

ENCOURAGING  
WORDS  
Book 6

TO REVIEW  
FOR STRENGTHENING

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## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

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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.

## OUR STEADFASTNESS

I looked up Scriptures on steadfastness on the web in Bible Gateway. At the end of *Encouraging Words book 5*, I put Scriptures on God's steadfastness. Here I am beginning *Encouraging Words book 6* with Scriptures about our steadfastness.

### [Joshua 23:6](#)

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

So be very courageous and **steadfast** to keep and do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning not aside from it to the right hand or the left.

### [Psalm 51:10](#)

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a **steadfast** spirit within me.

### [Psalm 112:7](#)

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is **steadfast**, trusting in the LORD.

### [Proverbs 11:19](#)

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

He who is **steadfast** in righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) attains to life, but he who pursues evil does it to his own death.

### [Isaiah 26:3](#)

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is **steadfast**, because he trusts in you.

### [Isaiah 43:10](#)

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know Me, believe Me and remain **steadfast** to Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.

### [Hosea 6:6](#)

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

For I desire and delight in dutiful **steadfast** love and goodness, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of and acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings.

### [Luke 9:23](#)

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [ disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [ cleave **steadfastly** to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if

need be, in dying also].

**Luke 21:19**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

By your **steadfastness** and patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls.

**John 14:12**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone **steadfastly** believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

**Acts 1:14**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves **steadfastly** to prayer, [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

**Acts 2:42**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

And they continued **steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**Romans 12:12**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Rejoice and exult in hope; be **steadfast** and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer.

**Romans 15:4**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our **steadfast** and patient] endurance and the encouragement [drawn] from the Scriptures we might hold fast to and cherish hope.

**Romans 15:5**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (**steadfastness**) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 1:8**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

And He will establish you to the end [keep you **steadfast**, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be **steadfast**, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 1:7**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

And our hope for you is **steadfast**, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

**2 Corinthians 1:21**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

But it is God Who confirms and makes us **steadfast** and establishes us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us [ enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit].

**Colossians 1:23**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and **steadfast**, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**Colossians 4:2**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Be earnest and unwearied and **steadfast** in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving.

**2 Thessalonians 2:17**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them [make them **steadfast** and keep them unswerving] in every good work and word.

**2 Thessalonians 3:5**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

May the Lord direct your hearts into [realizing and showing] the love of God and into the **steadfastness** and patience of Christ and in waiting for His return.

**Hebrews 3:14**

**New King James Version (NKJV)**

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence **steadfast** to the end.

**Hebrews 6:19**

**Amplified Bible (AMP)**

[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and **steadfast** anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil.

### Hebrews 10:36

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

For you have need of **steadfast** patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.

### James 1:3

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and **steadfastness** and patience.

### James 1:4

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

But let endurance and **steadfastness** and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

### 1 Peter 5:9

#### **New King James Version (NKJV)**

Resist him, **steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

### 1 Peter 5:10

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

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

### 2 Peter 3:14

#### **New King James Version (NKJV)**

[ *Be Steadfast* ] Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

### Revelation 14:12

#### **Amplified Bible (AMP)**

Here [comes in a call for] the **steadfastness** of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus.

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## **TAKING GOLD AND SILVER TO OTHERS**

**Even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold. (Psalm 68:13)**

*I wanted you to know that I take care of each tiny detail in your life. Each thing that comes/happens is part of My plan. Since I am in control of your life, I can follow My plan perfectly. Follow Me.*

*The Scripture: even while you are unaware of what's happening, My Spirit is going out to others through your writings which I've led you to write. He is taking gold and silver (wisdom and knowledge) to others. Trust Me in this.*

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## **YOU BROUGHT US TO A PLACE OF ABUNDANCE**

**Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. (Psalm 66:8-12)**

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## **COME SOON, MY BRIDE**

After I awoke and wrote out my dream, as best I could remember, then I spent time connecting with the Lord. Then He said: *I want you to write this*, so I wrote:

*The time is short. I am coming soon. Get ready, My people. Cleanse yourselves. Get spotless and clean before Me. Come into My Presence with thanksgiving and joy and with a clean pure heart. I want you to come soon. It's time.*

*It is soon, Joan, it is soon--very soon. I can hardly wait! I want My people to "come up here" and be with Me. Then we will have our wonderful wedding supper together and we will celebrate our marriage--and we will become one. We will be together forever.*

*And I am here with you now to announce this. Come soon, My Bride, My pure and spotless one, into My bridal chamber where we will celebrate our becoming one.*

To me He said:

*I am giving you these words, in this way, for you to write, not speak. You are My writer. That is your place in My plan--to write--so others can see and read and know what I am saying. Some prophets speak, and one or a few hear them (unless it is recorded). You are My writing prophet so many may read, and know, what I am saying to you (and to them).*

*This is where I want you to be when you ask Me questions (in this connected position as we are now). Then you will hear Me more clearly. I want you to hear Me more clearly from now on. So come into this connected position, (this bubble of privately talking together) when you want to hear more clearly and learn the answers to your questions.*

*I have trained and taught you to come here. This is our place of communication together. This is the place I want you to spend more and more time each day from now on.*

*I do not want you to go to the doctor, Joan. I am preparing now for "the great healing" to come upon you and many, many others. This will be part of the pouring out of My Spirit in the last days--a great outpouring of healing. This will be a sign that will draw many unto Me - many who will become Mine in these last moments before the Rapture. I have been saving up many outstanding healings for these last days--for the great harvest I will reap as I pour out these signs: healing, things in the weather, signs in the sky, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, storms, fires, and miracles, signs, and wonders upon the earth. This is the time and the year for that - 2006. The time has come!*

*I have given you this peaceful treasured place of quiet in which to listen to Me and write for Me. We will do much writing while B is gone to the JF conference. You will have lots to do then. Then when she returns, you can have her put another part on the web of IN HIS TIME...January and February of 2006.*

*You will have plenty to do right up until the Rapture. Do not go to any doctor or dentist unless I guide you to do that, ok? I want you available to write for Me...and do with the writings as I lead you. And do stay in that Prophecy class group for now. I have a purpose and plan for it.*

*Now you can write your dream here and I will tell you what it means:*

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## **HE HEARS WHAT NOBODY THINKS HE HEARS**

In this dream, I walked around the group of people there and started to walk through double doors into a hallway. G. went that way also, slightly behind me and to my right. After we went through the double doors we were walking side by side down the hallway



and I looked at his face with my side vision. He didn't look like the same person, and I didn't recognize his face. His hair seemed to be tan/dark-blond color and short-cut like a man's. He had his eyes closed and his lips were moving like he might have been praying as he walked along. Eventually he opened his eyes, saw me, and smiled. Then I woke up.

On Saturday, I watched the movie *What The Deaf Man Heard*. I realized then that the man I saw in this above dream looked a lot like Matthew Modine who played Sammy Ayres in this movie. His hair color and cut seemed to be the same and the shape of his face seemed the same. In the movie Sammy pretends to be a deaf-mute, then later reveals that he is not. His smile is similar to the man in this dream. This makes me wonder if that dream person symbolizes someone or something like Sammy does in the movie.

*He hears things nobody thinks he hears. He sees things nobody realizes he sees. He writes them down. He does not speak of these things until the right moment in time when he speaks out and surprises everyone. You are similar, Joan. You see and hear much from Me and record it in your journals, but usually do not speak of it to others. But, at the right time, your writings will "speak out" and others will be totally surprised.*

They really will?

*They really will. You do not understand this now because you do not know what others will need to hear in the future. I do. I am giving these writings to you now to minister to them/others then...not now. Because they don't fit what people might find helpful now (in your mind), you wonder if they will be beneficial. Well, they will. I promise you this. All your work will not be in vain. It will bless others someday. And, it is all recorded in heaven...what you have written for Me. And that is what you have done...written this for Me and for others. This dream shows you in a hallway, a period of transition from one place to another. That's where you are right now.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT JEWELS ON MY RIGHT ARM

The setting of this dream was on a campus-like area with buildings and open grassy spaces, trees, etc. I was walking by myself through an open space outdoors and found (maybe hanging on a bush or tree or something) a beautiful piece of jewelry. I picked it up and was taking it to some building/place where I thought I could inquire about who lost it. It looked like it was to be worn as an earring because it had an ear hook at one end of a long strand of jewels. One of the pieces had many strands of jewels fastened to a ring so it almost looked like a necklace. The jewels were crystal-like, and pretty, and seemed to be periwinkle (blue-lavender) color. Then somehow a single strand of these jewels was on my right arm running from my shoulder to my wrist.

*It represents the jewels you display now but they are invisible to those on earth - visible to Me in heaven. You "found" them while living life on earth. They were put there for you to find, and you did. You are My beautiful jeweled bride, adorned and waiting for Me to come and get her...adorned with your favorite color of stone.*

A jewel refers to a precious person, a gifted person. Jewelry refers to treasure, desire, precious, and God's gift. The earring symbolizes my ears/hearing being adorned. A necklace may reveal inner traits. A gemstone alludes to personality characteristics and behavioral responses. Crystals relate to the clarity and depth of one's personal spiritual attunement.

*When I gave you this dream I knew what your dream interpretation book would say for these things: earring, necklace, and crystal. I knew they would fit with what I wanted to communicate to you through this dream, namely, your hearing is adorned by Me, your personality characteristics are adorned by Me, and your personal spiritual attunement is adorned by Me. I am your All in all. I show forth from your life as beautiful jewels show forth for others to see and admire.*

*What more could you want than Me. I am your beauty and blessing. I shine forth from your life each day. You wanted to know what you are here for? To let Me shine forth from your life each day, one day at a time. Remind yourself of that each morning...to let Me shine forth from your life that day, in all My beauty. You are My bride and a display of My beauty...a piece of it. There are many who are displaying My beauty in the world and you are one of them. You already know many others from your church.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT WALKING AROUND A COLLEGE CAMPUS**

The dream took place on a college campus. I was in my room in the dorm at the beginning. I decided to go to a place where I could purchase things like in a store-like section of the campus. I knew it was somewhere, but I didn't know for sure how to get to it.

During the search for these stores, I walked down a hallway to a door, which was dark aqua, along with the wall it was on. The door didn't have a doorknob to see where the door was in the wall, but you could see the outline of the door and push on it to open it.

I retraced my steps back to my room to be sure I would know the way I went the next time. I realized that there were six such exits (I remember counting) and I needed to take the farthest left exit door. These six exits seemed to be in a semi-circle.

At one time in the dream I walked through a very tall and enclosed pure white hallway. It was quite light and very pretty since it had sculpted designs in floral patterns on the walls, but it was all pure white. I really liked it and looked at it closely. I thought it looked so much better with the pure white and no other colors for the designs. It seemed to make the hallway less confined, more open. But it was still a corridor or hallway about wide enough for two people to walk side by side and was about 10-12 ft. high. I didn't see where I entered or exited this hallway, I just saw myself in it looking at it.

At another time I went through an opening to an area which I thought might go between buildings to another building on campus and I wanted to find that way between buildings. When I opened to this area, I saw a huge unfinished area, well lighted, that stretched out and downward to an area which had a shallow pool of water. The ground was smooth and all looked kind of creamy white, and the pooled water looked pale yellowgreen. It proceeded down a ramp-like area then went to the left and went forward and to the right and angled back. To get down it, I somehow sat down and slid down the ramp and to the right. I didn't have much control over where I slid but I stayed close to a low wall/railing-like structure on the left side of the ramp. I got up and started walking back up the ramp to the doorway where I had entered. Other people were there too, some coming through the doorway to this area.

*This is a wonderful dream, Joan, a wonderful dream, and a hopeful dream, and a passionate dream. You are traveling through life going from your "home" on the campus of life to somewhere where you can purchase things you want. As you travel you notice areas/times of transition which are marked by dark aqua blue walls and a door which is quite difficult to see.*

*Your life has been like that - looking for an entrance into the spiritual realm which is difficult to find the entrance way into. But you do find it and note the way to that door so you can come there again. You also realize there are 6 such doors. That 6 refers to the number for man. For man there are different entrances/doors into different parts of the campus called life. You took the one farthest to the left - the left referring to the most spiritual doorway/entrance. Your life has been like that - taking the most spiritual route you knew of as you progressed.*

*The tall white hallway gave you such a feeling of awe and delight as it represented the pure white pathway to Me. You loved to be there and enjoyed the view as you walked. This refers to the pathway you have taken of continually getting clean before Me, day by day, and enjoying the purity of that clean pure relationship.*

*As you seek the place to purchase things (wisdom, knowledge, security, safety, closeness with Me, protection, and provision) you found an area which you thought might take you to that place. It wasn't finished being built yet. It isn't a sure way yet. It was still being worked on. So it was slippery. This represents the place you always come into as you keep seeking Me and don't know the way there to find Me. You have to risk sliding around a bit and trying to miss sliding into the pool as you go. When it doesn't seem to lead where you want to go, you go back to where you were before. This represents part of your life. Your*

*desire has been to serve Me, see Me, know Me, and relate to Me intimately and you have spent your life doing that.*

*The whole dream was well lighted, not dark, and was clear to see. In it you were always going somewhere. It is a picture of your life pathway or portions of it. You can just enjoy this dream and enjoy Me--the giver of the dream.*

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## **GOD WILL ALLOW THROUGH HIS WISDOM WHAT HE COULD HAVE PREVENTED THROUGH HIS POWER**

Yesterday at the morning church service there was a send-off time for Jody Feldman and her team members who are leaving this week for India to do missionary work. Pastor C and JM are also going for awhile. It was a marvelous send off time with lots of our people participating and guests from California who came here for this special time. God is doing a powerful work through CTC of bringing in people He has called to go out to the Nations. He knits those people into the family at CTC, then sends them out from there with the Apostolic covering of our pastors and church. This week also Kevin Basconi is leaving for a miracle crusade in Africa.

The speaker yesterday was Gary Goodall who is an overseer of many churches in California. He had a speaking session Saturday night where he shared about the third wave movement in our country and what God is doing. I didn't attend that but heard a bit about it.

His speech Sunday morning at our church was about being in a transition time right now where we can't go back to where we were, and don't know how to go forward to where God is taking us (because we have never gone this way before--as in Joshua) and that we are in a "threshold time" right now.

One thing he said which I wrote down and wanted to remember: "God will allow through His wisdom what He could have prevented through His power." I felt this was in reference to how God will sometimes allow things in our lives, which He uses to train and teach us, even though those are hard things we would rather have Him prevent from happening.

Gary also said to Pastor A that "There's a 'becoming' anointing in this house." I identified with that statement as God brought Beth and me to CTC to be trained and to learn many things so we can "become" what He has purposed for us.

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## **EACH GENERATION MUST LEARN HOW TO FIGHT**

**These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)...they [the nations] were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had given their forefathers through Moses. (Judges 3:1-2, 4)**

I saw through this Scripture that each generation must learn how to fight the battles needed for them to be tested. I had to learn to fight my own battles. My parents' battles were theirs, not mine. My children need to learn to fight their own battles also. We can learn from our parents' experiences and how they withstood what battles they faced, but we still have to fight our own. God doesn't seem to give any generation a 'free ride' or an easy life, without battles, based on what their parents did. He tests us to see if we will obey His commands. These commands are, and can be, passed down through our parents, but we need to be tested to see if we will obey them.

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## **THE LORD IS WITH YOU, MIGHTY WARRIOR**

**When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12)**

*And I am with you, My child. When I call you "My child," then that is what you are - a child of the Lord God on High. What I call you is what you are. That tells you who you are, and in what position you are...just as "mighty warrior" spoke to Gideon who he was (even though he didn't think he was!) and how I viewed him. You are a child of the King, Joan...a king who has everything belonging to Him and is willing to share it all with His children whom He loves.*

**We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. (Psalm 78:4b)**

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## FLY WITH ME IN THE SPIRIT

When I awoke the clock said 7:47. The Holy Spirit said:

*This is a sign. You're going to fly with Me in the Spirit on a large plane, in great speed and comfort, and see glorious things out the window of revelation. You're going to return safely from your travel and share the experience with your class group. This is a good day and a good time. Let's rejoice in it together.*

(After seeing news where a man went on a shooting rampage against postal workers)

*There are lots of evil people loose on earth now. They will not go near your house, nor you, nor your children--K, J, and B.*

*We are going on great heights to great places today. Trust Me on this.*

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## I MUST HEAL YOU INWARDLY FIRST

This message came regarding the Jack Frost *Breaking Free* CD's

*I've called you to be healed of the wounds you've received and given, then to take this healing to others. Didn't I call you to healing ministry? Not physical healing, but emotional healing like I'm giving you today. That's why you wanted to counsel with people before praying for them at the healing room. That's why I started you on the Jack Frost material. You are called to inner healing (Christian counseling and education like I told you in 1982)*

**"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."**

**But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.**

**Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:6-10)**

*You are to "uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant...You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you."*

*You are not yet being healed outwardly because I must heal you inwardly first. You must see and experience the connection between the two. After the inward healing I will heal your physical body...same with B. I will take you both there. I will heal you inwardly, then outwardly...then I'll take you both into ministry of healing others the same way. But I will do it all...in My timing. Now is the time. Today is the day. Believe.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT A TUPPERWARE ORDER ON A RAINBOW BANNER**

*Tupperware is known for its special seal. It keeps things sealed. The order was printed on a rainbow banner, which refers to a special covenant with God. So this order written on the covenant dealt with something which seals in. Those whose names are listed are asking to be sealed into covenant with Me.*

*Your thinking you can't also be on the list comes from wrong thinking in your childhood. This dream is to show you that wrong thinking.*

*Right thinking would know your name is already on My covenant list and you are sealed with My Spirit--kept apart for Me. Your whole childhood experience is sealed in by My Spirit in covenant with Me. That includes all the judgements you made, even the ones you don't remember. I am freeing you from the curse (therefore the covenant rainbow) of those judgements, Joan. You are now free, so you can write your name on My rainbow covenant banner.*

*I'm my Beloved's and He is mine, His banner over me is love!*

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## **PERFECT PEACE**

This is one of my favorite scriptures in four versions:

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

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

**You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isaiah 26:3 NKJV)**

**You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. (Isaiah 26:3 AMP)**

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## **HEAVENLY PORTALS**

--John Paul Jackson  
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God delights in revealing Himself to those who love His appearing and to those who watch for His coming.

One of the marvelous mysteries of God is the existence of portals--doors and passageways--leading to and from the heavenly realms. When you are standing in a portal, it feels like an open Heaven.

A heavenly portal is a spherical opening of light that offers divine protection by which angels and heavenly beings can come and go, without demonic interference. God has designed portals to begin in the third Heaven, travel through the second Heaven, and open upon Earth.

Throughout Scripture, we see the existence of doorways or portals:

**"Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in"--Psalm 24:7.**

**"He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven"--Psalm 78:23.**

**"Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors"--Proverbs 8:34.**

**"Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man"--John 1:51.**

**"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice**



**which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this. Immediately, I was in the spirit"--Revelation 4:1-2a.**

The "door" in Revelation suggests God's invitation for us to have access to His heavenly realm. As His friends, the Lord wants to open the portals of Heaven and release an unparalleled visitation of heavenly hosts.

### **Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Portal**

Jacob spent the night in a place where his forefather Abraham had "called upon the name of the Lord"-- Genesis 12:8. As he rested his head upon a covenant stone, a portal opened. Jacob saw a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it. When he awoke from sleep, he said,

**"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!" Genesis 28:16-17**

Eager to mark the specific location where he had encountered the stairway to heaven, Jacob erected a monument and named the place, "Bethel" or "dwelling place of God." Several times after this, the Lord told Jacob to return to Bethel, where He would speak to him.

Have you ever wondered why the Lord, who could speak to you anywhere, would instruct you to go somewhere else, so that He could talk with you?

While God was talking to Elijah, He instructed the prophet to go to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, where the Lord would talk to him further--1 Kings 19:11-18.

Divine portals into the heavenly realm exist around the Earth today. The city of Jerusalem is a portal. In fact, it is the major portal on the face of the Earth. That's why both David and Isaiah said that Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Why do you suppose the enemy is trying to capture Jerusalem? [He] is trying to block or close off this portal.

In Moravian Falls, North Carolina, Rick Joyner has shared that he and his staff have had numerous angelic visitations on their property that was once owned by Count von Zinzendorf and the Moravian community of faith. Several portals exist on this land which had been prayed over by the Moravian brethren for over 100 years.

In Sutton, New Hampshire, a portal exists on the 90-acres that were given to Streams Ministries. Obviously the enemy knows this, because he has been blocking the use of this portal and providing access only to the second Heaven. Every time I climb to the top of the land, which the locals refer to as "the Pinnacle", I have torn down demonic altars erected by witches who trespass on the property and defile places where God had once revealed Himself. But God is calling us to take back these high places, so that His angels can come and go without hindrance.

Sadly, while many in the New Age movement recognize the existence of portals, the portals they recognize are those of the second Heaven. Many erroneously think they are hearing from God when actually they are being deceived by the counterfeit.

While living in Babylon, the prophet Daniel encountered angels who had battled with principalities. However, since the prince of Persia ruled the nation, the portal to the third Heaven was stopped up, much like a kitchen sink that is clogged with debris, so that nothing can flow from the source. But the Lord is calling us to take back these places full of divine destiny, so that His angels can come and go unencumbered in our midst.

### **Often, the Keys to Open these Heavenly Portals Reside in the Actions of Our Hearts**

At Pentecost, the key to unlocking the portal was the unity of the believers. Gathered together, Scripture says they were "in one accord," when suddenly, a portal opened. A sound from Heaven was heard that resembled a mighty rushing wind, filling the whole house. A supernatural manifestation that looked like flames of fire appeared on the believers and filled them with the Holy Spirit--Acts 2:1-4.

We are entering an hour when God wants to give us a mighty outpouring of His Spirit and an unprecedented visitation of heavenly hosts on the Earth--Joel 2:28-29. This new wave of God's Spirit will begin to flow with great power, bringing healing and life, much like Ezekiel's vision of the river of life-- Ezekiel 47.

This coming flow of God's Spirit will be felt in such fullness of power that it will unleash a massive, worldwide revival. Believers will be anointed and empowered to perform even greater works than those Jesus did-- healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God has come to Earth--John 14:12. In the coming day, the Lord will begin to show many of you where portals exist in your community, so that you will be able to receive even greater spiritual insight and revelation from God.

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## **THE LORD URGES US TO BE PATIENT AND EXERCISE ENDURANCE**

This is an encouraging and helpful word I read today on Elijah List:

"OPEN HEAVENS--The Time Is Now" by Amanda Butel, [editor@enhancemagazine.com](mailto:editor@enhancemagazine.com)

"The Lord wants you to know that ALL THE SEED you have sown into the soil of His Kingdom is being watered and prepared for harvest. He is opening the heavens and showering out His healing rain, His provision, His awesome Presence, His supernatural blessings, His salvation and deliverance, His revelatory insight, and His power! So that the ground beneath you would yield forth INCREASE...earthly and spiritual blessings!

"Start believing for INCREASE over your life...increase in all good things that come from your Heavenly Father. God's Word reminds us that our planting has not been in vain!

"In Luke 8:4-18 where Jesus tells the parable of the sower, He reminds us to take heed how we hear so the Word of God is not snatched from our hearts or choked by the cares of this world or the pleasures of life. But rather, He urges us to be patient and exercise endurance, so our seed can grow to its full maturity and reap a plentiful harvest--more than we can contain! Therefore, do not grow weary in well-doing!"

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## IT IS TO MY GLORY AND FOR YOUR GOOD

*I put the hunger in both of you to want to come closer to Me and to experience My love and presence--for your own various reasons. And I will complete the good work I have started in you. I brought you both to this region, to CTC, to help you realize your need and to help fill that need.*

*At your former Baptist churches you wouldn't likely have even heard of Jack Frost. I brought B to OP for her job, knowing I would eventually lead her to LS and CTC...and then you too. I wanted My best for both of you, and I knew of your spiritual slumber and wanted to fix that for you both.*

*I am doing that by first making you both aware of what you are missing (by bringing you to conferences and to CTC), then putting the desire in you to change that, then answering that desire. I do it all and I get all the glory. It is to My glory, and for your good, that I do this. Aren't you glad?*

~ 18 ~

## THOUGHTS FROM THE LORD

### DURING QUIET SOAKING TIME--NUGGETS OF THOUGHTS FROM THE LORD

*You are going to see changes. I've opened up things inside of you as I told you yesterday. B's changeover/transition time is for you too. You think of Madame Guyon and her time of writing while in prison. You've had your time of being "closed off" from people along with writing too. I will use your writings to bless others as I've used hers...but not in the same way. You will be used to help people know what is going on inside of them. Remember how people took her writings and compiled the essence of them? You too.*

*After the Rapture all Christian web sites will put no new material on them. That will stop on that day. They (the web sites) will be treasured by Christians during the Tribulation, copied, printed, read, used. That's what you're writing it for--those your brothers and sisters in Christ during the Tribulation and after. I will protect it on the web so it stays available. I'll take care of the web domain payment too, so it stays on.*

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## **GENTLE JOY, INNER PEACEFULNESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF LIFE**

*You see, I did not make you like Paul Cox, or Pastor A, or others who have public visible ministries. I made you to take the Kingdom of Heaven to the place where I have put you on earth and to the people I have surrounded you with...the people I bring into your sphere of influence. You get to take to them the mantle, covering, and anointing I have given you...gentle joy, inner peacefulness and acceptance of life. That is good. My plan is always good...good for you and good for Me. Accept that and relax in it. Don't think you are missing My plan for you. This is My plan for you.*

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## **THE HEALING IS A PROCESS**

*The healing is a process, not a one-time event, for you. If I healed everything at once and answered all your prayers at once, would you keep coming back day after day and waiting before Me? Perhaps developing the daily habit of waiting before Me is more important (to Me) than healing and answers. You see that? I want to spend this time with you, and I want you to spend this time with Me.*

*When the opportunity comes for healing prayer, just "glance" over at Me for guidance as to whether to ask for prayer and/or what to seek prayer for. You might otherwise ask for eye healing when My plan is for back healing.*

I remembered that the Lord often gave words of knowledge about people and situations He was planning to heal.

*Yes, I work by words of knowledge--and I can give that "word" to you...for yourself or for others.*

I see pieces of puzzles coming together slowly and fitting perfectly. Is that a "word" for me?

*Yes, for you and for B. You will see this in the natural now and from now on. Perfectly. So perfectly you will remember and know it's from Me.*

(The idea being presented was that we would now begin to see things in our lives coming together and fitting together perfectly as with these puzzle pieces. These might be things that hadn't come together before, or were "puzzles" which we didn't know how to put together or make fit rightly.)

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## **HE IS EVERYTHING I NEED**

The Lord brought to me the ideas that He is my Father, and in Jesus He is my husband, brother, and healer. In the Holy Spirit He is my counselor, teacher, and guide and comforter. The idea was that He is everything I need and every relationship I need. Praise God for this!

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## **A SPIRIT OF STRESS**

This morning I felt pressured to make decisions and work on many different projects that I was facing. The pressure to make decisions and accomplish these things was heavy upon me. As I came apart to spend time with the Lord in my Quiet Soaking Time, He first had me make a list of all those thoughts and pressures I was facing today. Then He began to tell me this:

He said a spirit of stress is pushing me this morning. He said that spirit of stress is rampant in the world right now. It is an offshoot of the spirit of fear--fear that we can't handle what we think we need to get done. I felt led to bind that spirit of stress and spirit of fear and tell them to leave me and not return. Then I felt led to loosen the opposite spirits. So, I loosed the Spirit of peace of God and the Spirit of faith in God into myself.

Then He asked me to not do any of the list of things I thought I might try to do today, and let me know He wanted me to spend this day as a "Sabbath" day of rest with Him. Then He led me to do the very thing I really wanted to do...continue to listen to more of the teaching series by Jack Frost on *Healing The Wounded Heart*. I had been putting that off since I had so many "worldly" things to get accomplished.

Therefore I am taking a day of rest set apart unto the Lord and am spending the day being in His presence and listening to the teaching I really want to listen to.

I am so thankful He has guided me to set apart a Quiet Soaking Time early in my day each day to come to Him and see what His best is for me for that day. It makes such a difference in my life!

~ 23 ~

## BECOME MATURE

**It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)**

"We are all in the process of becoming what we dare to envision. What is your image of yourself in the fullness of Christ? What would you be like when filled with His Spirit, transformed by His love, shaped by His will? Picture yourself! Never let go of that compelling vision. The more we get to know Christ, the more we become like Him in attitude and action, thought and character...What a difference it would make if He had our attention and willingness to be recreated in His image!" (pg. 65, *God's Best for My Life*, by Lloyd John Ogilvie)

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## COME TO ME DAILY, SEEK ME, AND FOLLOW ME

From the back jacket cover of the book: *God's Best for My Life*, by Lloyd John Ogilvie:

"Better than our fondest hopes and expectations, God wants to give us His best for our lives:

- Friendship with Him that overcomes fear and loneliness.
- Courage for life's challenges.
- Strength when the going gets rough.
- Joy even when our nerves get jangled.
- Clear guidance when we are uncertain.
- Deep love for people--even those who distress us.
- Lasting peace that provides serenity and security.

- Healing of the griefs of life."

As I read this devotional last night before retiring, I was impressed with the question posed: "What would you be like when filled with His Spirit, transformed by His love, shaped by His will?"

I don't remember ever trying to picture that for myself. I wondered what I would answer to that question. Then I read what was on the back jacket cover of the book and decided that list was a good answer to the question.

*You would be just like you ARE becoming, Joan, day by day, as you come to Me and let Me shape and mold you, transform your attitudes and thinking, and let Me put love into you for all the people you deal with daily. I am the key to this transition taking place in your life--daily communion with Me and daily obedience to what I teach you and show you. Will you do that? Then you will grow to be what I want you to be. You WILL be filled with My Spirit and My love, and My will. I will do it if you will do your part--coming to Me daily, seeking Me, and following Me.*

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## **PRAISE ME IN THE MIDST OF ALL THINGS**

Do You want me to listen to You now, Lord?

*Yes, I have things to tell you.*

*I know you are sick today and don't feel very well. I want you to know that tomorrow I have a birthday surprise for you in regard to this sickness. You will see the surprise and know that is what I mentioned to you. You will soon be much better. What did I teach you during this time? To praise Me in the midst of all things, all circumstances.*

*Yes, I taught you well how to listen to Me and write what I speak to you, back then when Gordon Binning taught you about how to listen to Me. I made sure you were there and received that teaching because I had plans for using that writing you would do. Now you see what has grown from that original teaching. And you have that method of listening you were taught confirmed today through the teaching by Mark Burlinson on hearing Me.*

*He mentioned sharing what you write with someone else. You can now do that on Monday nights in your Prophecy group each week. Do not be timid about doing that. I gave you that group for this reason...to share what I tell you when it is appropriate.*

*Happy birthday, My child! You will be 70 years old in a few hours! Amazing, isn't it? Don't try to hide your age, be blessed that I have given you those years and blessed you in them. Give Me the credit for your age.*

*That's all I wanted to say tonight. I wanted you to know I love you, and I am aware of you all the time and what you are doing and thinking. I will never leave you or forsake you. My love is steadfast.*

~ 26 ~

## SHARE WITH OTHERS

*This dream is a picture to show you that you are one of those older in the faith with something to impart to those younger. Recognize this as a picture to encourage you to do that. Share with others as I lead you to do that, mostly one-on-one, in small groups, by phone, and quietly as you like to share. I want you to see yourself with something of value to share now. You came here to CTC to learn a lot, and you have learned a lot. Now I want to use you in one-on-one ministry of sharing as I lead you. It's called the gift of exhortation and the gift of shepherding or pastoring. That's where I now want you to be, Joan.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT SETTING UP A FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<p>I was trying to set up my time schedule for my final exams. I had one course exam written on my list, but I didn't remember what other courses I was supposed to take.</p>
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*What do you think this refers to, Joan?*

I think it refers to the time for my final exams is now or soon...this means to me that my days left on earth are limited to only a little left. I am almost finished with the coursework I came to earth to learn. There is only one final exam scheduled for me on my schedule card list. That is the only one I know of. If there are other exams I am to take, I don't know what they are.

*Well, you are right. What you think is correct. You are nearing your final exam time and it is on your scheduled list. Only I know what course the exam is over. I schedule the exam and I tell you when it is done. When it is done, you come back up to heaven to be with Me.*



*Do not be afraid of the exam. Just follow Me step by step and I will walk with you through it--as I have walked with you through all of your life. Yes, one of the questions we will talk about is whether you have learned to love God and love others during your training time on earth. Have you, Joan?*

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## **WALKING BY FAITH**

*It's a daily walk by faith, walking with Me, trusting in Me. That's what you are in right now. Each day the faith comes for that day as you look to Me for it. As you reach out in your thoughts and focus on Me, then talk to Me, then listen to Me...your faith increases a notch more. It increases and increases each day that you live and walk by faith. So walking by faith is very important for your maturing and growth.*

*I would wish for you great faith, Joan. Great faith prepares you for the difficulties and troubles that arise just because you live on the earth right now in a time/season of trouble. There is trouble all around you, yet you look to Me by faith for daily protection...for you and your "prayer bundle"--the group of people you pray for each day. That is increasing your faith, and blessing/protecting them also. I count this as great gain, Joan, in your heavenly record.*

*And coming to Me each day in quiet focus upon Me...I count that as great gain also in your heavenly record. That heavenly record is your treasure chest up here in heaven that is filling and filling, more and more each day. Be glad about this. It is like a heavenly bank account that you may draw on while on earth, and later while in heaven.*

*Yes, that's what I said, and that's the truth. Know it. I come to you to tell you the truth as I am the Truth. And My Spirit brings you into all truth as you focus on Me.*

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## **I, HOLY SPIRIT, AM A SINGER**

*You don't know what all the praise and worship you have entered into here in LS (both in church and in your home) have done to enable you to write and produce the books. And you needed B to help you also--that was part of the enabling.*

*Instead of using the two small hymnals for worship (in your dream), you needed special music with a special choir and a choir director who would use you and lead you, and not let you withdraw from singing the solo. I am that special choir director, and I am leading you daily and enabling you daily and showing you how to sing the solo I have for you to sing.*

*Remember when you had the dream where I (Holy Spirit) was singing? Well, I am a "singer." And you are also a singer as you listen to Me and sing out what I give you to sing. I wanted to reaffirm this to you today. Trust in this and trust in Me.*

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## **MINISTERING TO MY INNER NEEDS**

The dream scene with the car seems to mean I am in a ministry (car) with an unseen person (Holy Spirit) driving it. He parks the (ministry) car really close to the door of the place where I plan to attend to the child within me (baby K) and do the job of teaching also. A door represents an entranceway into something, perhaps a new opportunity, or a new way to go. This symbolizes something new to enter.

*I want you to know that this dream does represent your new adventure and undertaking into looking at your inner child that influences you daily, and it refers to the opportunity to see some inner needs and minister to them as a mature adult who lovingly cares for that child.*

*This will be a healing situation and opportunity (door) to that. It will be good because I am driving this vehicle that is taking you there. You are doing this along with Me as your help and companion. You will minister to this little child that was left alone a lot and who learned to be quiet and not speak her thoughts and opinions out loud.*

*You will be freed from those lie-based ideas you learned from your childhood surroundings. This is a great school for little children, this Christ-Life Solutions course, and you are now involved with it. I brought you to it in My right timing, and I will continue to go through it with you.*

*This dream is not about K, but about you as a child. You wish you had done a better job of parenting her, so she symbolizes someone that you want better parented. Her turn will come for that too someday. Maybe by you.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT COLOR BARS

There was a series of color bars (black, green, red, blue) going up and down. They seemed to represent something. The dream was about keeping these in the right order and recognizing them as they were situated. It seemed I watched as someone tried to change the order or intensity of the color bars, but then was led to put them back as they had been.

Color aspects of dreams are important. The black represents lack of light. The red, green, and blue are the primary light colors; when put together they make light. The bars needed to be in a precise order. That means the light and lack of light needed to be in a precise order and spacing.

The bars going up and down may refer to this being something vertical in relationship, something coming from heaven. When someone tried to change that order, they were instructed to put them back as they had been. To me this seems like it may refer to trusting the order that God brings light and lack of light into the world and we are not to try to change that or decrease their intensity.

*That is right, Joan. You may pray for My kingdom to come and My will to be done on earth as it is in heaven -- trusting that My will is good and right and in the right order and sequence, and in the right intensity. My light will come as you pray for it to come. The darkness (black) will also be here in the world right now and I am allowing it for now. It won't always be here, but will for right now.*

Lord, I pray for Your light to come into the world in the specific way You want it to come, and at the times You want it to come, and spaced out as You desire. I trust Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done from heaven to earth at Your precise timing. I pray for this in Your name, Jesus. Amen.

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## LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO KNOW ABOUT MYSELF? DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME THINGS ABOUT MYSELF?

*Yes, I do. Just wait a few minutes and focus in on Me. I want you to listen carefully.*

*I love you, My child. First of all I want you to know of My love. That is what everything else is based on--My love. I could not do anything except it come out of My love. You could not receive anything from Me, except it come out of My love. My love is the key to the Universe and all that happens in it. All is based on My love, even though it is difficult*

*for you to understand how My love works when you see evil functioning in the world. It (evil) won't always be there. Just for awhile more, just awhile more.*

*What do I want you to know about yourself? I have plans for you, Joan, just as I do for each person who belongs to Me. I implement those plans as you relinquish your will to Me and let Me be your Lord as well as Savior. Mostly you look to Me as Savior to save you in the midst of the difficulties of the World. I am that. But I am much more than that too. As Lord I have a great plan for your life and it is just right for you. It is not like anyone else's plan. Each person's plan is unique to that person.*

*Joan, I made you quiet, introverted, and hidden within yourself for a reason. Don't think you will please Me by striving to change that--it's what I made you to be. Be at peace with who you are. I know you struggle to break out into freedom to speak and share more with others, but don't worry about that. When I want you to speak out more, I will enable that. It will come, but only if I want it. If you try to get it any other way except through Me, it will be man's way, and that won't last in eternal measures. So accept yourself as quiet, calm, peaceful, and steady. That is of great benefit to others around you. It is actually a ministry to others, even though you haven't thought of it as such. It exudes out from you to those around you and gives them confidence to share with you things they need to say, and things they need you to listen to.*

*I made you a listener to others. You minister to them by listening. You listen well and show them you love them and care by your listening. It is a God-given gift I've given you. It can minister to your own family, your brothers and sisters, your church, and to others too. Know that you bless others by listening...and I want you to know that about yourself.*

*I want you to know about yourself...that you are a prophetic writer. The words you and I write together, in our co-partnering relationship, are a ministry to others whom I have in mind. I will hand-pick those people and minister to them through our writings. Remember they are OUR writings. You did not do them alone. We did them together. That is part of your life's work...to do that writing with Me. I prepared you for that writing for many, many years. Now we have produced what I planned all those years. I placed you at this time in this place with B so you could have everything you needed to fulfill that plan. And you have done it well, My child. I am pleased.*

*Don't be afraid or intimidated into being something different than what you are comfortable with while with Me. I am the Person you are completely free with to be yourself. I love you completely and you know and receive that love. That's good!*

*What else do I want you to know about yourself? That you are storing up eternal treasures and rewards for yourself in heaven. Don't worry; there are plenty of them and you will be greatly pleased when you come here. I know that means a lot to you as I have put that desire in your heart, and you have followed it.*

*Know that you step into "the Kingdom" whenever you come to Me in Quiet Time and connect with Me. I have had you dancing some, I have had you singing some, I have had*

*you praying a lot, and I have brought to you revelation, understanding, wisdom, and knowledge--just what you wanted and asked for. It's in you now, and it's growing. As it grows, you grow. As you grow, your character grows. That is what you get to take to heaven with you from earth--your character, what has been developed in you over your years on earth. You have matured in many ways.*

*You are one of those "servants" mentioned in Joel 2. You have become that gradually. It is strong and it is safe, so you can and will keep it to receive your crown for it. Then others will know who you became while on earth...what you did with what you were given to work with...as in the story about the talents. It is what you did with what you were given (by inheritance, by gifting from Me, and by society) that earns you the "Well done, My good and faithful servant."*

*You will go on from here (this time of writing at B's) and may get to fulfill your dream of helping the poor, needy, widows and orphans. I've put that dream in your heart, just as I put writing in your heart. That dream will also get to be fulfilled as you look to Me each day and "follow Me." Right now you don't know when or where that will be fulfilled, but it will, trust Me.*

*You will continue to learn and grow as long as you are on this earth. I know you have a great love of learning and I put that great love in you. You will read, and you will listen, and you will watch others, and you will learn. I will take this learning down deeply into your heart to develop you to the place I want you to grow to.*

*All of this will have an effect on your heavenly work and living place. By your light you will be known here. You will have great light. You will be pleased with what was done with your life, and you will praise Me for all eternity. You will sing to Me and worship Me, and dance for Me, and love Me in return for all that I am doing for you while you are on earth.*

*You will help others with your dream for yourself. That will help them see that they can also dream with Me and find out what I want for them and am doing in them. As you share your dream, it will encourage others to dream.*

*Your dream is writing and helping the poor, needy, widows, and orphans. This dream you will share with others as you continue on through life. Remember all the ideas you used to have regarding "operation blessing" and helping people get clothes and food as they needed? Remember all the times I stirred your desire to help the needy through people contacting FUMC for help? Remember that great desire that led you to share what information you could give them for getting help? Remember your great interest in Manatee Religious Services setup? These were all preparations toward what will yet be fulfilled in your life.*

*Your health will be quite well taken care of by Me, since you look to Me as your Physician. I will use servants/people on earth who have learned health issues to impart*

*that help to you. I will also deal with your health issues directly and privately and publicly. You are trusting in Me and will continue to do so.*

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## THOUGHTS THAT CAME DURING THE NIGHT

*That's what an intercessor is--he's the one shooting water up from the Fountain of Life with great force, and it then sprays around on the target area and produces My life there. Then the water falls back into the fountain to be shot upward again by the intercessor.*

There is a Fountain of Life within me. When I intercede for things it is like shooting up the prayers with force so that it sprays on the target area and produces His life there. Then the water comes back into me again and can be sent upward again.

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## A DREAM ABOUT A PHOTO OF A PROPHETIC PERSON IN A MAGAZINE

I was seeing a photo like on a magazine page. It was a photo of a prophetic person (BW) and the woman he helped find or helped reveal through his gift. His picture was small and hers was large, filling the whole page. He seemed humble about revealing this woman. She was looking over her left shoulder toward the photographer. She had cloth draped over her head as in Biblical days.

*She represents you, Joan. She has on Biblical garb to show this is a Biblical person who can be seen by many on the cover of this magazine page. BW is a teacher of you. Yes, this can also represent your class as the Bride of Christ as you said, and she came out of BW's teaching and enabling. There is no division in her; she is one. Even though she represents many people, she is unified, one. Her face (personality) is plain and clear and easy to see. There are no expressions on her face of feelings, but a boldness without arrogance. This is a picture of the future and how you and the class will be visible to others. It's important to see, so it is quite visible. You don't need to be afraid of this visibility to come. What I bring about, I will also enable. This is My prophetic Bride which I am now preparing and teaching.*

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## KEEP PRAYING

*Yes, I have things to share with you today. It is the last day of March and 1/4 of the year of 2006 is gone/past. I am doing great things in 2006 and you will share in them and be pleased with them. You have prayed for these things for many, many years - especially revival all around the world - thousands and millions coming to Me. I am doing that now while the intercessors are praying in the "facedown40" and intercessors are praying all over the world under My direction and guidance. It is happening, and it is producing the desired results.*

*I want you aligned with intercessors, that is why I gave you the desire to attend the intercessor dinner rather than the soaking group at the women's advance. They are both good. It is just that I want you aligned with the intercessors. That is why I guided you/caused you to want to be part of that group. That is where you fit, where you belong.*

*I am with you and I desire to stay with you all the days of your life. I have promised you that you will not die by disease or trauma. I want that to be written in your journal. You will leave this earth by one of two ways: one is rapture, and the other is My causing your spirit to leave your body and your breath to cease. Either way, you will not die of sickness. I will keep your body well and functioning well until the end of your days. The end of your days is soon.*

*I will always take care of you as you are My child, My companion, My bride, My sister. I love you and will always take care of you.*

*Things will change drastically in the world soon. It must for Me to accomplish all My work that I am doing just now. Do not fear the changes. I am in the midst of all of them, even though some changes will come about through the enemy's attacks. Keep praying for your loved ones, your prayer bundle, daily. I hear those prayers and answer them as you desire. That's one reason they are all doing so well. There are other reasons too, but one reason is your prayers. I hear them and say yes to them each day.*

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## WAITING ON THE LORD

Today I read from the book by Bob Sorge called *In His Face*. I really received a lot from the book and want to put in my journal an idea he wrote about waiting on the Lord as a way of dying to self, cultivating humility, developing faith, being in a receiving posture, and coming to an understanding of the timing of the Lord.

(Quote from book *In His Face* by Bob Sorge, p 32-34)

The Spirit is saying much today about waiting on the Lord. When seed is sown in shallow soil it springs up quickly. When seed is placed in good soil, you've got to wait for it to come up. When God plants deeply in your life, you'll have to learn to wait.

I have five things to say about waiting.

1. First statement: I hate it. Waiting kills me. Waiting on the Lord kills me...That's what He's trying to do. He's taking so long because He wants me to die to myself.
2. Second statement: Waiting is an act of humility. One of God's foremost ways to cultivating humility in us is "waiting."
3. Third statement: Waiting is an act of faith. When you wait on God, it's because you believe that He will come to you.
4. Fourth statement: Waiting puts us in a receiving posture. Bob Mumford: God wants us to receive what He's giving, instead of trying to take what He's not giving...when God chooses to visit you, you don't have to worry about working something up; you'll know you've been visited. You've got to believe that God can show up without your help.
5. There is only one way to come to an understanding of the timing of the Lord, and that is through waiting. You don't have to be long with the Lord before you're mystified by His timing. God's sense of timing, like all His ways, is vastly different from ours. It is one of the least-known secrets of spiritual leadership, that God uses leaders who have learned to wait on Him.

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## HEARING THE LORD

Today in reading the book *In His Face* I was especially impacted by his writing about hearing the Lord.

(Quote from book *In His Face* by Bob Sorge, p 54-58)

While meditating in the Gospels, I suddenly saw what was the most important concept in the message of Jesus. The Lord revealed to me what was the most prominent word or thought in Jesus' teachings. It's the central word in the gospel. When I saw this, I realized that this was the most important word in the entire Bible. I didn't get this from a commentary or a book. This was a revelation to my heart in the school of the Spirit.



It is very important that you grasp what the Spirit is wanting to say to you in this chapter, because if you can hear this word it will transform your orientation toward everything you do in the Kingdom of God. It has become for me something of a "master key" to moving and ministering in the Kingdom. It is through this one word that we unlock everything that Christ has made available to us in spiritual realms.

The word is simply this: "hear." "He who has ears to hear let him hear!" (Matthew 11:15) Everything in the gospel is predicated upon truly and simply hearing what God is saying.

"Hear, O Israel..." (Mark 12:29)

"Faith comes by hearing."

"This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Mark 9:7)

I will tell you why you don't hear Him. You're not in His word. What was the "one thing" that was needed, which Mary chose? It was to hear His word.

There is only one way to have the thoughts of God, or to walk in the ways of God, and that is by hearing Him.... We can no longer afford to take a solitary step apart from the voice of God.

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## IT'S TIME TO BEGIN

You're trying to teach me something, Lord. What is it?

*Keep studying and pondering and asking. I will guide you and show you. I am showing you that your prayers are fresh and new and preserved in your book of life and remembrance stored up in heaven. I can see your book and read it (even as you look at a scrapbook of remembrance) Your prayer "leaves" come from being planted by My stream of water, My river of Life...so they represent Me and what I want you to pray. Know that I want you to keep praying, and seeking Me, and seeking understanding.*

*I am training and disciplining and discipling you. I am encouraging you to be strengthened. I want you to see this discipling as coming right from My throne room as you are part of the church of the firstborn. The "firstborn" are those who are My Church, My Bride of Christ. Others are already there in heaven sitting with the firstborn. Others, like you, are still on earth, but you are connected to this church of the firstborn because you belong to it also--from the foundation of the world your names have been written there. You are going through your training period right now. Those already in heaven have completed their training on earth. But you still belong to that group referred to in Hebrews 12:23.*

*My intercessors often have to set themselves apart unto Me, and listen, and pray what I give them to pray. That's part of being an intercessor. That's what I am doing in you today. This is good!*

*This is the last day of the fast (facedown40). This is the result of participating in that fast unto Me to call forth My kingdom to come on earth. I have heard the "fast" plea. I have heard the cry from you on earth to Me in heaven. I am coming down now--in My fullness.*

*It is about to begin! My fullness will overwhelm all those who do not belong to Me, and will empower all those who DO belong to Me. My harvest will come out of this--My fullness being manifested on earth--this time as Lord, and Savior, and conqueror. It will culminate by eliminating all My enemies and setting up My kingdom completely on earth and My ruling and reigning there. You and all who belong to Me will rule and reign with Me. Then the prophecies about the "millenium" kingdom will be fulfilled. You will see them fulfilled. IT'S TIME TO BEGIN!*

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## THE CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and **the firstborn from among the dead**, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:15-21)

“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, **to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven**. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” (Hebrews 12:22-24)

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## HOW DID YOU LOVE OTHERS SO MUCH, JESUS?

*The Father, God, gave it to Me daily as I asked Him daily for it. It is surely not something humans are born with or grow into naturally. You are right. It is supernatural and comes out of My kingdom. So it is near.*

*But you must seek it daily and sometimes even moment by moment. Keep doing this and keep working on this all the rest of your days on earth. I will help you and remind you.*

*Even if someone really irritates you, ask Me to give you My love towards them. This will change you profoundly. Yes, it is part of the Agape Reformation you heard about. It is what I am doing right now on earth...bringing My people into a profound God-given love for one another and for others outside the Church. This will display My glory.*

*Remember, they will know you are Christians by your love. They will know you are My disciples by your love. Keep seeking to be filled with My love daily, Joan. This is My desire and task for you right now. This is My best for you right now. This is My goal for you right now. This is My goal for CTC too...to be filled with and led by My love.*

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## RESURRECTION

At church today the pastor spoke about the resurrection and how Jesus said that He is the Resurrection. As the pastor talked, the Holy Spirit spoke in my heart that He was resurrecting the “true” me, the person I really am, from among the dead things that were inside me from my childhood years and adult years that caused death to my real person, the one He made me to be. I praise the Lord that He is the Resurrection and the Life!

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## REST AND SLEEP

*That is the message you are and will be giving - that rest comes from worshiping Me with all your heart. As you worship Me, I give you rest and sleep. You want to know how to sleep better? Worship Me from your heart. That is the song that will enable you to sleep because it involves focusing on Me, talking to Me, praising Me, and eventually trusting in Me. It brings forth My favor to the one praising. And My favor can be sleep when that is*

*what's needed. That is the message of this dream...to you, and for you to share with others.*

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## **THE MOTHER HEART OF GOD**

*I'm growing things in you. It's the many-breasted one, the mother heart of God. That's what your dream was about - growth of My mother heart in you. (El Shaddai)*

How will this manifest, Lord?

*It will come upon you and just be part of you - as naturally as you breathe. It will be Me within you, Christ in you, showing Myself as I really am - naturally, not something contrived.*

*You won't have to force it to come forth - just be you, and this will come forth as part of you. See, I do it all. You just receive - just like you received the gift of salvation. It's all happening in My way and in My time. You don't need to tell anyone or declare it. It will just be. Just as I AM.*

*It's already there, within you, as I am already there. It just has to be activated by Me - and that's what I've done now. It's done. You'll see this start to manifest and you'll know it's Me within you, as part of you, doing this.*

*What will it look like? You'll notice new thoughts, new attitudes, new desires rising up within. Just "follow Me" when those come - follow Me - and I will take you where I want you to be.*

*Follow Me each day and each moment, remember? And you will always be in My will - doing what I and My Father will for you. Only one tiny step at a time, letting Me come forth through you and use you, for My glory.*

*And I WILL heal your body and your feet too. Don't let fear lead you, but faith and trust in Me.*

*You've made the "connection" with Me, and your character is ready, so "In His Time," now, we are going forward. The preparation time here in LS is done. You will keep on learning, but also doing at the same time.*

Do I have to pray this into being?

*It's already here. It's already within you. Just don't quench it. Just let it flow - like rivers of living water flowing from within you. It will be very pleasant to your heart and soul, not hard.*

*I will heal your feet - just as I healed your intestines during chemo. And I will heal your intestines again. Keep asking. And I will heal your eyes and your ears, Joan. I will heal all of you - even before you "come up here" and be with Me in heaven. Because I am bringing heaven on earth - "on earth as it is in heaven."*

*When I give you messages after this, you pray for what I've told you in the messages. It's time. And any you read back over - pray for those messages to. It's time.*

*It's time, Joan. That's going to be My message to you a lot from now...it's time!*

The song that came into my mind after receiving this message was: "Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but Me - 'til I come marching home." To me that means I am not to sit with anyone else except the Lord himself to share and commune, and to keep communing with Him until He comes marching home here to earth at His glorious return.

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## **RENEW THEIR STRENGTH**

**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)**

Today in my meditation time with the Lord He began to show me a plan He has for my future. It is a plan whereby He will bring me up into His Presence and completely renew me: body and soul, even as my spirit has been renewed by Him. He has been showing/telling me today that He will renew my body. He said I am to dream/imagine together with Him the renewal of my body...a reward for my faithfulness and willingness to dream/imagine with Him. I asked Him if He didn't want us to dream regarding ministry, and He said we will.

*You keep imagining yourself coming up here to be with Me and I healing you completely while you are here. This will happen while you are home alone by yourself...not at church when someone is praying for your healing. This healing will be so visible it will show My glory in you and upon you. You will never go back to being like you are now in your body or soul. At the same time I will heal all those negative parts in your mind, will, and emotions which were put upon you as an infant and child. You will be a brand new creation, created by Me. Do you want that?*

Yes, Lord!

*Then keep coming to Me in your imagination and "seeing" it happening. I will show you how much I can do to you by using your imagination in "co-laboring" with Me. Then, we will apply your imagination to MUCH MORE! Then you will have the faith to believe for that much more...because you will daily SEE and KNOW the transformation I have done in your body and soul. No, this is not too self-centered as you are wondering. It is My thought and My plan for you, and it is good.*

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### **REFLECTING THE LORD TO OTHERS**

*I want you to get the picture in your mind of yourself as a beautiful image reflecting Me to others as in a picture...one who is pregnant with My life and spirit, and one who is standing on My revelation and taking it with you wherever you go.*

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### **WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN TWO YEARS**

*What is today, Joan?*

Almost 2 years from the date (May 1, 2004) when You told me to begin writing my first book - *Thoughts and Stories on a Life God Leads, Guides, and Protects?*

*Yes, that's it. I want you to think back over what has taken place in the last 2 years of writing with and for Me. What have we done in two years?*

*We have*

- *set you up as a writer,*
- *given you lots of practice and experience of writing and formatting books,*
- *gotten you freed up to share most of what I show you with others,*
- *gotten some people aware of your books and you as a writer,*
- *and we have listened together and talked together and sought God together almost daily.*

*Has anything come from all this? Yes, I tell you. Many good things have come from this, and you have been faithful to work with Me for close to two years now. I will reward your faithfulness as My servant and My friend.*

*I will now pour out much more favor upon you, and teach you many new things, and enable you to experience many new things. Then you can write about them for others to know about those possibilities too. How do you know about new possibilities that you haven't experienced unless someone else tells you or you read what they have written? In the same way, others will know about possibilities spiritually that they can experience too.*

*I want you to do this - keep writing with Me all that I show you and have you experience to leave a written record for others to find. I will need to be the one to promote your writings to the right people at the right times, and I will do that part. I don't expect you to promote them. I will do that.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT A BEECH TREE WITH TWO PINE TREES GROWING FROM ITS ROOTS**

In this dream I saw a beech tree growing in the garden at my childhood home. It was a large tree and had roots. On the roots grew two smaller pine trees. It seemed we were discussing cutting one of the three trees down to use for a Christmas tree. We were trying to speculate which tree would fit the size needed in the living room. Although I discussed this with someone else, I don't remember any specific person in the dream. It was mostly just what I saw, without actions.

- Tree: leader, leadership, person or covering, shelter
- Evergreen tree; eternal life, immortal
- Christmas: gift, season of rejoicing, spiritual gifts, a surprise, good will, benevolence
- Two: multiplication, division, divide, judge, separate, discern
- Roots: attitude, hidden, conviction, steadfastness, pure motive, cause, reason, source, stable, unmovable.
- Beech tree: signifies lessons experienced
- Tree: symbolizes life force, living gifts, natural talents

Beech tree: smooth silvery gray bark, golden fall foliage, beechnuts, large branches, much shade from leaves, roots near top or on top of ground, need to be planted in a large space due to size, slow growing but can live hundreds of years, edible food for animals and people, the word Beech can refer to a book or a tree as the ancient writings were on Bechen boards

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From Beech Tree search at Google:

The name Beech is in early English *boc*, *bece*, or *beoce*; in German *Buche*, and in Swedish *bok*, and signifies either a book or the tree, the two senses being supposed to be connected by the fact that the ancient Runic writings were engraved upon beechen boards. "The origin of the word," says Dr. Prior in his *Popular Names of British Plants*, "is identical with that of the Sanskrit *boko*, letter, *bokos*, writings;

The Beech requires a thoroughly drained soil, and accordingly flourishes on high ground, whether calcareous or sandy. Its gray stems may thus be seen--often of great girth--throwing out their spreading roots.

Its roots spread far and close together to gain a firm footing that the gale can seldom overcome.... the glossy surfaces of the leaves, reflecting every glint of sunshine,

Hollies and other evergreens, bracken and brambles will grow beneath its shade, and it must not be forgotten that it is a tree which, for the development of its highest beauty, should occupy an isolated position.

"The autumnal splendor of every other tree fades before that of the Beech, which continues the longest of all, and under particular circumstances is of the most brilliant description. This arises from its lucid leaves, which vary in hue from auburn to gold color and umber, reflecting back the level rays of the descending sun, and thus burning with pre-eminent luster, like a sudden illumination.

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Does this beech tree refer to me, Lord?

*Yes. It can refer to your books and to you. You flourish on high ground. You throw out spreading roots that gain a firm footing that the gale can seldom overcome. You reflect the Son's shine. You occupy an isolated position. Hollies and other evergreens can grow beneath you. You give off fruit that is edible. You have been slow growing but can live a long time.*

*Your books have been slow growing but will live a long time and give off a reflection of My shine/glory.*

*Now, what grew from the roots of the beech tree in your dream? Evergreen trees represent eternal life/immortal. From you, especially through your books, will come words that bring eternal life to others.*

*In this case two represents multiplication (of eternal life coming from the beech tree). This is a prophetic picture of you and your writing ministry for Me.*

*The Christmas tree part of the dream refers to the giving of gifts to others through the beech tree - you.*



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## BLESSINGS OR CURSES

Last night I began reading the book by Derek Prince called: *Blessings or Curses: You Can Choose*. Almost immediately I realized this was a wonderful powerful book with things in it I wanted and needed to learn and appropriate in my life.

One of the big things I learned is that healing may be blocked due to curses in one's life - curses one might not even have the faintest idea that exist. In this book Derek tells the story of how he came to learn about blessings and curses and its relationship to healing. He tells what curses are, how they come to apply to our lives, and what to do to be released from them.

The blessings and curses are mainly mentioned in Deuteronomy 28, but also elsewhere in the Bible. They may come down to the fourth generation from those who brought them about first. He shows how that means we are affected by the curses brought on from 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, and 16 great, great grandparents, making 30 people total...as well as from things we did that might bring them on us.

I know that it is God's timing that I find and read this book right now, during the month He has promised to bring healing to me. I believe that He wants to free me from the effects of curses handed down to me, as well as ones I allowed to come into my life through things I did (even though not realizing I was doing that) - and then His healing to me will not be blocked, but free to heal me. It is interesting to trace the pathway it took to get me to put this book on hold at the public library, and to pick it up last night and start reading it - all in His perfect timing...IN HIS TIME!

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## THE EXCHANGE THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE CROSS

(Quote from book *Blessing or Curse: You Can Choose* by Derek Prince, pp. 185-197)

There is one--and only one--all-sufficient basis for every provision of God's mercy: the exchange that took place on the cross...eight main aspects were summarized:

*Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven.*

*Jesus was wounded that we might be healed.  
Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness that we might become righteous with His righteousness.  
Jesus died our death that we might share His life.  
Jesus became poor with our poverty that we might become rich with His riches.  
Jesus bore our shame that we might share His glory.  
Jesus endured our rejection that we might have His acceptance as children of God.  
Jesus became a curse that we might receive a blessing.*

Seven steps to release:

1. *Confess your faith in Christ and in His sacrifice on your behalf.*
2. *Repent of all your rebellion and your sins.*
3. *Claim forgiveness of all sins.*
4. *Forgive all other people who have ever harmed you or wronged you.*
5. *Renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic.*
6. *You are now ready to pray the prayer for release from any curse (see below)*
7. *Now believe that you have received, and go on in God's blessing!*

Prayer for release:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God; and that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead.

I give up all my rebellion and all my sin, and I submit myself to You as my Lord.

I confess all my sins before You and ask for Your forgiveness--especially for any sins that exposed me to a curse. Release me also from the consequences of my ancestor's sins.

By a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me--just as I want God to forgive me. In particular, I forgive...

I renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic--if I have any "contact objects," I commit myself to destroy them. I cancel all Satan's claims against me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on Yourself every curse that could ever come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life--in Your name, Lord Jesus Christ!

By faith I now receive my release and I thank You for it.

Lord, I now open myself to receive your blessing in every way You want to impart it to me.

# ATONEMENT

(Quotes from the book *Atonement* by Derek Prince, pp 80-90)

Here are short summaries of the blessings and the curses in Deuteronomy 28:

The blessings from Deuteronomy 28:

1. *Personal exaltation*. By this I mean being lifted up, honored.
2. *Reproductiveness*. I use this word to describe a person who reproduces or is fruitful in every area of life, whether physical or financial or relational or creative.
3. *Health*. You probably do not appreciate how much a blessing health is until you are sick, and then you may wish you had thanked God more often for the blessing of being healthy.
4. *Prosperity or success*. Prosperity in the Bible does not mean what it does to modern Americans. It is not luxurious living or an abundance of physical pleasures, but accomplishing God's purpose and succeeding in doing His will.
5. *Victory*. Blessing brings victory in every conflict that we enter in the will of God.
6. *Being the head and not the tail*. Some years ago I asked the Lord to tell me the difference between the head and the tail. He gave me a simple answer: *The head makes the decisions and the tail gets dragged around*.
7. *Being above and not beneath*. This goes closely with being the head and not the tail.

The curses from Deuteronomy 28:

1. *Humiliation*.
2. *Failure to reproduce, or barrenness*.
3. *Sickness of every kind*.
4. *Poverty and failure*.
5. *Defeat*
6. *Being the tail and not the head*.
7. *Being beneath and not above*.

Seven indications of a curse:

1. *Mental or emotional breakdown*.
2. *Repeated or chronic sickness, especially if it is hereditary, which is the nature of a curse*.
3. *Female problems (barrenness, miscarriages, menstrual cramps and a whole host of others)*.
4. *Breakdown of marriage, family alienation*.
5. *Financial insufficiency*.
6. *Being accident-prone*.
7. *A history of suicide or unnatural deaths in a family*.

Eight possible causes for a curse coming over a person.

1. Idolatry
2. False religion and secret societies

3. Wrong attitude toward parents
4. Injustice toward the weak
5. Anti-Semitism
6. Our own words
7. Words from authority figures
8. Witch doctors

How to be released:

1. Recognize
2. Repent
3. Renounce
4. Resist

A prayer that covers every condition necessary for release from a curse:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God the Father. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I believe that on the cross You were made sin with my sinfulness that I might be made righteous with Your righteousness. You were made a curse with any curse that might come upon me, that I might receive the blessing.

And now, Lord, I come to You for deliverance from any such curse. I repent of any sins that have caused it to come, whether committed by me or by my ancestors. I receive Your forgiveness.

I take my stand now against the devil and all his pressures and everything he wants to do against me. In the name of Jesus I resist him. I refuse to submit any longer to him. In the name of Jesus, I now release myself from any curse over my life. Because of what Jesus did for me on the cross, in His name I release myself, and I receive the release now by faith and thankfulness and praise.

Lord, I thank You now. I praise You now. I believe You are faithful. I believe You are doing what I have asked You to do. I commit my life to You, that from now on Your blessing may rest upon me. Thank You, Lord Jesus! Thank You!

This does not automatically solve all your problems...you must be prepared to continue to resist the devil and to tell him, "I have met the conditions. You have no more claims. Get out of my way--a child of God is coming down the road. Step aside!"

If you sense a curse of death over you, begin to proclaim Psalm 118:17

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. (Psalm 118:17)**

## UNBLOCKING

I awoke at 12:11 a.m. and the Holy Spirit said:

*You're filling yourself up with a lot more of Me and My Word, so that I have a lot more to say to you now.*

*The healing is not just happening in your body, but your soul also. It is "unblocking" you so you can hear Me better and receive more revelation.*

This refers to my reading out loud the Scriptures three times a day (morning, noontime, and night) as Scriptural medicine for healing as Derek Prince said he was led to do by the Lord.

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### A DREAM ABOUT TURNING ON LIGHTS ON DIFFERENT THINGS

In this dream I was in a large double room area like a large living room or reception area. This double room area was huge, about the size of all of Beth's downstairs placed in a line, and even larger. I was going around the room pushing on the sections of plugs that seemed to be a button part. When I did, it would light up something - a picture, a sparkly greeting card with a picture of a lovely landscape covered with glitter, a light fixture somewhere, etc. I didn't know what was going to light up when I pushed the plug-like button, so it was a surprise each time to see what would light up. These plugs-like buttons were positioned about the height of my head on the walls. I thought someone was really smart to position them there rather than down near the floor so it was easy to find them and push them without leaning down to do it. As I was doing this, people started arriving. I seemed to know they were supposed to come, so I wasn't surprised. They came in and met in small groups around the sides of this large double-roomed area. I thought I might go and get some drinks for them and put them on a card table or something so they could help themselves as they wanted.

*I gave this to you. It is a God dream. It pictures something I want you to meditate on. Turning on lights in places is what I have you doing right now. Lights represent Me shining My light on a person (picture) or place (landscape sparkly) or thing (light fixture). I make the switches at eye level so you can look for them with your eyes - your spiritual eyes as well as your physical eyes. You have to hunt for the switches along the wall of the house.*

*The house refers to you and the wall is in the living room. This refers to a place of revealing things in a place of fellowship - a place like of a church or family or friends. This can refer to your church, conferences, small group gatherings, or one-on-one*

*meetings. The people coming there are the people who attend these places where you are. It could even refer to the people who come to your fellowship place on the web and read your books. You not only give them a place of fellowship, which you are preparing, but you make plans to offer drinks to them. These refer to things that are refreshing - like My words, My thoughts, encouragement from Me.*

*It is what you did with Jean yesterday and today as you shared how I provided for you and guided you through selling your home and moving. She now has some idea how I might work in her since she heard how I worked in you. This is what you did for the woman named Jo who came up to you and B this morning spontaneously and talked to you. She didn't seem to know why she chose you to talk to, and you didn't really know her, but I brought her to you both so she could find some "light" in her own spiritual journey through the two of you.*

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## THE GOLD STANDARD

### A DREAM OF HEARING ABOUT GOLD

I saw some men discussing the price of gold and how it was fluctuating and going higher. I stopped to listen to them because I was interested in what gold did. It felt like the economy was tied to what the price of gold was and that it was shaky and fluctuating. It seemed to possibly be a good time to invest in gold. Then a man came by whom I knew was experienced in buying gold and investments. I wanted to hear what he had to say and wanted to meet him.

The Lord is teaching me this morning about the Bible verse in Matthew 7:1-2 which says:

**Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Matthew 7:1-2)**

In Luke 6:37-38 it says it this way:

**Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:37-38)**

What I "give" can refer to money, but it also can refer to thoughts and attitudes I "give" towards others.

The Lord is teaching me that we are taught by society and our families what is ok and what is not ok. We are taught what is good and acceptable according to them. This includes what looks good in clothes, hairdos, makeup, houses, cleanliness, styles, colors, etc. We are taught that things that are outside this "acceptable" box, are not as good.

For instance I was taught at modeling and finishing school what looked "good" by the standard they used - good weight, good body measurements, good makeup, good hair styles, good shape of the face, good use of clothes to bring out the "best" look for our bodies (using some standard as to what looked good for bodies given to them and passed along to us) etc.

I am reminded also of the song from the musical *South Pacific* which says: "You've got to be taught to hate and fear...you've got to be carefully taught." The idea was we've got to be taught prejudice against certain races or people groups that the society we grew up in were prejudiced against.

So I am asking God: what are the standards we should use in judging others, since we will be judged by the same standards. He has been showing me that the standards we use are in our minds, and we use those to judge others. Then we also judge ourselves by those same standards and expect others to judge us by those standards also. So, in our thoughts and expectations, we ARE being judged by other people by those standards. We think they look at us the same way we look at them. In that sense we are being judged in the same way we judge others. If we don't measure up to those standards ourselves, we "feel" judged or looked down upon by others for not measuring up, even though they may not think that way at all. Still, in our own minds, we are being judged by others by those same standards of judgment.

When I asked Him what standards we should use to judge others, He said we were to look into their eyes and look at their hearts and judge by what we "see" in their hearts, as He does. We are not to judge by what kind of clothes they wear, or what kind of house they live in, or what kind of car they drive, or even if they drive a car, but by their hearts. God is the One who can give us the ability to see into people's hearts, and I am to ask Him to give me that ability.

I asked Him to forgive me for judging by standards taught me by the world and not by His standards. I asked Him to put His mind and thoughts in me to judge/evaluate others by. Then he said:

*The gold standard, the gold standard, that is what I use to judge/evaluate who people are and where they are in their attitudes and relationships with others and Me. The gold standard is the one that is pure, very valuable, and has eternal value. That is part of what your dream was about - hearing about the gold standard and knowing that it was important to learn the value of it.*

*You are forgiven, Joan, for judging most of your life by a standard taught to you by society, which may not necessarily be My standard.*

So today I am taking upon myself the new attitude of seeing the gold inside of others, seeing that which is of eternal value inside of them, and judging by that...for that is surely the way I want to be judged.

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## **AN ELECTRIC HOT POT**

The Lord did a wonderful thing for me today. He knew that I had wanted to buy an electric hot pot to provide continuous hot water for guests for hot drinks. I had looked at Westlake's Hardware Store and saw one made by Rival for \$16 plus tax. That was a little much for me to spare to pay for one, so I passed on that. But I still often looked for one at the Goodwill Store each time I went there for the last several months.

But I wasn't thinking about that today as I drove towards HyVee and Osco for some shopping. While driving there the Holy Spirit planted the thought in me to stop by Goodwill and see if they had some slip-on summer shoes I had been thinking might be nice to have. So I went there first and began looking around on my way to the shoe section.

And there it was - an electric hot pot by Rival sitting on the shelf! I picked it up, and then saw another one which was brand new and still in its wrapping - for the same price as the used one: \$4.98! Now, realize, I had looked at that store many, many times over the last 5 months and didn't find one. So today I got my electric hot pot, exactly the kind I had previously wanted, for less than half the cost of the one at the hardware store!

I was so pleased, because I had not even thought to go to Goodwill and look for that again today. But the Lord knew it was there! And He guided me to the right place at the right time. He knew there was one waiting for me and today was the day to get it before it was bought by someone else! He is so good! And, yes, I got the slip on shoes I wanted too. The Lord surely knows how to provide for us as we trust in Him! Even for something as small as an electric hot pot!

~ 55 ~

## **A DREAM ABOUT BEING REJECTED**

*This is a dream out of your self. It is displaying the rejection and need to be loved that was planted inside you as a little child. This rejection was confirmed from your husband when he rejected you for someone else...and told you so vividly.*



*Now, Joan, I need very much to affirm to you that you are loved, you are accepted, by Me, and that love will NEVER leave you or reject you. You will ALWAYS be loved by Me, no matter what human beings say or do to you.*

*This dream was allowed by Me so you would be ready to read that chapter in the book ATONEMENT by Derek Prince today about how I took your rejection on the cross so you could have My acceptance. That is the truth! You ARE accepted in the Beloved and always will be.*

*You DO belong to the very best "family" on earth - those who belong to Me. You are loved within that family, even though their love is not yet perfected. It is moving toward perfection and will eventually be perfect when you all come up here to be with Me.*

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## **COMMITTED**

4:50 a.m. I awoke and heard this message coming from Jesus, so I wrote it down:

*I am committed to those who belong to Me. I am with them all the time, just as I was when I was on the earth. Now My Holy Spirit is in them and will never leave or forsake them. I can be counted on and depended on. I love those who belong to Me with an everlasting love, an everlasting love for all eternity. I want My children to know this and believe this.*

*You are one I want to know this. You are important to Me - forever. Don't think I will ever leave you. I love you. You are My Bride, Joan, always faithfully committed to Me. I want you to know that I know this and am aware of this and am aware of you. I know you love Me. Thank you for loving Me.*

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## **BANNERS: PROCLAMATION, THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**

(Quotes from book, *Blessing or Curse* by Derek Prince)

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The lesson of Jehoshaphat's army and of Paul and Silas in the jail is summed up by the Lord Himself in Psalm 50:23: **"He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."**

God's salvation is already complete through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Nothing we say or do can ever change that. But when we respond with sacrifices of thanksgiving and praise, we open the way for salvation's benefits to be manifested in our lives. Like Jehoshaphat, and like Paul and Silas we must learn to offer these sacrifices in faith, before we have actually experience the benefits.

In Psalm 20:5 David said, **"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."** Again in Song of Solomon 6:10, the Bride of Christ is portrayed as **"awesome as an army with banners."** Three of the most effective "banners" God has given us are *proclamation, thanksgiving* and *praise*.

First, we raise the banner of *proclamation*. We speak out boldly, in faith, the promise or the provision of God's Word that applies to our particular situation or meets our particular need. Then we go on to thank God - still in faith - for the truth we have proclaimed. Finally, we move from *thanksgiving* to jubilant *praise*. All this we do *in pure faith*, without waiting for any visible change in our situation.

In His own way and time, God responds to our faith, just as He did to that of Abraham. The truth, which we have proclaimed and for which we have thanked and praised Him, becomes a reality in our experience.

By raising these three banners of proclamation, thanksgiving and praise, we achieve two purposes at one and the same time. First, we secure for ourselves the promised blessings of God that we have proclaimed. Second, we shut out the satanic forces that would resist us and seek to withhold the blessings from us. In this way, marching together into our inheritance, we fulfill Solomon's prophetic picture of an army awesome with banners.

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## PROCLAMATIONS FOR CONTINUING VICTORY

(Quotes from book, *Blessing or Curse* by Derek Prince)

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God has led us to establish a central "bank" of Scriptures, which we have memorized and which we draw upon in our times of prayer, or whenever we become involved in spiritual conflict. Proclaiming these in faith invariably releases corresponding expressions of thanksgiving and praise.

We are speaking to a vast, invisible world of spirit beings.

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1. *As a result of praying the prayer for release from curses*

**Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham, whom God blessed in all things. (based on Gal 3:13-14)**

2. *When becoming aware of negative forces directed against us, either from servants of Satan or from soulish utterances of Christians*

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against me in judgment I do not condemn. This is my heritage [my inheritance right] as a servant of the Lord, and my righteousness is from You, O Lord. (based on Isaiah 54:17)**

Lord, I forgive all who have spoken evil against me, and having forgiven them, I bless them in Your name.

3. *When pressures of sin or guilt or unworthiness pursue us from our past*

**I am in Christ, and therefore I am a new creation. All those old things have passed away. Everything in my life has become new, and everything is from God. (based on 2 Cor. 5:17-18)**

4. *When oppressed by hopelessness and gloomy forebodings of death.*

**I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. (Psalm 118:17)**

5. *When assailed by physical sickness or infirmity*

**Jesus Himself bore my sins in His own body on the tree, that I, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose wounds I was healed. (based on 1 Peter 2:24)**

**My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. My members - the parts of my body - are instruments of righteousness, presented to God for His service and for His glory. The devil has no place in me, no power over me, no unsettled claims against me. All has been settled by the blood of Jesus.**

**I overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of my testimony, and I do not love my life to the death. My body is for the Lord, and the Lord is for my body. (based on 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:7; Heb. 13:13; Rom. 6:13; 8:33-34; Rev. 12:11; 1 Cor. 6:13)**

6. *When Satan attacks an area for which God holds us responsible - our home, our family, our ministry, etc.*

**The bolts of our gates will be iron and bronze, and our strength will equal our days. There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help us and on the clouds in his majesty. The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out our enemy before us, saying, "Destroy him!" (based on Deut. 33:25-27)**

7. *When we awaken to the realization that the mind is a battlefield in which the lies of Satan are at war with the truths of God's Word*

**The weapons of my warfare are mighty in God. With them I pull down the strongholds that Satan has built in my mind. I bring all my thoughts into obedience to Christ. Three of my mightiest weapons are proclamation, thanksgiving and praise. (based on 2 Cor. 10:3-5)**

8. *When confronted by a task too big for me*

**I can do all things through the One who empowers me within. (based on Phil. 4:13)**

9. *When my own strength fails or is insufficient*

**God's strength is made perfect in my weakness, and so when I am weak, then I am strong. (based on 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)**

10. *When exercising faith for financial needs*

**God is able to make all grace abound toward us, that we, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. (based on 2 Corinthians 9:8)**

11. *When assailed by fear*

**God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (based on 2 Timothy 1:7)**

**In the name of Jesus I submit to God and I resist the spirit of fear. Therefore it has to flee from me. (based on James 4:7)**

## BEYOND THE DOOR

*Remember the open door, which I showed you when you needed a job after the divorce was finished?*

Yes. In that picture I saw a door open in front of me. Beyond the door was just brilliant light shining. I was to step over the threshold of that door into the new job the Lord had for me. In that month I was offered a job at a Christian Bookstore as their music buyer and I began working there. It was the answer to my prayers for God to provide me another job at that time. It was when my maintenance payments stopped, therefore I needed another job besides teaching piano students. Today the Lord is bringing that picture into my memory again during my soaking Quiet Time.

*I want you to know that picture has another meaning also for now. It is the picture of your walking over the threshold from earth life into the brilliant light of heaven's life. Yes, your work on earth is now completed. You have completed what I put in your heart to do on earth, and now you can come "home" to your true home - with Me.*

*There you will receive the total healing I have been telling you is coming...and a lot more than total healing - total love, total meaning and purpose, total friendships forever, total health, total beauty all around you, and total new adventures to explore in safety. I love you, My child, and I want you to come and be with Me!*

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## A DREAM ABOUT A WOMAN IN BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO COLORS

The setting for this dream seemed to be a school campus. I noticed a large bin with wrapped boxes that looked like gifts in it. I looked them over and realized they were wrapped different ways and the wrapping indicated what was inside them. Some had pumpkin pie, some had chocolate mints, and I don't know about the others. It seemed that each one of us were supposed to get a box given to us, so I chose chocolate mints.

I saw a short lady standing along the road. When I saw her, before I got to her, she looked black and white like in a black and white photo. Then, as I passed her and looked back, she was in color like all the things around her were. I thought the black and white photo look was a sign that she might have evil intent. So, I tried to write a note to the director on the cover of my gift box telling him about this. Her picture was on the cover of the box along with other people, trees, etc., and I was writing the note to point her out. But she moved off the picture and walked away to my right, so I couldn't mark her on the gift box cover.

I went to the area of campus where the Director was leading classes to try to tell him about the black and white woman, and I was waiting for him to finish teaching class to tell him. He was leading a handbell class next after that current class and I was involved in playing in the handbell class also. Several of his students told me they couldn't come to the handbell class this time because another class, which they had to take, had been scheduled at the same time, and it was the only time that class was offered. So I told him they wouldn't be there this time due to that other class.

A woman in black and white may represent how she used to look in old pictures representing her past. Seeing her in color as I go past her may mean seeing her as she is now and in the future in the new color pictures. Since she is an unknown person, she could refer to a spirit, God's messenger angel, or one's own self.

The school campus is our place of learning on this earth. On this campus there were lots of gifts available to be chosen/picked up by the learners there. The gifts may refer to an unexpected opportunity. The food in the boxes may refer to work, like the work of God. These foods were desserts or sweet foods indicating something pleasant to eat.

If this short lady represents me, then she may be a prophetic picture I am seeing of my past as in old black and white photos, and then realizing I am seeing myself in the future as colorful. Since she was giving out gifts, perhaps that shows a prophetic picture of me giving out gifts to others.

The handbell class led by the "director" who represents Jesus, our Director, is a "sign" indicating change (as in the times are changing) and God's Presence (as in the manifestation of the Spirit...the gifts of the Spirit). The handbell class could also refer to the act of showing or displaying, in a tangible way, of the Spirit of God, or sound that soothes, or consecration. Other people who had been in the handbell class previously were doing something else now.

*This is a prophetic picture of seeing yourself changing from the past experiences and past you, to the present and future experiences and you. You have received a gift on this campus of learning, and you are now giving out gifts to others. That is what you will do from now on - give out gifts to others.*

*There was no evil intent in what you saw; it was just black and white like in old pictures, so you suspected it because it was different. The handbells represent a change coming but also your showing in a tangible way the Spirit of God to those who are also on the road, the journey, in this life. You give to them as they travel/walk along. I am the Director instructing you and enabling you to ring your handbells along with others also in the same class. Some people leave the class to study something else, but you are still in that class.*

## GOD HAS A PLAN

This information came through an email:

Whatever we face--no matter how impossible it appears to be--God has a specific, strategic, tailor-made plan just for us!!!

- **God has a plan for us.** (Jeremiah 29:11) "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."
- **We receive God's plan by faith--nothing wavering, sight unseen.** (James 1:5) "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."
- **God's plan will come out of the realm of the spirit--not the natural.** (1 Corinthians 2:10) "...but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."
- **We have the ability to hear God's plan.** (Psalm 85:8) "I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints..."
- **We are obedient to God's plan. Whatever He tells us to do, we will do.** (Isaiah 1:19) "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land."

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## RHEMA WORDS GIVEN TO ME

These Scriptures were given to me by the Lord as Rhema words:

### **John 6:27**

**Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.**

*That [Scripture in John 6:27] is not just the end of your search for some "ministry," but it is the process you are going through right now of declaring My Word forth into this world. That enables Me to go forth and bring it to pass. When My Word goes forth it does not come back to Me void.*

*Thank you for sending forth My Word. That's what My people do: they send forth My Word and they go forth in My Name. Keep sending forth My Word and I will see that it is accomplished.*

**John 6:45a**

**It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.**

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## **TRUST ME**

The Lord reminds me of the time He showed me an open door (when I needed a job), and that He is my open door, and I am to walk through Him and with Him into whatever He has for me next. He will lead the way and show me the way. It is not something I am to search for on my own, but just to seek Him and follow Him, and He will show me the way and let me know when I have found it.

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

*Don't try to take matters into your own hands.*

The big thing the Spirit kept impressing me with was: TRUST ME!

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## **JESUS STANDING BESIDE ME**

Later in the evening B called after leaving the Spiritual Gifts Nurture group meeting. BW had asked about me and said he had prayed for me several times. I had told him last Sunday I was going through a transition time and would like to hear if he got any message for me.

He told B he saw me with Jesus standing beside me and that He did have a plan for me. He said my head was wrapped about with something like confusion, anxiety, and uncertainty about the unknown. But I wasn't to worry because Jesus was beside me.

Thank You, Lord, for this message that shows me You care about me. And thank you for BW's prayers and message!



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## NOTES FROM QUIET TIME

This morning during Quiet Time I spent time reading and decreeing the Rhema Scriptures the Lord had given me. As I did this, the Holy Spirit spoke often to me. He told me that reading and decreeing/proclaiming Scripture that He had given me was like opening a portal over me so that He and I could connect there.

**He told me to do this every time I was under spiritual attack, discouraged, felt I was a victim, or needed encouragement.** He said he would never leave me and that He would always talk to me. This is His way of strengthening me in the tough times.

**I am also to do this each morning to start off my day. He said that doing this and trusting and resting in Him opened the way to allow Him to work out His plan in my life and for what I am to do.**

~ 66 ~

## A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING BOOKS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

In this dream I was preparing pages printed with Christmas Carols and sorting them into books, which I then fastened together. The pages were large, about 18" high by about 14" wide and they were different colors. A few might have had pictures on them also besides the words to the Carols. I was working to try to finish them quickly because a group of us were going to sing Carols at a display area out in the hallway at the entrance to an auditorium. Various people came into the room where I was working, and I talked to them while I worked.

*It means you are coming soon to a great time of rejoicing along with many other Christians, a time of singing and praise and worship for Me and My birth into each of your lives, and all the aspects of who I am. This is a prophetic dream to give you hope and a picture of what is soon coming. It is to encourage you and give you joy in Me.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT IT RAINING CROSSES (+)

The setting was a W family gathering. We were outside a house in the yard. I had some picture book I was going to look at and show J too. J seemed to be looking for some pink tennis shoes she thought JH left before, and they were the same kind that B had (handed down from K) only B's were white, not pink. Just then it started to "rain" shiny little white +'s about an inch high. I looked and saw many of them almost suspended in the air and we began to exclaim about this phenomenon. I said it was like it was sleet, but this was different than any sleet I had ever seen, and this was warm weather when it didn't sleet.

*It means there is great favor coming upon your biological family and those close to you in that family. You will "see" this phenomenon in your lives. This is something outside your own personal heart (house). It will be seen as regenerated and born again communion together.*

*There will be giving up of the "old shoes" for the new that is to come. The feature of this time will come from the sky, from above, be totally unexpected, and a surprise seeming out of season. It will be pure and shining and dazzling to see. It will be of Me and of My doing alone - nothing to do with what you will do. A shower of blessing.*

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## HE WHO WORKS HIS LAND

**He who works his land will have abundant food. (Proverbs 12:11)**

What land am I supposed to work, Lord?

*You have already "worked the land" for your whole adult life and you are now to reap the benefits of retirement. Since most of your life did not give you retirement benefits, even though you worked hard as a mother, homemaker, and housewife, I will bring benefits to you for doing that.*

*You WILL reap the rewards of retirement, but not in the usual ordinary way like from a pension fund or investments that pay dividends, etc. Your investments were in your roles as wife and mother primarily, and there are not worldly pension funds for that.*

*But I will now reward you with My retirement benefits - and they are blessed and adequate. You'll see. Just trust Me and wait and I will soon show you these benefits.*

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## **A HOUSE OF GOD**

*A lighthouse, a house of God with light in it. You have Me inside you, Joan. Then you have all you need to be a lighthouse of blessing for Me to others. All you need to open that up is to have an open heaven over you, wherever you are, wherever you go. And how do you do that? That is what I'm teaching you now through Bill's (Bill Johnson: the Supernatural Power of A Transformed Mind) book. Keep reading it and listening to Me until you know. Treat it like a college course and that book as the textbook. You graduate from the course when you've learned that.*

*I want you to name your room "Bethel" like you thought. In that room you'll be the House of God as I teach you and renew you each day, and you will take it out with you wherever you go. Think of it like that.*

*It'll be this wonderful, blessed, holy, powerful, set apart place unto Me - filled with Me, filled with My power, filled with My Presence. Whenever you walk in there you'll walk into My Presence - like being in the Holy of Holies beside the Ark. It will be a safe protected place for you to live out your remaining days on earth - a place with Me as your constant companion. I'll even expand your mind ability there - to be able to take in more of Me and knowing Me more.*

*Mornings are Mine.*

*I'll take care of your health. It will be fine.*

*This is My journey for you. You would never have known, but you had to come one step at a time to this place.*

*It won't be small. It'll be great. Great in feeling, great in seeing, great in My Presence, great in revelations, great in knowing Me, and great in being a blessing to others. It will have great eternal value and eternal rewards for you.*

*My kingdom is coming, and My will is being done on earth as it is in heaven.*

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## MY WORD IS YOUR CONNECTION LINE

**Isaiah 50:4 "The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught."**

*I love you, Joan.*

*I'm healing the wounded places all through your body, Joan. Even more important, I'm healing your soul and your spirit.*

*I'm putting My peace in your body, soul, and spirit.*

*My Word is your connection line (portal, tunnel, ladder) to Me. I come like that ladder Jacob saw in his dream - connecting you with Me so you can hear Me and write what I say. That is the way I work in you. We connect through My Word.*

*This is your verse for the coming time starting even now: Isaiah 50:4.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT A GROUP OF MUSICIANS WALKING DOWN A HALLWAY

In this dream a group (of us musicians) was walking in a hallway. We would meet others as we walked and discuss where we all were from. One guy looked familiar and I mentioned it saying we had probably been to many band/musical events at the same time over the years. After awhile we expected it to be our time to play our instruments. We recognized a familiar pattern of time slots from previous experiences and anticipated it would be our turn to play any minute. One particular time slot (or passageway) was pale blue-looking.

- Musicians: (music) worship, activity or action that proceeds from the heart, cheerfulness and joy, praise (playing instruments): prophesying, ministering in the gifts of the Spirit
- Hallway: transition, direction, without deviation
- Blue: spiritual, Spiritual gift, divine revelation, heavenly visitation, communion

The group of musicians represents worshipers of the Lord. There were many of us, and many in different groups. We were all going through a transition and going in the same direction. We each seemed to be looking and waiting for the special time we were to prophesy or minister in the gifts of the Spirit. This particular time was colored blue - referring to its being a spiritual time. We came from many different places, but we had camaraderie with each other.

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## STORMS

(Quote from *The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind* by Bill Johnson) p. 102

"Others face storms *because they are in the middle of God's will*. He doesn't like the storm, but He wants to train you to use tools He's given you to calm the storm."

*And I want you to know that that is the kind of storm you are in now - one which is because you are in the middle of My will. I want to train you to use the tools I've given you to calm the storm - My Logos Word, My Presence, My Rhema Word to you.*

*I have things for you to do that I have been describing to you. Trust Me in this and you will soon see the benefit and blessing from it. It will stretch you to a new level of trust and ministry in Me. You'll see and you'll know - eventually, and you will understand how I am training you to use the tools I've given you - and that those tools WORK!*

*Now be at peace, My child. I love you and I delight in you! Know that!*

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## WE'LL KEEP ON OVERCOMING TOGETHER

*Oh, you've had a lot of victory in your life, Joan. You won't go out in defeat from this life, but in victory. Remember what Jean said about how you seem to be at peace with who you are? Well, that is right. She discerned a contentment in you which I put there because of our relationship together. You DO know who you are in Me, and you DO walk in that knowledge each day.*

*I am pleased with all the things you and I have overcome together in your life. We'll keep doing that, overcoming, together. And you will grow and grow through the process - grow*

*into just what I want you to be and become - what I created you for. You are pleasing in My sight, Joan. I want you to know that and believe that and accept that. We are just going on together to put icing on the cake of who you are.*

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## A DREAM WHERE I WAS CALLED MARY MOORE

In this dream a man called me the name Mary Moore. I didn't remember the rest of the dream, but just that part.

This is what I believe it refers to:

Mary = Mary of Bethany who sat at Jesus' feet to learn more and know him more. God was speaking that desire into me in that dream by calling me that name.

Bill Johnson says in *The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind* (pg. 75) "Our job is to tap the revelation of the Lord in our area of talent or gifting so that we can accurately and powerfully reflect the King and His Kingdom."

*The Holy Spirit says my area is writing is reflecting Him to others and I am to continue writing.*

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## THE SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER'S HANDBOOK

Today I went to CTC from 9:00 to 1:00 as a volunteer to answer the telephone and help out with a few things Pastor A asked me to do (since the secretary was out of town). While there I saw a book on his desk by Derek Prince called *The Spirit-Filled Believer's Handbook* which I started reading. It was his whole foundation series about the Christian faith (which I used to listen to in the 70's on cassettes) in print. It was so fascinating that when Pastor offered to let me take it home for awhile, I took him up on the offer. Now I am reading it and finding it very fascinating and helpful! Thank You, God, for this blessing!

## LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN

*Now I want you to know, Joan, that I want to heal your right hip that hurts you so much. Do you want Me to do that?*

Yes, Lord,

*Then I want you to proclaim My healing Scriptures, the ones you have in your Scripture notebook, over your right hip. Do it today, right now, then come back to the computer and I will talk to you more.*

*Now I want you to listen to Me some more. I want you to KNOW I am with you - every day, every hour of the day - and I know everything you think, desire, yearn for, long for, even more than you know and understand it. I know that you really want to draw closer to Me and are trying to do that daily. Believe Me, I know what is best because I know all things. I not only know what is best for you, but for everybody you will associate with, and even what's best for B.*

*Rest in Me, My child, rest in Me. I will take care of it all and will bring everything together in the right place at exactly the right time - if you rest in Me, listen to Me, and be obedient to Me. I know you want to do that. I know you. I know your thoughts and what you are like inside - the part of you that no one else sees and knows - and I love you!*

*Listen, listen, listen! That is My word for you today. Listen to Me and follow Me. I am the Shepherd and you are the sheep. I know where the green grasses are and where the still waters are. I will take you there at exactly the right time.*

*I'll take care of any situations that I know you wouldn't like and would frustrate you - any that I don't want to use to stretch and mature you even more than now. You have learned to deal with multiple situations in this life, and I may still have a few more for you to experience to stretch you more. But those you don't need to experience - I will work them out for what's best for you.*

When I sit and listen to you like this, Lord, I have such a sense of fear and trepidation, and it's very uncomfortable. I just want to get out of it and stop it.

*This is called "the fear of the Lord." Your human body is not made to be too close to Me, but when you get your new body, transformed, you will not have that fear. For now, it is good. Keep seeking Me and being with Me in spite of it. It is to keep you from getting too close and bringing harm to yourself. The "fear of the Lord" brings lots of good things into your life, so stand, even as you fear.*

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## WATCHER

*You are a listener and a watcher - that's why you were so drawn to the almond branch (Jeremiah 1:11-12) and My saying, "I am watching to see that My Word is fulfilled."*

*You are a "watcher" with Me, Joan. You are watching Me fulfill My Word and I will fulfill every word of it. You will see it with your own eyes - on TV especially. You are a "watcher" for Me.*

What does a watcher do, Lord?

*What did Jeremiah do?*

- *Spent time with Me*
- *Spoke what I told him to*
- *Wrote what I told him to*
- *Did what I told him to*
- *Testified to Me and for Me to others*

*You too. I will have you do this. Many others are watchers with Me now. I have raised up many. They are often called "watchmen" in the Bible.*

Jeremiah 1:11-12 (The watchman prophet spends time before the Lord and speaks/writes what he sees and hears)

**The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you see, Jeremiah?"**

**"I see the branch of an almond tree," I replied.**

**The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."**

2 Samuel 18:25 (The watchman tells the king what he sees as he stands on the wall.)

**While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone. The watchman called out to the king and reported it.**

2 Kings 9:17 (The watchman watches for troops coming to see whose side they are on)

**When the lookout standing on the tower in Jezreel saw Jehu's troops approaching, he called out, "I see some troops coming."**

Psalms 127:1 (The watchmen must co-labor with the Lord or their watching is in vain.)

**Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.**



Song of Solomon 3:3 (The watchmen go throughout the city and help people)

**The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. "Have you seen the one my heart loves?"**

Isaiah 21:6-7 (The watchman watches what is happening and is alert, fully alert.)

**This is what the Lord says to me: "Go, post a lookout and have him report what he sees. When he sees chariots with teams of horses, riders on donkeys or riders on camels, let him be alert, fully alert."**

Isaiah 21:11 (The watchman looks to see what is left of the night)

**An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night? If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again."**

Isaiah 52:7-8 (The watchmen speak good news proclaiming salvation and God reigns; when the Lord returns they will see it with their own eyes)

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.**

Jeremiah 6:17 (The watchmen watch and tell the people like a trumpet sounding)

**[The Lord says] "I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!'"**

Jeremiah 31:6 (The watchmen will call people to go to the Lord)

**There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'**

Ezekiel 3:17 (The watchman is to hear the word the Lord speaks and warn others from Him)

**At the end of seven days the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.**

Ezekiel 33 (It was the watchman's duty to sound warnings as the Lord leads him)

Habakkuk 2:1-3 (The watchman sought the Lord and wrote down what He was told so others could run with it)

**I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**

## I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO WALK DURING THESE DAYS

I had a dream about visiting a church with activities in various rooms for different ages. I noticed in the first scene that all the seats were packed full - and they were smiling and happy and packed into the room. It was dark outside.

Lord, am I supposed to learn something from this dream?

*You're supposed to learn to see what's happening in the Church all over the world and that there are many and various rooms of learning people are going through. All the various rooms are important and are going on at the same time. You are the observer in this dream, seeing as a prophet sees, a wide scope of activities in the Kingdom living of My people.*

*You wonder at the end of the dream how you are going to find your way home. I want you to know that I will take care of that and you do not have to "find" it. I will take all of you home to be with Me. And you are right to notice that all the seats were packed full in the first scene - and that means all My people are now chosen and waiting for something to begin - the Rapture to take them out of earth to heaven. And notice they are smiling and happy and packed into the room. The time is near for the Rapture. All different stages of Christians are represented and will all come to Me at the same time - and it is certainly dark outside.*

*This is a prophetic picture dream to encourage you to keep on working in the Kingdom for Me and with Me to help people along in whatever stage of their faith journey they are in. Some are still in the pre-Christian stage, but they are already chosen by My Father just the same. They will yet come to believing faith in Me - and soon.*

*This is to encourage you, Joan. The Rapture is soon, the choosing is complete, and soon the last pre-Christians will give themselves to Me. It is happening fast now. Know that it won't be long, and then the Rapture will take out My Bride, and the tribulation will begin.*

*You will not be here much longer. Use your time to draw closer to Me every day, and I will show you how to walk during these days.*

## A PROMISE PICTURE

I have a piece of a dream from one of the last few nights that has stayed in my remembrance. In it I am in K's room and see a long ramp-like area which reaches clear to the ground. About half-way down the ramp there is a wall with a small opening in it which has been left open.

What does it mean, Lord?

*The house you are in refers to you. Your daughter also refers to you. Through her room you see a large opening that looks like a ramp with a door in it. This can be used as an easy and fast way to enter and/or leave. There is a door in the ramp area and I am that door.*

*You don't need to be afraid of that door (as the world might think) but welcome it as a symbol that shows you I am opening a quick, swift way for you to "go out" to others through Me, and then return into your own house.*

*It is a wonderful picture, one to be rejoiced in. This is a prophetic picture of what we (you and I co-laboring together) will be doing. Remember this picture and know it is from Me...a promise picture...a Rhema word.*

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## DEPOSITS IN ME

The Lord is teaching me this morning that He makes cumulative deposits in me in these ways:

1. Through dreams
2. In meditation/soaking
3. When reading His Word
4. When reading/studying materials inspired/anointed by Him
5. Through anointed speech from others

These deposits fill me, anoint me, and prepare me for all He has me to do for that day. This is why I need *daily* time with Him being filled with His deposits for that day.

Sometimes those deposits will come in one way, sometimes another way. It varies from day to day. But it all comes from Him to prepare me for the ministry of His Kingdom for that day. Thank You, Lord, for this great, great blessing!

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## A DREAM ABOUT WHEN THE CLOCK STOPPED WORKING

Now, Lord, do You have anything to tell me about this dream?

*Yes, My child, I WANT to talk to you about this dream. You are right to recognize that it is an important dream and that you should pay attention to the details in it. The time is here, Joan. The time is at hand for global events to happen and for you to be awake, alert, and listening to instructions and learning from Me...every day, every hour.*

*Yes, you will soon be in your own place of living, wherever that is, and you will be relating to and getting spiritual revelation about those people near you. You will see many global events happening and will need the fruit of the Spirit to fill you and help you during this time.*

*What I REALLY want you to know is that I am with you and with My people during this time and will help you learn/know what to do, where to go, what to say even while you drink and give out the fruit of My Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Very important to have those fruit during this "time."*

*Yes, this is a warning dream and an alerting dream to what time it is now. Trust Me, Joan. Trust Me to take care of your housing needs and your financial needs and your medical needs. I am the "landlord" - the person in charge of it all. I have it all under My control and I know exactly what is happening and when. I am taking My students to the library to keep them educated and learning from Me. You are one of My students, too, along with many others.*

*I will never leave you or forsake you - no matter how bad the world around you looks and what time it is for the world.*

*Keep praying, keep seeking Me, keep trusting that I can handle whatever comes into your life. I am here for you, My child, and I will always help you cope.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT PICKING THE LAST STRAWBERRIES IN A GARDEN, AND THEN THE GARDEN BEING PLOWED UP

My sister, my Mom and I were in the garden at our home. We were picking the last of the strawberries in the garden. I saw the strawberry leaves and recognized them. As I pulled up the plant, I saw many little green berries and only 1-2 or so red ones. L called these last berries "freeze dried" and indicated these were really good, maybe even the best. The next morning, I looked out the window from the upstairs part of the house and saw that the whole garden had been plowed under by my father. Just before I awoke I saw the words printed: "One woman's calling them."

Garden: world

Last strawberries: last fruit (Christians)

L, Mom and me: church, Christian family

Window: revelation

House: my home in heaven

Second floor: looking down from up above

Plowed under: preparation of earth/world for the next season

Father: God

Written words: referring to my writing books "at the end"

*It's just about time to plow this world under and start over. The last of the fruit is being picked now. This is the fruit that has been "freeze dried" or preserved for the very last days (end) before I return to set up My new Kingdom on earth. The plowing will be done while you are asleep (unaware) safely home with Me. By revelation you will see the new earth ready to be newly planted. Your revelation will come while you are "upstairs" in heaven (in the only true home you remember as that).*

*"One woman's calling them" refers to the Holy Spirit calling them for Me. The last of the fruit of the harvest are being called out now. This now will last several years, but not many more.*

*You are one, Joan, I've chosen to help with the final harvest. That's why I've had you write for them. I will send your words out into all the world to help harvest the last of My fruit. I chose to picture them as strawberries as that is one of your favorite fruits. You saw many green ones on the vines, but only a few were ripe. That shows there are many people in the world, but only a few more who are ripe and ready to harvest. The leaves refer to words or life, and that is what you take to others to share from Me. The leaves identify the type of fruit.*

*You are "one woman" aligned with My "Holy Spirit one woman." Together you will call them - My final harvest. You will do the tiny part I have for you. Your writing that you and B spent years on will go forth into all the world to call many. She is "one woman" also. Without her this (writing) wouldn't go forth.*

*I gave you the picture of the harvest in 1985 as the "ball of fire" vision so you would see everything after that as part of the final harvest. It's been 21 years - a very short time in the whole time of the world.*

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## **A DREAM TELLING PEOPLE TO READ ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CLOTHING THEY CHOOSE TO WEAR**

I was encouraging people to read about the possibilities of the quality of clothing (type of cloth it was made of) they could choose to wear while they were young adults because it would make such a difference in their whole adult lives.

I am the only person doing something in this dream. I seemed to be talking to people about the clothing they wore. Clothing refers to your covering, anointing, mantle, what you are going to be doing, righteousness, or spirit (attitude). So, I am talking to people about carefully choosing what anointing/covering they want to wear because it would make a difference in the rest of their lives. Perhaps this dream is to alert myself to that admonition. Clothing/covering can be righteous or unrighteous, clean or dirty. Our choices determine what our lives are like.

Lord, I choose to live under the covering of Your righteousness, Your anointing, Your mantle. Please cover me each moment of each day with Your clean and precious mantle. I plead Your blood over me, Jesus, as my covering. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Thank You for reminding me in this dream how important this is. I think I am to go forth and share that message with others as I seemed to be doing in this dream.

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## **I WILL TAKE OUT MY BRIDE**

*Now listen, I want to tell you some more today. This is from My heart. My heart is yearning for My Bride, all My loved ones, to come up here to be with Me. Yes, the last of the "strawberries" (as you saw in your recent dream) are being picked right now. You noticed those Christian evangelical events being held at sports stadiums after games--that is the beginning of the big "stadium" events with thousands coming. I know you are thinking about the Promise Keepers events and the Billy Graham events, and those too were part of these stadium-sized evangelical events. All of these comprise the "beginning" of them.*

*Many, MANY more are to come where thousands will give their hearts to Me. You will see these on TV and marvel, and know this is the last...the last ones to come into the kingdom before I take out My Bride. The great crusades of this size outside the United States have been taking place around the world. Now, at the very last, they will take place in the US and in Europe. Then the end will come for My Bride, and the tribulation will begin. So you can see we are getting closer and closer to the Rapture. You can watch for reports on the stadium events and know the end is close.*

*Come to Me in any moment of your day. Come to Me in your thoughts and seek Me and I will be right there with you, and speak My counsel and guidance to you, and then you will know what to do and/or say.*

*I will put power in your voice to speak My words, and power in your hands to send Me into others as you touch them. When I am in them I will reveal Myself to them. If you want to speak something when you touch them, say "Reveal Yourself to them, Holy Spirit." Then I will do the rest.*

*You will watch people receive Me and change before your eyes as I reveal Myself to them. It will be miraculous stories for your next book. Write down each story as soon as possible after it happens. I want this documentation, and it will be of things YOU HAVE SEEN YOURSELF! Not necessarily things others have reported to you, but things you have seen yourself -- as John gave testimony to what he had seen in the Bible.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT GETTING READY TO PLAY IN AN ORCHESTRA WITH MUSIC IN TWO PARTS (LARGE AND SMALL)**

*You're right in what you discerned about this dream. It is a picture to encourage you about watching the current ministry in your church and the world, and preparation to join that ministry along with Me conducting. Conducting means timing, but more than that. It also refers to orchestrating all the parts of the music and all the members of the orchestra so it all comes together in something beautiful and great-sounding.*

*It also refers to starting and ending it at the same time. The start of this "smaller" individual ministry section/time is to begin soon. You are taking up your horn (authority) and will soon be ready to play along with Me and all the others in My orchestra.*

*You don't know what the name of that section means (it is foreign to you) but you are getting ready to do it (preparing to take up your authority). It will be soon...and you WILL*

*be ready in time. D stands for discover. You will discover what you are to do...one person at a time.*

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## QUIET TIME THOUGHTS

In Quiet Time this morning the Lord was teaching me about God's system in the world whereby He has redeemed His own through Jesus and then matures and equips them to bring the Kingdom of God into the earth through His empowering them. He showed me that Satan has his own system that has mimicked God's system, producing a distortion and deception like God's plan.

In Satan's false system he sent Mohammed to deceive people into thinking he was their savior and used Mohammed to point his followers to Allah who is a false god, not the one true god. Then a whole system has grown from following Mohammed - those calling themselves Muslim or Islam. They revere the places where Mohammed lived, died, etc. as Christian's do of Christ Jesus. They teach the hate message, hating others around them, and especially hating those who follow the One true God. That is a sign they follow Satan, because he hates God, and hates what God is doing, and hates God's people. The Muslims even wrote a book they call holy which gives their followers the message of conquering the world and ridding the world of all who follow God.

Both of these systems (God's and Satan's) have come to full bloom now and are harvesting what has been sown in them all these many years. It is a struggle between Jesus, the Christ, and Allah/Mohammed, the anti-Christ. It is the war of the ages being held in these last days. Eventually Jesus will return and win the final great battle at Armageddon.



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## PRAY FOR THE LOST

**For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they**



**have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**

1. Claim the lost person by name for the Lord's kingdom. (All mankind is already redeemed by Christ; some are spiritually blinded by Satan, or held captive.)
2. Claim him in the name of the Lord Jesus on the basis of Jesus' death and resurrection (use Jesus' authority).
3. Ask that the works of Satan be torn down in his life. Bind Satan. (Mark 3:27 below) Ask God to reveal to you what stronghold Satan has in that life. Works of Satan: intellect, procrastination, church membership, possessions, pride, false doctrine, immoral life, fears, doubts, moral life, unbelief.
4. Claim his deliverance from Satan and the ways of the world in the name of Jesus.
5. Pray that his thoughts will be brought into the obedience of Christ.
6. Pray that God will grant him a repenting and believing heart when he hears or reads the Word of God.
7. Pray for God's will to be accomplished in and through him.

Bind Satan

**No one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. (Mark 3:27)**

Spiritual warfare

**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)**

We wage this warfare from a position of victory

**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)**

**But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. (2 Corinthians 2:14)**

Spiritual weapons

**For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**

The battle is won through prayer. Personal evangelism is picking up the spoils.

## HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

(FROM NEW LIFE: LIVING NEW TESTAMENT PARAPHRASED)

1. God's free gift is eternal life. God offers everyone eternal life--free! It is God's free gift. We cannot earn it, buy it, or even work hard enough to deserve it. Instead, God freely offers New Life to anyone who will accept his gift.

**"...but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
(Romans 6:23)**

**"Because of his kindness you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even trusting is not of yourselves; it too is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it.  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

**"And he himself has promised us this eternal life." (1 John 2:25)**

2. God shows his love by offering eternal life. God is LOVE. He is not some impersonal force or ethereal blob. He is a personal being, able to love us, communicate with us, and satisfy every need we have. God demonstrates his love by making it possible for us to receive and enjoy eternal life.

**"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better. But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God--for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into this wicked world to bring to us eternal life through his death. In this act we see what real love is: it is not our love for God, but his love for us when he sent his Son to satisfy God's anger against our sins." (1 John 4:7)**

**"He made the world and everything in it, and since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples; and human hands can't minister to his needs--for he has no needs! He himself gives life and breath to everything, and satisfies every need there is." (Acts 17:24-25)**

**"But God is so rich in mercy; he loved us so much that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, he gave us back our lives again when he raised Christ from the dead--only by his undeserved favor have we ever been saved--and lifted us up from the grave into glory along with Christ."  
(Ephesians 2:4-6)**

3. Everyone is guilty--everyone falls short of God's ideal. God knows us. He knows what goes on inside our minds. He knows that no one has ever measured up to God's standard, and that no one has ever really wanted to. Even when we want to try to do what is right, it is easier to do the opposite. Everyone is guilty.

**"No one is good--no one in all the world is innocent. No one has ever really followed God's paths, or even truly wanted to. Everyone has turned away; all have gone wrong. No one anywhere has kept on doing what is right; not one. Now do you see it? No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what the law commands. For the more we know of God's laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren't obeying them; his laws serve only to make us see that we are sinners. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal... (Romans 3:10-12, 20, 23)**

**"I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. (Romans 7:18)**

**"If we claim we have not sinned, we are lying and calling God a liar." (1 John 1:10)**

4. God's solution for our failure is His Son--Jesus Christ. God in his love reaches out to a people who are doomed. There is nothing we can do to make things right with God. But because he loves us, he provides the solution to our problem. God provided the solution by sending his Son--Jesus Christ--to live, to die on a cross, and to rise again from the grave, victorious over both sin and death. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our failure and now makes it possible for us to have a personal relationship with God.

**"For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

**"Jesus told him, 'I am the Way - yes, and the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me.'" (John 14:6)**

**"It was through what his Son did that God cleared a path for everything to come to him - all things in heaven and on earth - for Christ's death on the cross has made peace with God for all by his blood. This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies and hated him and were separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends. He has done this through the death on the cross of his own human body; and now as a result Christ has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are standing there before him with nothing left against you..." (Colossians 1:20-22)**

5. Our response is to turn from sin to God through faith. New Life is available to anyone. But like any other gift, it must be received. A gift isn't a gift until someone accepts it. We accept God's

offer of eternal life by deciding to trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. This kind of trust includes the willingness to turn from our sin and the willingness to become all that God intends us to be.

**"I have had one message for Jews and Gentiles alike - the necessity of turning from sin to God through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 2:21)**

**"But now God has shown us a different way to heaven - not by 'being good enough' and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way...Now God says he will accept and acquit us - declare us 'not guilty' - if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like." (Romans 3:21,22)**

**"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)**

**"For it was through reading the Scripture that I came to realize that I could never find God's favor by trying - and failing - to obey the laws. I came to realize that acceptance with God comes by believing in Christ." (Galatians 2:19)**

**"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun." (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

6. We can be certain that we have eternal life. Some people say they hope they are going to heaven. Some say they are doing their best and trying hard. Still others say it is impossible to know for sure. God tells us we can know for certain. God's gift of eternal life is freely given, and when we receive his gift, he promises that we can know positively that his gift is ours. There will be times when we have doubts, but the witness of the New Testament is that our salvation is settled - eternal life is ours.

**"And what is it that God has said? That he has given us eternal life, and that this life is in his Son. So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13)**

**"I say emphatically that anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life, and will never be damned for his sins, but has already passed out of death into life." (John 5:24)**

**"For you have a new life. It was not passed on to you from your parents, for the life they gave you will fade away. This new one will last forever, for it comes from Christ, God's ever-living Message to men." (1 Peter 1:23)**

7. Now that I have eternal life - what next? You've understood each point in this outline. And you've taken the step of accepting God's offer of eternal life by inviting Jesus Christ into your

life. You've been born anew into God's family. You have New Life! Now what comes next? New Life brings with it a need for growth. God wants us to "...grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18). He has provided several means of growth. One important way we grow is through our fellowship with other believers. This involves meeting together, teaching each other, and caring for each other.

**"Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)**

**"And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other." (Acts 2:44)**

**"Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command." (Galatians 6:2)**

This unique kind of Christian fellowship grows out of the study and understanding the Scriptures. It is a fellowship centered around God's Word. His Word becomes the yardstick for all of our thoughts and actions together.

**"Remember what Christ taught and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts." (Colossians 3:16)**

**"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)**

**"They searched the Scriptures day by day to check up on Paul and Silas' statements to see if they were really so." (Acts 17:11)**

Our fellowship with God is shared through prayer. God, in his love, asks us to share all of our worries and cares with him, and he promises to respond to our needs and requests.

**"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)**

**"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6,7)**

**"But if you stay in me and obey my commands, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted!" (John 15:7)**

Another way our New Life is strengthened is by sharing with others what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. We have been chosen to tell his Good News to others. As we tell others of our faith, God confirms within us his salvation.

**"It is God himself, in his mercy, who has given us this wonderful work (of telling his Good News to others), and so we never give up. We do not try to trick people into believing - we are not interested in fooling anyone. We never try to get anyone to believe that the Bible teaches what it doesn't. All such shameful methods we forego. We stand in the presence of God as we speak and so we tell the truth, as all who know will agree." (2 Corinthians 4:1, 2)**

**"For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation." (Romans 10: 9, 10)**

**"But you are not like that, for you have been chosen by God himself - you are priests of the King, you are holy and pure, you are God's very own - all this so that you may show to others how God called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)**

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## **FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD AND DRINKING OF GOD'S SPIRIT**

(Quote from *The Spirit-Filled Believers Handbook* by Derek Prince pg 272)

Continual feeding on God's Word and drinking of God's Spirit are essential for a life of victory and fruitfulness. Israel would have perished in the wilderness without their daily portion of manna from heaven and living water from the rock. The believer today is no less dependent upon the daily manna of God's Word and the daily filling, and refilling, of God's Spirit.

Let us now apply the complete pattern to the experience of the Christian in this dispensation.

God has ordained for each believer today five experiences, each typified by an experience of Israel in the Old Testament:

1. Salvation through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ;
2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit;

3. Baptism in water;
4. Daily feeding upon God's Word;
5. Daily drinking of God's Spirit from within.

Of these five experiences, the first three - salvation, baptism in water and baptism in the Spirit - occur only once and need not be repeated. The last two - feeding upon God's Word and drinking of God's Spirit - are experiences which the believer must continue to practice regularly each day throughout his earthly pilgrimage.

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### **A DREAM ABOUT PEOPLE SPEAKING GOD'S WORD THAT WAS FORMING INTO WORD BALLOONS AND EXPLODING**

People were making small round things, which were held close to their bodies. These would explode/blow up. They were round like small balloons, only flatter, rather oval shaped. These seemed to be made with words they spoke - maybe even Scripture they spoke. The people weren't in control of which words blew up. It was like it was an unknown, a surprise.

Perhaps this symbolizes people speaking the Word and this Word having power to explode and produce this powerful effect - but they didn't control the effect their words (the Word) produced. They just saw/felt the power/explosion, like small balloons exploding. This took place in front of their bodies as the Word balloons dropped from their mouths in front of them to near the abdominal area. This only happened with some people, not all = those anointed for this, chosen for this ability.

*And you are one chosen for this Word power, Joan. When I show you which Scriptures to speak (out loud) for which situation, do this for Me, as a service for Me, in My name, and I will explode those words and give them power for My purpose. This is your spiritual worship.*

*Keep using My Word to pray the prayers I lead you to pray and I will make them powerful (alive and active) to execute My purposes, My Kingdom purposes, "on earth as it is in heaven."*

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### **THE LORD WILL TEACH THEM HIS POWER AND MIGHT**

The Lord led me to look up Jeremiah 16:21 which says:

**Therefore I will teach them - this time I will teach them my power and might.  
Then they will know that my name is the Lord. (Jeremiah 16:21)**

Then He led me to pray that for those who do not yet belong to Him - the Muslims, Buddhists, and all the lost.

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## THE SPIRITUAL ARMOR

Last Sunday morning at CTC worship time Pastor C told us about a word from God she received that morning for all of us. The word was that we were supposed to put on the armor of God each day. They spent part of the service reviewing that from Ephesians 6:10-18 and having us all put it on right then.

It reminded me of a time maybe 10 years or so ago when I was walking up the steps to enter the church I was attending at that time. I heard the voice of the Spirit within me tell me to put on the armor. Unfortunately, I didn't stop and do that immediately. But if I had, I might not have learned this lesson either. Evidently, I forgot about that word from Him, and continued on into the church, and went to the gathering I was there for.

During that gathering someone said something hurtful that came into me like a dart coming into my heart. I was wounded and had to fight being depressed. I realized later that those words found an entranceway into me because I didn't put on the shield of faith (as part of the armor) to guard my heart, and I didn't put on the helmet of salvation to guard my mind. It was a vivid lesson about how important it was to put on the armor each day – and also to follow the leading of the Spirit immediately!

Here is the Scripture about the armor and how I like to put it on (taken from my book *Thoughts and Stories on a Life God Leads, Guides and Protects, Book 1*).

## SPIRITUAL ARMOR

**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so**



**that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

**Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)**

What is the Spiritual Armor and what do we use it for?

The Spiritual Armor is what we use as protection for ourselves and our loved ones. We use it as protection against those spiritual forces of darkness in the heavenly realms. Did you know there was a “heavenly realm?” It is a spiritual realm that exists right along with the natural realm in which we function daily. It has in it the forces of evil and the forces of good. We can influence that heavenly realm with our prayers, petitions, and declarations.

The Apostle Paul tells us about it in this passage from Ephesians. He tells us that our struggle is not against people, but against this spiritual realm which has in it rulers, authorities, powers, and forces of evil. And he tells us that our armor of protection consists of salvation, righteousness, truth, the gospel of peace, faith, and the Word of God. He tells us to “put this on.” Why? So that “when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.” Do we each have “a day of evil” come in our lives? Oh, yes! That is what he is teaching us. Do we want to “stand our ground” and not lose these battles? Well, I do, don’t you?

So, I need to put on this spiritual armor and so do you. How do we put it on? I put it on in prayer by speaking out loud each piece of the armor and declaring it over myself and my loved ones I also want protected. I say something like this in my prayer:

*“Lord, I place the helmet of salvation on myself. I declare that I belong to You and I have your salvation from sin and sickness because of Your body and blood given for that. I ask for Your mind to be in me today.*

*“Lord, I place the breastplate of righteousness on myself. I declare by Your Word that “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.” You, Jesus, became sin and took my sin upon Yourself that I might be free from it. If there is any sin in my life, please show it to me right now that I may confess it before You and be cleansed.*

*“Lord, I place the belt of truth on myself. I declare You are the truth and that Your Word is truth, and I stand on those because I belong to You. Guide me in speaking truth today.*

*“Lord, I place the gospel of peace on my feet. Everywhere I go today, I declare peace will go with me. Guide me to those You want to share the gospel of peace with this day.*

*“Lord, I place the shield of faith in my hand as a shield from all the fiery darts of the evil one. I declare faith in You, Jesus, and in Your victory over that evil one. Guide me in recognizing any fiery darts sent to me from the enemy, that I might deflect them with the shield of faith.*

*“Lord, I take up the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. I declare Your Word as true and alive and active and powerful. I use Your Word to fight against the evil one. I ask You to place that Word in my mind and heart throughout this day that I may speak it forth as the Sword of the Spirit.*

*“Lord, I pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and petitions. I ask You, and declare, that You, Holy Spirit, will put those prayers in my heart and mind as I go throughout this day.*

*“Thank You, Lord, for this spiritual armor which You have given us to put on for protection against the forces of evil in the spiritual realm that we may be able to stand.”*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT TIME**

I was lying in a double bed beside my sister J at our childhood home. I checked the time on my watch and realized we'd missed the time to get up, and I was too late to teach my morning kindergarten class. Mom and Dad had not gotten up as usual and called J and me.

Next, I was at school sitting at a table at lunch and talking. I wondered if I would be fired for being late. There were 2 women and 1 man at the table with me. The man seemed like maybe the principal. He said someone (a man) thought I should be fired - not because of being late, but because of some testing I had given the children.

I looked at the 3 large school clocks in the room and saw that all 3 had a little different time, but two of them showed it was close to 1:00 which was time to begin my afternoon class. I arose to take my lunch tray out and go to my kindergarten room. I tried to find the time on my wristwatch but it was missing. My wrist had a deep indentation where it had been.

The main theme that seems to come through this whole dream is time.

- First I was late for teaching because I wasn't awakened soon enough by my parents. I had realized that when looking at my watch.
- Then I saw 3 clocks, large ones like on walls at schools. Each clock had a slightly different time, but two of them were close to 1:00.

- The next reference to time involved my wristwatch which was missing from my arm, but a very deep indentation of the watch was there.

Clock: time, late, early, delay, time to make a change, time running out,

Watch: vigilant, a prophet, being alert, on guard

One: (1:00) God, beginning, first in time, rank, order or importance, new

Father: God

Mother: church

Sister: spiritual sister

Bed: intimacy, rest

School: place of teaching and discipleship, training, learning

Three: Godhead, conform, obey, copy, imitate, likeness

*This dream is all about time - time to be alert, time to teach others, time to be somewhere, time to get up, time to start teaching a group, time to meet with someone, and time making a deep impression on you visibly.*

*This is what it means. The time is short. Time is precious. Use your time wisely. Wake up and get ready to teach others. The time is focused around God (1:00) and the Godhead (3:00).*

*Even without a watch to know what time it is, time is deeply impressed into you and is visible on you. You were not alerted to the importance of time by your parents or your sisters in Christ, or your church, but now you are very aware of it.*

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## IN DUE TIME

*In due time. That's when it will all be arranged for you - in due time. Just like a new baby is conceived, grows, and is delivered in due time. When it's the right time it will all come together. It just isn't the right time quite yet. It WILL come.*

*Do not fear. Do not be discouraged. I am working things out in just the right way. You will see afterwards that it was done in the perfect timing. I am the only one who knows what that is - just like I am the only one who knows the perfect timing of the Rapture. But just because it isn't happening now doesn't mean it won't happen at the perfect time. It will.*

*Keep waiting on Me, each day. I will show you the way. I AM the Way.*

*Each day, remember? Follow Me each day and you will always remain in My will. One day at a time.*

## A DREAM ABOUT A GAUZE-WRAPPED HAND LIKE A BOXING GLOVE

I wrote down a dream which had a picture before my eyes of a white-haired woman wearing a blue dress and holding a long strip of white gauze wrapped around her right hand. This hand then looked like a boxing glove with this big ball of gauze on it. She held her arm and hand in front of her as if in a boxing stance.

In a dream scene just before this, I felt a surge of power like I had just won something. I saw an old fashioned train on tracks.

- Boxing: striving, preaching, deliverance, trial, tribulation
- Hand: direction, relationship
- Hands: works: deeds, labor, service, spiritual warfare
- Clinched fist: fighting or anger
- Right: the power of God revealed through flesh (i.e. Christ or the Church), accepted, natural, authority, power, the strength of man (flesh)
- Hair: wisdom and anointing, covering, covenant
- White: pure, Spirit, holy power, without mixture, unblemished, spotless, righteousness, truth, innocence
- Train: continuous, unceasing work, the church, connected, fast, large ministry, move of God, training, large movement, large area of work
- Old fashioned: may mean a word done among the elderly

*This woman represents you, Joan. Her white hair means she is older, she has wisdom, and she is pure. Her right hand is her hand of strength - that which she uses to fight with. You will be "fighting the good fight". Your hand of strength will be protected by My healing gauze, pure and clean and never ending. Your hand is raised and ready to begin My work with your words and deeds and work. Her blue dress shows she is spiritual. This is a picture of you as spiritual and ready to fight the fight I give you.*

*Go in My Name, My child, and I will be with you wherever you go, anytime, any day, anywhere. You are ready.*

*You are the train, an older train, doing a large work. It will be continuous and unceasing and a move of God - work done by Me through you. The tracks shows there is a pre-planned, set path you are to follow. It is already set. Just listen to Me and be obedient to Me, and we will go together.*

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## THE BEST IS YET TO COME

Anything special You want to talk to me about?

*Yes. I want to share with you that the best is yet to come - for you and for Me. Remember what Kim Clement said about wonderful things happening between now and Christmas? Well, that is true. I don't want you to be out of computer contact and unable to write right at this moment because there is much I want you to write each day. You will understand this much better after it has all happened, and you will understand what I am referring to.*

*This time at night and in the early morning is precious to Me, Joan, and to you too. That is why I had you stop taking the sleeping aid pill - so we could communicate during these precious nighttime hours. I'll let you get enough sleep, don't worry. It's so precious quiet during these hours.*

*This is so good to meet you here. Now you may turn off the computer and continue on with your day along with Me. I will ALWAYS be with you, no matter what hour of the day or night. And I will ALWAYS protect you and guide you, My child. I love you!*

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## YOU WILL NOT FEAR

He led me to Psalm 91:5-6

**You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.  
(Psalm 91:5-6)**

### A DREAM ABOUT SPOTLIGHTS IN THE SKY

I was in a place where lots of people were meeting (I saw women). B had gone on some trip. I was sitting in a chair at the gathering and B came up and sat on my lap and said, "I want to be with my Mom." Then she and I got up and walked outside. It had been raining, but was just finishing the rain. I saw spotlights shining in the sky, many of them, and said I wondered what those were from.

Spotlights shining in the sky may symbolize people from earth spotlighting God and reaching up to show Him to others. The rain may symbolize the Holy Spirit being poured out on people. A meeting with lots of people may symbolize the Church gathering of God's people. My sitting refers to my resting and B comes and rests with me. Then we walk together symbolizing our continuing our spiritual walk or journey together. What does this mean, Lord?

*It means, these symbolic things are soon to happen: sitting together with My people, rain coming on the earth, you and B sharing this together, and spotlights on Me and what I am doing drawing people's attention to all this. Watch for this, My child. You will see it all - and B with you. And the Scripture I gave you (Psalm 91:5-6) applies to you both during this time. You will watch and see it, but not fear. It will not come near you.*

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## IF YOU ARE *WILLING* AND OBEDIENT

(Quote from *Drawing Near* by John Bevere)

(p. 117) A heart left to itself outside of the counsel of God's Word and His Spirit is a heart which is deceitful above all else.

God declares to His people, "**If you are *willing* and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land**" (**Isaiah 1:19, *author's emphasis***). Notice He doesn't say just obedient, but rather *willing* and obedient. Willingness deals with the attitude of our heart. I can ask my son to do something and he can immediately obey, and appear quite submitted, yet all the while murmuring in his heart. The reality is that he is not obeying in truth, but rather under pretense.

Today the Lord used this quote (about being fully submitted outwardly in pretense yet still in rebellion in the heart) to enable me to see myself as a child acting in submission to my parents because I felt I *had to*. But, at the same time, I was rebellious and hating in my heart because I disagreed with what they said to do. I had to confess this as sin and ask for forgiveness for that attitude.

The Lord also showed me I could have that same attitude toward Him. I remembered times when I said I wasn't going to ask what the Lord wanted me to do because, if He told me, I *had to be obedient*. Since I didn't want to necessarily be obedient if His will differed from mine, then I didn't ask Him for His advice and guidance. I, really, in my heart, didn't *want* to give up doing it my own way, and I really didn't see His guidance as what was best/good and what I desired.

## HIS ABIDING PRESENCE

I wanted to put the following quote in this journal because it helped me to understand finally the Scripture from Luke 13:25-27 where Jesus excludes some people who have done miracles in His name.

(Quote from Drawing Near by John Bevere)

(p. 121) There are many who are gifted by the Spirit of God, yet they do not keep the words of the Master with all their heart. They are the people who can be most easily deceived. The reason is the presence of the Lord will be sensed to a degree in their gifting, such as their preaching, singing, praying, or other form of ministry...The deception is that these people can easily assume that the presence of the Lord that is on them in ministry is His approval of their lives, and mistake that presence for intimacy with Him...Jesus says many professing to know Him are going to:

**stand outside and knock at the door, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us," and He (*the Lord*) will answer and say to you, "I do not (*intimately*) know you, where you are from," then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets." But He will say, "I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity." (Luke 13:25-27, *author's emphasis*)**

If you read this in conjunction with Matthew's account (Matt. 7:21-23) you will discover the ones who say this are those who did miracles in Jesus' name. They were gifted, yet assumed the presence of the Lord that accompanied the gifting equated to His presence of approval or intimacy. You can see the shock of these who professed to know Him, yet were turned away. (p. 122) It is so important that we understand there is a difference between His abiding presence and His presence that accompanies ministry.

That last sentence really gave me understanding:

(p. 122) It is so important that we understand there is a difference between His abiding presence and His presence that accompanies ministry.

This is what the Spirit spoke to me about this quote/idea:

*It's My abiding presence you will minister through, and not my gifting presence. That's why I told you in 2000 to develop intimacy with Me. It was and is My plan to minister through you to others through My abiding (all the time) presence.*

*That's why I tell you your mornings are to be Mine - to keep this abiding fresh and new and renewed day by day. It's in My abiding presence you will go forth in the mealtimes and afternoons and evenings. This will be a great experiment and experience for you - something different than you've done before.*

~ 100 ~

## THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS PRESENCE

My Scripture for today: Psalm 31:19-20

**Oh, how great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear You...You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence. (Psalm 31:19-20)**

*I want to talk to you about \_\_\_\_\_. I'm working on her, Joan. I want her to find the Truth. I am pouring out My Spirit on her and drawing her to the Truth. Once she discovers the Truth, like you did, she can evaluate everything else in relation to that. So, don't worry, I'm on it!*

~ 101 ~

## A DREAM ABOUT HOLDING A BABY AND MY WATCH STOPPING

In this dream I was holding a baby and taking care of it. I looked at my watch and saw that the hands of the watch had come loose and were not telling the time. I mentioned to someone that I had just bought that watch recently and now it stopped so I needed to return to the store and get it replaced.

I believe holding the baby represents the new ministry birthed for me. This ministry was just in the baby stage when the watch stopped working. I believe this means that shortly after I begin the ministry that time will stop for me. I will be raptured shortly after. This seems to be a dream showing me the time is short for me to be on this earth and that I am soon to return to the watchmaker (God) and get my new watch (eternity in heaven). I have had many dreams in the last several months regarding clocks and watches that were stopped, so the Lord is repeating that message and drawing my attention to it regularly. It is set, definite, going to happen.

### QUIET TIME NOTES

*I want to focus on you now, and on this "time" thing.*

*Rest in Me, rest in Me, rest in Me.*



*Wait for Me, wait for Me, wait for Me.*

*The time is short for you. Think of that each opportunity you have to share Me with others. It will possibly be your last time. I have trained you all your life for ministry.*

*I showed you the vision about the ball of fire getting faster. It's about to explode. You're at the very last of the last chronological picture I gave you in 1985. I told you they [the vision pictures] would happen in succession, and they did. The early ones were to help you believe for this last one.*

*The eyes you see [impressions] represent "watching." You are watching to see the words fulfilled that I've given you. And I do fulfill them.*

**~ 102 ~**

## **ARISE, SHINE**

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.  
(Isaiah 60:1)**

*Now I want to talk to you. You have said some things to Me at the conference that indicate you want Me to use you to reveal My glory. And I have assured you that I want to do that, and I plan to do that. This conference was to help get you ready.*

*You DO have My glory in you and upon you, Joan, you just don't realize it or think about it that way. The way I reveal myself through you is My special way for you. It is not like Kevin's way because I am preparing him to do different things than you. What I give him is for his ministry. What I give you is for your ministry. I am important and powerful in both, but in different ways.*

*That's why I wanted you to definitely hear John speak this morning about practical ways My glory is revealed. I will show My glory to you and through you - shortly before you need it - just as I showed My glory to Kevin just shortly before he needed the download of enthusiasm and revelation to present this conference.*

*Now go on as if I have revealed My glory to you, because I have - just in much more subtle ways than to Kevin. You WILL see Me work in and through you to minister exactly what I want you to minister.*

*I need you. I need you to "arise, shine, for your light has come." You'll know more about it later, and you will marvel at what I show you and do through you. You will be pleased and happy and feel satisfied that you are doing just what I want you to - My will.*

~ 103 ~

## **A DREAM ABOUT GIVING K AND B CAKES AND COATS**

This dream setting was at Mom's house. I was there with K and B and they were children. I gave them each a coat. I also gave them each a cake, created on the computer, and made a copy of those cakes so they could use them (but I don't know what for).

Home: heart, identity, roots

Home: (childhood) past family issues

K and B: my daughters, my family

Coat: protection, mantle or anointing, covering, authority

Cake: pertains to a goal or that which is striven for

The setting of the dream was in our house during the time I was Mom to K and B and they were children. I gave them each protection, covering, with the authority I had, out of my mantle. I also gave them goals to strive for. I made a copy of those goals for them to have on their computers.

*This has a lot of truth in your interpretation, Joan. You gave your daughters goals and covered them with your protection - that which you had the authority to give them. Now they have that "picture" of those goals on the computers of their minds/hearts.*

*That picture of the goals you instilled in them is still with them, in front of their eyes, something they attain or strive toward. It is a good goal/picture. Now you are not "with them" in the same house as in their childhood, but the picture of the goals (cake) you gave them is still with them.*

*It is your lifetime gift to them. This dream just portrays that, so you will know about that.*

~ 104 ~

## **IT'S ABOUT LOVING OTHERS**

I learned through John Bevere's book *Drawing Near* to ask the Holy Spirit to give me the interpretation to what I am praying as I pray in tongues. He said to note the thoughts that come into my mind as I pray in tongues as these could be ideas from the Holy Spirit, and I should write them down. So I did that this morning. Here are some things I wrote down today:

*This life you live is not just about you, Joan; it's about loving others. When you love others you want what is right and just for them.*

*Love is not just a smile and being agreeable although that's part of it. It's about righteousness and goodness and justice...giving this to others.*

*And who is the One who is righteousness and goodness and justice? Jesus Christ! So if you give Him to others, you love them (an active verb). That's how I want you to love them...give them Me. First you must establish a relationship with them - one at a time - and then give them Me.*

*You've had a hidden ministry (books) up until now in LS. Now it will gradually become more open...one person at a time. Look for that one. Ask Me and I will show you. Don't assume you know. Only I know who is really ready, because I've been getting them ready.*

*But first establish the relationship...and that will take lots of listening and praying for wisdom and understanding. But I will do it all...and take you with Me to speak for Me.*

~ 105 ~

## **A TESTIMONY OF HEALING**

This took place during the days that B attended the Hunter Healing School being offered at CTC by L and DH. She told me about some of the ways she was taught to pray for ailments.

I wanted her to pray for my shoulders, neck, and left side of my face. My left jaw area had been having periodic pains which moved around from place to place. Sometimes pain was in my left ear, sometimes in my left TMJ, sometimes in my upper tooth area and sometimes in my lower tooth area. It was such that I couldn't understand what was causing the pain.

So B placed her hands on my neck and face and prayed for me as she was taught. That took place a couple of weeks ago. During those two weeks I have had no pain in my left face area which I previously had.

Praise the Lord! It's a blessing to have the pain gone!

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## BREAKING THE POWER OF INTIMIDATION

Holy Spirit thoughts that came while I was reading the book *Breaking Intimidation* by John Bevere:

*That is what I'm calling you to, Joan, is to walk in love. And that is what I'm going to show you how to do. I'll lead you. I'll show you. We will co-minister this love of God together.*

*But first we must break the power of intimidation over your life - taught to you as a child by parents and school teachers who ruled by intimidation. You were taught that well, and it still rules over you. It is called "the fear of man." And Satan doesn't want you free from his power over you through it.*

*But now is your time to be free. This is the day of your salvation from it. You stood up to J even through the fear. Now I want you to overcome the fear of man, which intimidates you.*

*You are not looking for power, Joan. In fact, power intimidates you - as your parents and teachers had such power over you.*

~ 107 ~

## YOUR GIFT IS LOVE

Holy Spirit thoughts that came while I was reading the book *Breaking Intimidation* by John Bevere:

I asked the Lord: what is my gift, Lord?

*Your gift is love -*

- *Love for yourself so you have quietness and confidence to function,*
- *Love for Me so you will come to Me daily and be renewed,*
- *And love for others so you will care enough to reach out to them.*

*It will be a "selected few," whom I will show you, whom you are sent to love. When you love someone, you care enough to share the very best you have to give - and that is Me. You will share Me with that "selected few."*

*You are the heart [as part of the Body of Christ], Joan, the one who cares. B is the heart also. You see her functioning in it. So will you.*

*The more you listen during the day (when I speak plainly) the less I need to share with you in dreams (where it is disguised as symbols).*

~ 108 ~

## **I AM YOUR TOTAL PROVIDER**

*As a child expecting your father to provide for you and take care of you and keep you safe and secure - that's the way I want you to be with Me...as you will be in Heaven when I provide everything.*

*You see, I want you to be the same way with Me here on earth as it is in heaven - I am your total Provider.*

*So you don't need to be afraid of not having enough.*

~ 109 ~

## **REGARDING MY CALLING**

The Holy Spirit says regarding my calling:

I was called as a missionary as a youth at church camp.

I fulfilled this missionary calling by:

1. Giving Bibles through American Bible Society and International Bible Society
2. The work we did in Japan
3. Helping disciple/train people at CBC
4. My writing going into the world
5. Supporting missionaries and a church that supports them.

I served as: an educator, worshiper, discipler, writer, intercessor, greeter, pulpit committee, church council, and choir

~ 110 ~

## WITHOUT YOUR OWN AGENDA

*I love you, Joan and I want to do My best for you - if you'll let Me.*

Am I holding You back?

*You are not holding Me back. But continue to allow Me freedom to work out My plans.*

How do I do that, Lord?

*You listen to Me every new day - in the morning when you get up - just like today - without your own agenda - and let Me set your plans along with you.*

~ 111 ~

## IN HEAVEN

*So what DO you want to do after graduation from earth to Heaven, Joan?*

I want to spend time with You, Jesus, and be close to You forever and ever. I want to get a long, long hug from You and hear You say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant," if that applies to me.

I want to look into Your eyes and SEE the love and acceptance that I have been believing by faith You have for me.

I want to always be close to You for eternity.

I want to hear the new name You have for me, and have You place the name of my God and the city of my God on me as it mentions in Revelation.

I want to thank you for all You have done for me, and worship You and praise You forever.

I want to see the place/mansion You have prepared for me, and hear what You want me to do in Heaven, and during the millenium, and after that on the new heaven and earth.

I want to participate in the wedding supper of the Lamb for His Bride.

I want to greet my relatives and friends and make new friends too.

I want to rejoice in all You've done for us, Your people, and share in Your joy.

Then I want to do the work you have prepared me for from the foundation of the world.

~ 112 ~

## CIRCLES OF LIGHT

As I watched the circles of light reflected on the walls, ceiling, and floor from the sun shining on the mirrored Christmas ball, the Spirit said that's how many people I've taken His light to in this world. I'd guess there are 80-100! Some are close and some are far. He says:

*Remember that - each time you look at the ball and see the circles of light.*

*You are like a mirrored ball reflecting My light to all around you. You think of the one (person) you missed, but I think of all those you didn't miss.*

*When you are a teacher, as you are, then you get credit for all those you influenced for Me, and for all those influenced for Me by them, and on and on.*

*Your books are like that too - all over the world. And your teachers get credit for you and what you do, etc. And look at Paul and other writers of the OT and NT - look how many they influenced for Me.*

*Writers have a special privilege/opportunity to do this, just as you did and do. That's why I wanted your books on the web. B gets her share in all those credits too.*

~ 113 ~

## WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN, I HAVE WRITTEN

**The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." (John 19:21-22)**

*I have said, "I will speak to you. Do you want to hear from Me?"*

*You have said, "Yes, I want to hear from You."*

*So this is what I speak:*

*I AM King of the Jews. I am King of the earth. I am King of the Universe. I am King over all the earth and will continue to be so. Even though the enemy temporarily has been given authority to rule on the earth - authority given to him by man - I am still King over the earth.*

*What I say happens, happens. What I have written, I have written. He (Pilate) spoke those words for Me, but he didn't realize it.*

*Now I speak those words for you, Joan. What I have written for you, I have written, and you are following My written (written already in heavenly records) instructions. And what you have written in co-laboring with Me, is written and will not be retracted by you or by Me.*

**~ 114 ~**

## **AT THE END OF ONE YEAR AND BEGINNING THE NEXT YEAR**

12-31-06 Sunday

The Holy Spirit guided me to stay home from church today, and listen to Him, and write what He says to me.

*This is right. This is what I want you to do today: worship Me, listen to Me, talk to Me.*

*And we will make plans for next year as well as review 2006. In 2006 I finished up your nine books and got them all on the web. I sent them out to many people, and they will be there for the future when I need them and want to use them.*

*I taught you through Derek Prince, Bill Johnson, John Bevere, and Bill Hybels. I encouraged you through B.*

*Now it is time to carry out our plans. My timing is perfect, remember? Several times you have given up the plans to Me and said you wanted My will - even to the point of being willing to be taken from the earth to heaven now if that is My will. It is not My will just*



*yet. It may be soon, but not quite yet. You will know when it is the right time because I will tell you. There are just a few things I want to use you for yet before you leave/go.*

*Tomorrow starts the New Year. You have been reading about prophecies concerning things happening during that New Year. You will be part of fulfilling those prophecies. You will have your own small part, but it is the needed part I want you to play for Me. Will you do it?*

Yes, Lord, I say yes to you.

*Ok, then I will use you in the small part I have for you. If each one who belongs to Me will do his/her own part, then all will be accomplished as I plan. Each part is important and needed. Then I won't need to find someone else to do the part I have for you. Ok?*

*Now, listen. There is more I want to tell you.*

*I have heard your many prayers for your "prayer bundle." I have honored those prayers, and I will continue to honor them. I will also continue to give you prayers, daily, as I want them prayed by you, so I can be activated to work in those particular situations.*

*I know you want to continue to be an intercessor, and you will be. But only what I give you to intercede for, ok? Do not spend your time interceding for those people and situations that I don't lead you to. Follow the prompting of My Spirit.*

*Remember that you have already done the most important thing in this life on earth: you have believed and received Me as your Lord and Savior, and you have developed a personal, private relationship with Me.*

*And you have given yourself in love to many people while on earth...the second most important thing you were to accomplish. You will continue to do that more and more (both things). The rest of what you do is just icing on the cake for your rewards, and working with Me in helping bring the Kingdom to earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Now I am done talking. This is what I wanted to tell you at the end of 2006. The New Year will be very different, but equally good as this year.*

*I will always be with you. I will NEVER leave you or forsake you. That's who I am and what I am like - I stick with My own, My Bride, those who belong to Me. And you are one of those. Now put Psalm 55 here for the ending-of-the-year writings:*

### **Psalm 55 NLT**

**Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink - even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk - it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.**

**Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. See how I used him to display my power among the peoples. I made him a leader among the nations. You also will command nations you do not know, and peoples unknown to you will come running to obey, because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious.**

**Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.**

**"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.**

**"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the Lord's name; they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love."**