My glory in you, and others along with you...just like I did there in Cana.

And yes, I will drink the wine with you at the wedding supper up here in heaven - like I mentioned on My last night on earth as a human being. This will be a glorious wedding here!

I started My ministry of power to the church with a wedding celebration for which I provided good wine. And I will culminate My ministry to the church with a wedding celebration with “good wine” up here in heaven. That is not by chance. It is My Father’s plan for Me and for us.

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BE WITH ME

You are learning, Joan, not to be performance oriented and that’s why you could come to CTC and not participate in such things as intercession, groups, ministry, discipling, equipping, prayer ministry, etc. You are finally realizing that I am all you need.

You started this process of “not needing to do” when I told you to stop DT at CBC and you did. Then I told you not to do DT at CPC and you obeyed that. I took you out of there just as Doug intended to get you involved again. I needed to have you STOP the performance of stuff so you could find out our relationship didn’t depend on performance, but on our love relationship with each other. I love you as you are, Joan, completely. You don’t have to do certain duties to get My love.

You see, your writing gets you to sit before Me, and listen to Me, and wait on Me every day. This gives Me the opportunity to make changes in you as needed, and helps you see that doing things is not what I want or am asking of you - but just to “be with Me.” Now I can work My miracle-working changes in you as you sit before Me and trust Me.

THE CHICKENS

When I was a child we lived in the country on a 3/4-acre lot. About half of that lot was taken up by our house, garage, driveway, some trees, etc. The rest was mostly put into garden and an area for raising chickens. So, each spring my father bought about 30-40 baby chicks. These were put into the chicken grazing area and taken care of so they would eventually furnish us with eggs and then meat. I guess that's one reason we often had chicken for Sunday dinner!

As youngsters we children used to participate in 4-H clubs and do projects for that. At the end of the summer we would display an example of our projects for judging, hoping to receive a high rating and some prize money which came with that.

One summer my sister, J, chose "chickens" as one of her projects. She had to feed and take care of them and report on this for her project. And she had to display a chicken to be judged at the county fair. She kept very thorough records all summer long and intended to exhibit -- until it came time to do so. The hens were all bad looking, with basically few or no feathers on their breasts. She thought they looked so pathetic she didn't have any in the cage when the 4-H leader arrived to pick hers up and take it to the fair.

The leader convinced J to quickly grab one and put it in the cage so her club could have 100% of the club exhibiting. That was basically the reason she went ahead and exhibited one of her hens. The detailed records she had kept showed the excellent layers the chickens were, and evidently the lack of breast feathers was a sign of a good layer. She didn't know all that until after she got a "championship" ribbon and saw the judge's remarks.

It turned out that the bad-looking chicken won the prize! We could hardly believe it! When we inquired about why that poor looking (we thought) chicken had won the prize we were told it was the way good laying chickens should be, in spite of its outside looks. Oh, did we get a laugh out of that situation! And to think she almost didn't send in an exhibit!

As I thought of this as an adult, and chuckled about it again, the Holy Spirit impressed me that God is a little like that judge at the county fair. He doesn't look on the outside to see how "fixed up" and pretty we look, but He looks at our hearts to

see how we are toward Him - whether we are healthy and right, the way He wants humans to be, with a heart toward Him...and whether we produce the fruit He designed us to produce. So maybe we should put our attention on how we are on the inside also rather than how we look on the outside.

The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

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NEW TREASURES AS WELL AS OLD

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (Proverbs 4:18 KJV)

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 storeroom new treasures as well as old. (Matt 13:52)

Yes, Joan, you have been instructed about the kingdom of heaven and about its laws, so to those around you, you are a teacher of the law. You personify what the kingdom of heaven and its laws are like in your life. And, therefore, inside you is a storeroom with new treasures as well as old. I am showing you some "new treasures" in your dream life lately. Notice your dream from last night shows you actually on the campus where you learn and that you are an upperclassman. In past dreams you often were searching for this place of learning, but now you are experiencing it. This is good!

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THE BUNDLES ARE BEING TIED NOW

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed

weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

"An enemy did this," he replied. The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 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 13:24-30)

The Holy Spirit said:

The bundles are being tied now!

This goes along with an idea that came during the night and I wrote it down:

There is a "deposit," a seed, planted in those elect of the Lord (those the Father has drawn to Jesus) that is "grown" eventually as allowed by the free will of the person. K, J, and B all have this deposit in them and He is growing it in them. If that seed isn't planted with the help of people, the Lord gets it deposited Himself--perhaps in a dream.

It seems that in this way He plants the "wheat."

Because you are a Christian and prayed for them as children, this was deposited in them also. Their salvation is tied in with yours as recorded in Scripture. You prayed that your children would only pick Christians for mates, so K was led to a mate who also has a deposit of Me in him. That way you can be assured of Godly offspring.

I plant My wheat, and My wheat is visible to the angels, therefore they watch over and help My wheat during their time on earth. They may help others also, but primarily they assist My wheat ...those who belong to Me.

SPIRIT OF THE LORD, FALL ON ME

(A song)

Spirit of the Lord, fall on me, and fill me with your glory.
Spirit of the Lord, set me free, and fill me with your glory.
(Terry MacAlmon "Visit Us")

I am, Joan, I am falling on you even as you worship Me at this hour. I am setting you free by My power, even now, as you listen to Me with your heart and spirit.

You're really tied to how your body is feeling, Joan.

I know, Lord, change me if You will.

I will. Soon you will be able to forget about yourself and focus on Me better. Keep going. It will come.

A lovely lady, that's how I see you, Joan, as Francis saw Grace in the book you're reading... Even though she wasn't that to many others who might have looked at her on the outside, he had an image of her, a vision of what I was making her to be, and he saw her that way and said so. Just as I see you as a beautiful lady - the beautiful bride I know you to be and I see you as becoming already. You are My beautiful bride, Joan, and I love you.

K AND C

The neatest thing happened at church yesterday (2-6-05). K and C have recently come to be part of CTC and K spoke in church yesterday. They are evangelists and ministers for the Lord in Africa (Burundi) where they hold meetings and organize and run orphanages for the many children orphaned there - particularly by AIDS taking their parents. They showed us pictures of some of the people there. One picture had lots of people standing and Pastor A asked him what that picture was. K said it was

an altar call...and there were around 380 people responding to the call to accept Jesus. Then K showed us a picture of a bright spot in the sky and told us that a portal opened up there in the sky and the presence of the Lord came down upon the crowd of thousands. When that happened many more came to Jesus for salvation - around 3800 people! Thank You, Lord!

K said he became a Christian in November of 2001 and interned under TB in Canada. He went on crusades with Todd and learned under him. Now K and C have their own ministry called KOGMI. They minister in Africa. K told us that while he was praying one day in a mud hut in Africa, the Lord spoke to him that he was to move to KC and go to CTC! He is delighted to have a “home church” now. He is returning to Africa soon for more ministry. C told me the wives don’t get to go this time, that God said not to. I surely want to get to know her better!

K ministered in the service very similar to TB. He said that while he was preaching (on being radically sold out to the Lord) if anyone began to feel heat or electricity in any part of their body to wave at him or stand up. Every little bit someone would do that and he would impart to them power for God to keep working - for healing - for whatever the Lord revealed to him. When J stood up, K came over to J and prayed and imparted to J mightily. After the sermon he called up people for ministry prayer and many, many came. He spoke to tumors and to spots before eyes. To one man he spoke healing of veins and arteries and plaque in them, and the heart. C prayed with B for inner healing to come. It was a powerful, powerful and exciting time together. We didn’t leave until close to 2:00 and had been there since about 9:20 since we were greeters.

Oh God, You are doing such a powerful ministry in our church! Thank You for letting B and me see this and experience this and be part of it. Thank You for bringing us both supernaturally here to this community and church! You are SO GOOD to us!

See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay everyone according to the deeds he has done. (Revelation 22:12 TLB)

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life. (Proverbs 10:11)

May my mouth be a fountain of life through this book and what You give me to write in it today, Lord. Bless all those who read this book with your mighty Presence, Holy Spirit, and manifest Your Presence to them as they read.

Then at last everyone will know that good is rewarded, and that there is a God who judges justly here on earth. (Psalm 58:11 TLB)

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A PERSONAL INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

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

Today I want to write in my journal something that the Holy Spirit told me on 3-6-94 which I want to review often...

You're beginning to think the ministry at CBC is your calling. No. Your ministry to Me is your first calling. Your ministry to CBC is secondary to this. I want you to spend time with Me daily.

(Jesus wants me to love Him fervently.)

What I'm interested in is the personal intimate relationship with Me...more than what you do.

I want you to handle the blessing I'm bringing. Don't leave Me because you don't need Me anymore.

(I am to carefully guard and nurture my relationship with Him.)

I'm warning you before the blessing arrives, Joan. Don't let it take you away from Me -- and don't let your ministry take My place in your life. (all morning, remember?) Work on that!

I want you to know you're going to have to fight a battle for this, Joan -- for our relationship and our time. Fight it! It's worth it!

Satan is trying every way he can to win you from Me and this is one way he's going to try.

I will pray for you -- that Satan not win. He won't; but you will have to recognize the battle and fight it.

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HE WATCHED OVER ME

At church this morning they put a picture up on the screen of a little baby lying on it's back looking up at Jesus, and Jesus leaning over it smiling down at it. The baby had its arms up toward Jesus.

This fit with all my dealings lately with asking God to reveal to me the things that took place in my childhood that had profound effects on me - perhaps where I made vows with my will, or judgments about others or myself that needed to be repented of and forgiven, etc.

As this picture was shown I felt the Holy Spirit was teaching me that I had been with Jesus before I was born into this world, and that He carefully watched over me as I became an embryo, then a baby, then a child, etc. I felt He was saying that even when I didn't get loving from my earthly father, He was there all the time loving me, and that when I hurt, He hurt with me. He wanted me to remember that He is omnipresent and could be with all of His all the time. It was very comforting and encouraging. It seemed I knew He had died for my sins even before I was born.

A PLAN FOR MY LIFE

I have a plan for your life, Joan, and it is good. Trust Me for it.

It's not so much for writing today; it's for healing today.

Waiting in His presence. He says He is life and when He comes to me death and sickness must leave because He is life.

The day of the trumpet of the Lord is coming soon. (as the shofars blew on the CD) Wait patiently for "the blowing" of the trumpets, Joan; it is SOON.

What if it were this coming Rosh Hashanah. Would you wait that long for Me and keep writing for Me until then? (Yes, Lord)

You could stay at Beth's until then and not have to move again. Would that be ok with you? (Yes, Lord)

Plan on that - staying here until next Rosh Hashanah and see if that is the Rapture time. If not, we will make plans together from there on.

You have come into My Presence many, many times, Joan. But most of the time you don't "see" anything, but you "hear" Me. That is good. That is "coming into My realm" also, but just in the hearing realm. I will bring you into the "seeing" realm too sometimes.

I will help you with that process at the Patricia King conference. She knows how to teach/lead others there. I've gifted her in that, and she helps others learn how. She will teach you how, and she will teach Beth how also. You are both ready for this now. It is the right time for you both. You can go through this together. I will keep you well and keep emergencies from happening that might otherwise take you away from the conference. Those feelings of fear about going to the conference are Satan's efforts to keep you away. Rebuke those feelings whenever they come.

TRUST IN THE LORD

(A song) εεε

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, will direct your path.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things will be added unto you
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Don't worry about losing your identity (as you have been dreaming about losing your purse many times). I have a place for you in heaven...a new identity. It is the perfect place for you. You will not desire more nor less. You will know it is just right and rejoice in that. You will not only have a new identity, you will have a new name, just as I said I would give overcomers. Relax and enjoy this knowing. I am revealing it to you as a blessing over you. It is already declared here in heaven, and you will know and experience it shortly.

Remember the picture you saw of Me at CFO camp? I was blessing the people as they were worshipping Me, and I was looking at you and you were looking at Me. We bonded then; we came together in fellowship then, and I showed you a revelation - the angels along the wall holding trumpets. First the trumpets were low, then middle, then high. You are now in the stage of the high trumpets, Joan. The trumpets of the Lord are blowing, blowing, blowing - hard. It is a time to look up, for I will return soon. That was in the 1970's or 80's. It is now 2016 - about 36-40 years later. Forty is the number for completion of a testing or trial, and that is finishing now for you. And you have been true to Me and loved Me and been obedient to Me and followed Me - all the days of your life. And I am pleased, and you must also be pleased. For it is GOOD.

I AM GETTING READY TO MOVE

(From *Streams In The Desert* by L. B. Cowman, p.406)

*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.
(2 Corinthians 5:1)*

The owner of the house I have lived in for many years has notified me that he will do little or nothing to keep it in repair. He also advised me to be ready to move.

At first this was not very welcome news. In many respects the surrounding area is quite pleasant, and if not for the evidence of a somewhat declining condition, the house seems rather nice. Yet a closer look reveals that even a light wind causes it to shake and sway, and its foundation is not sufficient to make it secure. Therefore I am getting ready to move.

As I consider the move, it is strange how quickly my interest is transferred to my prospective new home in another country. I have been consulting maps and studying accounts of its inhabitants. And someone who has come from there to visit has told me that it is beautiful beyond description and that language is inadequate to fully describe what he heard while there. He said that in order to make an investment there, he has suffered the loss of everything he wanted here, yet rejoices in what others would call a sacrifice. Another person, whose love for me has been proved by the greatest possible test, now lives there. He has sent me several clusters of the most delicious grapes I have ever eaten, and after tasting them everything here tastes very bland.

Several times I have gone to the edge of the river that forms the boundary between here and there and have longed to be with those singing praises to the King on the other side. Many of my friends have moved across that river, but before leaving here they spoke of my following them later. I have seen the smile on their faces as they passed from my sight. So each time I am asked to make some new investment here, I now respond, "I am getting ready to move."