

ENCOURAGING
WORDS
Book 8

TO REVIEW
FOR STRENGTHENING

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INTRODUCTION

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

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THE LORD HEARS EACH OF US SEPARATELY AND DISTINCTLY

You're amazing, Lord, amazing that this individual relationship and attention you give each one of your children here on earth, you also do in heaven.

Don Piper, who wrote a book about his experience in visiting heaven, spoke on PTL show on TBN yesterday that he heard multiple praise songs worshiping You while in heaven, all at the same time, and there was no clashing or dissonance. He said he could hear each song separately and distinctly all at the same time. He still has that sound in his memory after returning to earth.

To me that indicates that you hear each of us separately and distinctly, all at the same time, here on earth, and you also will relate to us individually that way in heaven too. Amazing! And you say to me as I think about this: *on earth as it is in heaven* - that's what your kingdom is like.

I love You, Lord! I'm so thankful that I belong to Your kingdom here on earth - and in heaven! I want everyone to belong to Your kingdom, Lord, everyone who will.

And you will help people want it, Joan, through your writings. I will use them for My purposes.

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REST IN THE LORD

This is the song that is in my heart and mind today - as it has often been. I learned this song in college while I was taking vocal lessons, and it has come to my mind many times since then. It is based on the Scripture in Psalm 37:4-7.

A Song

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

Commit thy way unto Him, and rest in Him.
Commit thy way unto Him, and rest in Him.
And fret not thyself, because of evildoers.

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

I want you to keep on doing what you are doing - talking to Me, praising Me, thanking Me, and reading My Word. It all brings you closer to Me and gives you a greater understanding of who I am and what I am like.

In the Old Testament I was preparing My people, Israel, to receive My Messiah and to understand what He was doing. I taught them about the blood sacrifice and how it cleansed from sin. Then I sent My Messiah to cleanse them completely with His own perfect blood sacrifice. But most of them would have none of it. Some did receive Him.

Now I am finishing what I started then. It is near the end of this age - the age of grace in which people can receive forgiveness of sins by My grace, freely given. I'll not tell you what's coming, but it will be different.

You are blessed to live in this particular age, Joan. I wanted you to live in it, and to be here right at the end of this age of grace. Soon I will take out My Spirit/My Bride/My people, and this age will be finished. Then will come the transition time (the tribulation) to the next age - which you call the millennium. It will be good, but it will be different. You are here now, not later, so you can learn to rule and reign with Me later - that is My plan for you. You chose this time to live in, and I chose it for you to live in. You are Mine, and I treasure you, Joan.

You will see many disturbing things in the days to come - like the economic stresses and difficulties right now - and these things must happen. It is part of the shaking and preparation of My Bride just before she comes up here to live eternally with Me. Do not fear and do not be afraid. I will take care of you and your family too. You have nothing to fear as long as I am with you. I take care of My own, and you all belong to Me. So do not fear.

It will hurt to see so many others hurting, but they will be more receptive to Me and need Me much more. That is often necessary to bring people to Me - their need. I allow those needs to bring them something much better than they could have by themselves.

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MARANATHA - COME, LORD JESUS

Oh, Lord! I saw the picture on TV this morning of the Palestinians from Gaza pushing their way frantically into Egypt to get food because they were starving. They were starving because Israel

closed the way for them to get food from Israel - because they were sending rockets into Israel from Gaza. Oh, how badly they (and this world) need You, Lord! The world is so messed up! It is so wicked! It seems that Your judgment must be soon due to all the wickedness.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and take away your Bride, judge the wickedness here on earth, and then set up your Kingdom of justice and righteousness here! Maranatha!

I AM coming soon, Joan. These things must happen first. People and the whole world must be shaken so those who will, will be shaken out of their lethargy and come to Me. I don't want to miss a single person who belongs to Me. I love them too much. And I know who they are. We're almost there, Joan, we're almost at the Rapture. Keep standing. Keep being patient. And keep praying for My Kingdom to come and My will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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A SURPRISE!

Today a surprising and unusual thing happened. The icemaker on B's refrigerator had quit working about 1-2 weeks ago. We noticed it as our supply of ice ran out. So we put ice cube trays into the freezer and have been using ice cubes from them for 1-2 weeks.

Someone mentioned to Beth that she should pray about it and speak to the icemaker to work. She did that last night and I agreed with her. This morning it still wasn't working, so I spoke to it again and told it to work properly in Jesus' name and authority.

So, awhile later, I heard it drop ice cubes in the container for them, and later I heard it do that again! Praise God, it is working!

Lord, what do You want me to learn from this?

I want you to learn that I am King, Commander, and Lord of everything, even an icemaker. I can take care of every need you have, Joan, and every need B has as you keep your lives rightly aligned with Me. I hear your prayers when you are clean and pure before Me and listen to Me and follow My ways. I wanted to show you and have you understand that there are many ways I can bless you and take care of you - AND provide for your needs. This is certainly one way. Remember this, and share this with others as I lead you to.

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A DREAM ABOUT HIGHWAY 37

Highway 37 refers to being (30) "acceptably conformed" and (7) "complete, finished." So, driving on highway 37 refers to completing or finishing being acceptably conformed to the Lord. Following the road was not too difficult in the daylight, but would become quite difficult when it got dark. This refers to now being the daylight when things are not yet too difficult to maneuver around, but the dark coming soon when things were going to be difficult and hard to travel in. You want to get "home" into familiar territory before dark. This could refer to going to heaven before the tribulations come. This whole dream refers to your lifetime - your home and your ministry car and the road you travel on - highway 37.

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IN HIS MERCY HE ALLOWS FIRES IN OUR LIVES

Quotes from *The Fire of Delayed Answers* by Bob Sorge

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In His mercy, He allows other fires to put the heat on our lives: financial distress; physical distress (sickness, infirmity); family distress. Without the heat, so often our love grows cold. You say, "Those things can't be from God because He has given us specific promises in His word that He would deliver us from those things." He does deliver us, but He uses the delay period (while we're waiting for the deliverance) as a purifying fire in our lives.

The fiery distress you face is the mercy of God to you.

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Jesus doesn't lead you into theological crisis until He's first given you His voice. Then it's your choice: stay with the safety net of the verses you've always believed, or go with the voice that's leading you forward. Go with His voice, and you'll discover with the disciples that they are words of life!

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Those disciples who stayed with Jesus through the theological crisis were led into a dimension of maturity and fruitfulness in Christ that others forfeited.

LIKE JOB, HE HAD TO WORK THROUGH ISSUES IN HIS LIFE

Quotes from *The Fire of Delayed Answers* by Bob Sorge

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Like Job, when calamity hit my life, I found myself with my own set of theological struggles and questions. Here are some of the issues that I have personally had to work through in recent years:

- I USED TO BELIEVE that God didn't use physical infirmity to bring His saints to greater maturity. Then, when infirmity hit my own life, I had to wrestle through to a new understanding of God's ways.
- I USED TO THINK that God intended that we always have joy...And then, I took a knockout punch. Suddenly I found myself with absolutely no joy....All I had was depression. I hadn't done anything to bring the depression on, and I couldn't do anything to get out of it. I had no kingdom joy, and yet I knew I was still in the kingdom. This forced me to wrestle with God and to adjust my "joy theology." Now I can see that a pruned vine doesn't feel any joy.
- I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED that when God calls He enables, and that when He calls you to a ministry He doesn't later change His mind and revoke that calling...Why would God call and enable me with giftings and then remove my ability to function in that calling? It took me many months to come to the conviction that my present inability is only for a season and that He will restore me to full function in His time.
- AFTER I HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL to teach and train my children in the word of God, why would He severely limit my ability to continue to do so?
- "And nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). HOW DO I RECONCILE that promise of Jesus with the fact that Satan was given permission to injure me at a time when I was coming against Satan's kingdom with high praise? How can Satan take a shot at a saint when he's walking in obedience and living in the presence of God?

THE PURPOSE OF THE THEOLOGICAL CRISIS is not to change your theology (although that will happen) but to change you. Instead of viewing the Christian life through your lens of selected Bible verses (God's **acts**), you will begin to view the kingdom with a fresh appreciation for and understanding of God's **ways**. In the end we discover that His voice does not contradict His written word, even though for a time we couldn't reconcile them. The problem wasn't in His word but in our boxed-in understanding.

STAY FOCUSED ON GOD ALONE

Quotes from *The Fire of Delayed Answers* by Bob Sorge

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I've discovered that the key to being single-minded in the face of great anxieties is this: to stay focused on God alone. Just don't turn from His face, which is unbelief. Our anxieties want us to divert our eyes and expectations to some human source of help or relief. At that point we're double-minded. As long as you look to Jesus as your complete source, you're single-minded in faith.

Give yourself to prayer and the word until God speaks to you. The thing we long for, breathe for, pant for, wait for, is a word that proceeds from the mouth of God. When a word proceeds from God's mouth, it will always accomplish the purpose for which God sends it (Isaiah 55:10-11) because it is the most powerful entity in and beyond the entire universe. It created the universe. When God speaks, your faith or cooperation or resistance are irrelevant. When God speaks, everything changes. It is impossible for a word to come from God's mouth and then be inhibited by any other factor, be it demonic resistance, human carnality or unbelief, the laws of nature, etc. this word is unstoppable.

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When they told Jairus of his daughter's passing, they spoke the word of doubt...immediately Jesus spoke to Jairus's heart with the word of faith: "Do not be afraid; only believe." Those are two extremely challenging words: "Only believe." The Lord commands us to do nothing else but believe. True faith doesn't have a contingency plan. Faith only does one thing: It only believes.

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Why did Jesus allow only three of His disciples to enjoy the glory of that moment? (raising Jairus's daughter) The answer is to be found in His teaching that to those who have, more will be given. Of the Twelve, Peter, James, and John were the most diligent to follow hard after the Lord Jesus. Their diligence qualified them for this fantastic experience. God doesn't show favoritism, but He has His favorites - He reserves the highest encounters for those who diligently seek Him and walk in abandoned obedience.

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Peter didn't understand why Jesus wanted to wash His feet. When Peter asked him why He was doing this, Jesus simply answered, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." Well, that wasn't enough of an answer for Peter. Since he didn't understand it right now, he wasn't going to cooperate with the thing.

This is so typical of what happens during delayed answers. We're saying, "What's going on here, Lord? You've got to explain this to me. Why haven't You answered my prayer yet?" And the Lord is simply saying, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

Unless we choose to walk with the Lord in the thing, we will miss His purposes. Jesus is basically saying, "If you don't allow me to work in dimensions you presently don't understand, then you have no part with Me."

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God's hand represents His provisions and blessings...Seek His face. This is not simply the seeking of relief but the seeking of a living relationship with Him.

Knock: A door in the New Testament usually refers to the opening of God's will for the individual. Knock until you discover God's will. Knock until the next step opens up before you.

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He (Jesus) is affirming that there are times when God designs a delay in order to produce a specific work in us through the pain of unresolved suffering. His purpose is that we maintain our persistence and intensity of cry until His work is complete in us. It's the crying out to God day and night that qualifies God's elect to enter into His fuller purposes. To quit is to forfeit. (Luke 11:5-8)

Even though God delays His answers at times, He never waits too long. He waits as long as is necessary, but when the season of delay is complete and the intended work in our hearts is perfected, He acts most swiftly and sends His answer "speedily." (suddenly)

In the face of delayed answers, it takes great faith to persevere in seeking only the face of God - to "cry out day and night to Him." Because your mind will imagine all kinds of other possible sources of relief you could conceivably pursue. Your creativity will spring to life, and it will in fact militate against your faith. There are many who give up the pursuit of God at this point, their faith collapses, and they seek out another source of help. It is in the context of addressing that kind of discouragement that Jesus asks, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" the question is not, will He find saving faith, but will He find the kind of faith that insists on seeking only God in the face of delayed answers?

During the crisis period of waiting, when everything screams at you, "You must do something **now!**" It takes great faith to keep your expectation on God alone.

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TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH

This dream means that I will use your books to go worldwide and separate out those who want to learn from Me - how to praise Me, prophesy for Me, and worship Me as I have already taught you. I will take this information via your books to those in the four corners of the earth (worldwide) and they will come to your classes (through your books) and learn about Me from you. They can be picked up and moved about spiritually as they follow your teaching.

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THE WORLD SURROUNDED BY STARS

(Genesis 15:5) He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Then the Lord gave me a mental picture of the world surrounded completely by stars all the way around it. He said He would take my books out to my children (represented by those stars) all around the world.

He told me he would have people come to me and ask if they could add a link to www.doveministry.net to their web sites, and I was to say yes if I felt ok about them. But I was to always turn my thoughts to Him each time to see if He says no. Otherwise a yes is ok.

I am not to ask others to put the link on their sites, but to let them suggest this to me. Then I will know this is from the Lord.

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THE LONGING OF THE HUMAN HEART

JG, our youth pastor, gave a sermon regarding the longing of the human heart. There were seven things he said we yearn for:

1. To be enjoyed by God - Isaiah 62:5
2. For fascination and awe - Psalm 27:4
3. For beauty - Isaiah 61:3
4. For greatness - 1 Cor. 2:9
5. For intimacy without shame - Hebrews 10:19-20
6. For true love (with God) - Matthew 22:37-40
7. For making a deep and lasting impact - Matthew 28:19

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LIGHTS

You will see lights soon, Joan. It will be supernatural light you will see, and it will indicate that I am near and I want to get you used to "seeing" Me in these new ways. They will become commonplace in your life, but they will not be something I want you to share with others unless I tell you to. It will be a comfort and joy for you, and a blessing from Me to you. Don't be surprised. Just ask Me, "What is this, Lord?" Or "What does this mean, Lord?" Then I will speak to you and instruct you (I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you). Don't be surprised. Just be pleased that I am doing this for you. It will not be something deceptive from the enemy. I will not let him deceive you.

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A DREAM ABOUT FLOATING IN A RIVER IN A CAR

In this dream I was inside a car which was floating in a river on top of the water. I was floating, going with the flow of the river, but I also seemed to have some control over what I did and where I went. I could occasionally see some car mostly submerged and stopped in the river. I also saw the tops of some cars in the distance off to the right of me, like they were moving along in a different stream of the river. There was a special turn-off to the left I was looking for. When I came to it, I floated off to the left onto this side stream. But I had to go up somewhat to take that stream, as it angled up higher than the part of the river I was previously on. However, my car was able to do that ok. It was a gradual turn up and left.

Interpretation: This shows a symbolic picture of me in my ministry being led by the Spirit on the River of God and taking a left turn, signifying a spiritual turn, and going up higher when I did that. This river may symbolize revival or a move of the Spirit of God. The cars off to the right in a different stream represent some people who are moving with the Spirit but in a different part of the river or stream of what God is doing. The cars that were submerged and stopped may represent people who were once in the stream of what God was doing, but became overwhelmed and sank to the bottom of the riverbed and got stuck there. They were wrecked by the Spirit's flow.

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DRAW NEAR TO ME

I want you to listen to Me today. There is something I want you to write for Me. I love you, and I love all My people in a special way. It's not that I don't love all people and care about them, but there is a special love I give My own.

I love it when you turn your thoughts to Me right when you wake up in the morning. We connect then because you have "drawn near to Me" so I "draw near to you." This is good. Keep doing this daily.

You are a seer. A seer is one who "sees" things I show them, but also one who "hears" things I speak to them. You do both. Trust in that. That will not change while you are on the earth.

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WORDS COME FROM A SPIRIT.

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

(From JG at Prophetic Presbytery)

"...see it's Jesus, it's His Word, that He has promised, things that He has given us, that you're standing on. He has filled you with His Word, and life is coming forth. Life is coming forth. But you have to speak into that, you see. I'm just giving a little bit of teaching with this. You see, words, words come from a spirit. They come from some spirit. Whatever words you speak it comes from some spirit, so as you speak life, the Word of God into it, you're speaking Jesus into it. And that's where the life comes from. This will help."

I heard this from the Spirit later that same day:

Words come from a spirit, the same spirit thoughts come from

- *Self*
- *World*
- *Devil*
- *God*

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A DREAM ABOUT FIRE COMING FROM MY CAR

I was first inside my car driving it and realized it might be on fire because I saw light - like fire flashing from the front of the car, the engine area. I stopped the car and got out. I stooped and looked underneath and saw light - like flames of fire seeming to come from the engine area.

Interpretation: The car symbolizes me - or my ministry. The fire symbolizes passion and the burning flame of the Spirit in my ministry. Since the engine is that which gives energy to the car to enable it to move, the flames by the engine symbolize the Holy Spirit empowering me as I minister (currently in writing) with Him.

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JEHOVAH ROPHE

I have a great praise to report. I awoke about 3:30 this morning with pain in my right back (and sometimes front area) below my waist. It felt like the kidney stone pain I had once before in June of 2006 when B took me to the ER for it. I prayed several times and asked God to heal this pain and the cause for it. And He did! Now the pain is gone, PTL! I am so thankful that my God is Jehovah Rophe, the God who heals me!

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A WALK OF HUMILITY

(Quotes from *Experiencing Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost)

(186-7)

The Christian walk is a walk of humility. It is the way to our salvation. It is our way to intimate relationships. Humility is the way to dwelling in the abiding presence of Father's love. The number one hindrance to an intimate walk with God, one in which we truly know and are truly known by Him, is the absence of humility. When we are more concerned with what other people think than with what God thinks of us - that is the absence of humility. When we justify our behavior, shift blame, accuse, find fault, criticize or seek to vindicate ourselves - that is the absence of humility. When we had rather be right than have relationship - that is the absence of humility. When we do not confess our sins and our failures to others - that is the absence of humility. When we do not acknowledge our sins against love - that is the absence of humility. When we do not daily admit our desperate need for God to father us and help in our lives - that is the absence of humility. The

absence of humility is the sin that caused Lucifer to lose the place of abiding in God's love, the Father's house.

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A DREAM ABOUT A BOWL OF "THE RED STUFF"

In this dream I was in a room where many people were gathered around a large number of tables eating. There was a bowl of something we called "the red stuff" which acted like a sweetener and would regulate people's blood sugar to keep it on an even keel. I went around to other tables looking for the bowl of 'the red stuff' and came to GS. He was out of whack and had many different bowls of stuff around him. When I asked him for the red stuff, he finally found it and gave the bowl to me. I needed to take it around and give "doses" of it to various people so they would get back to normal in their sugar chemistry. They needed to have regular doses of it. If they didn't have it regularly, they got so out of whack they didn't even know what they needed to get back to normal again.

I started to read yesterday the book by Andrew Murray called *The Power of the Blood*. When I awoke from this dream I felt the bowl of "the red stuff," which was a sweetener to keep our blood chemistry right, represented The Blood of Jesus. We would get out of whack or out of balance without enough of it, and would need to have more applied to us. I was the person who went searching for it and applied it to people who didn't even realize they needed it. This reminds me of the prayer I pray each day "pleading the blood of Jesus" over people.

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THAT YEARNING

I'm putting that yearning in you today to come close to Me. I'm here, and I DO want to talk to you. That's why you have had the increasing 'thought' within you that you should stay home today and spend time with Me. Don't worry. It's ok to skip church once in awhile. When I lead you to.

I'll get you there. I'll bring you into closeness with Me. I'm calling unto something deep within you and you sense it inwardly. That's good and ok to respond to, because it's Me. I am here. I am calling unto you to set yourself apart unto Me today. Yes, it's good.

You are My prophetic writer, Joan. A prophetic writer listens to Me, the voice of the Spirit, calling from inside - and responds to it. Why would I pick a Sunday? Because that's what I choose. It's My choice. You can let B take care of herself today because she has the time to do that. Just focus on Me.

I am here. I am speaking with you. I am coming to you to communicate with you. Let's meet together right now, this new morning, ok?

Yes, Lord, it's ok.

What did you dream last night, Joan?

(I dreamed about a number of things, which I told Him)

Do you think those dreams were from Me?

It didn't seem like that. It didn't seem that they were outstanding or meaningful or prophetic. I wasn't planning to write them down. Were they from You, Lord?

No, they were NOT from Me. They were to fill your mind with useless facts that could cause you confusion. Confusion is one of the ways the enemy tries to trip you up. Rebuke those dreams and send them away.

Now you may go downstairs, eat, etc. and come back here after B leaves for church. We are now in touch and I want to tell you some things and have you write them.

Ok, Lord.

If I don't say anything, don't write anything. Only write what I say, ok?

I want you to know that right now America is in great peril, great danger. Pray against the Islamic threat that is forming and growing against America. They know they can't really take out Israel without crippling America first, so it won't come to Israel's aid. Pray against them.

I want you off to yourself during this time, this morning, so you won't be distracted by anything and so you will hear Me clearly and pray as I lead you. I will be doing this (setting you apart) more and more often as the attempts to attack America and Israel increase.

This is the way your life is going to be from now on out....setting yourself apart unto Me to listen to Me and pray for Me.

A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO MEET WITH THE REGISTRAR AT COLLEGE

It was my last year at college that was about to start. I was trying to meet with the registrar to find out what courses they had me signed up for, and what they were. I also wanted to find out if I would finish all the courses I still needed to take this coming school year. I hunted for the registrar's office in the administration building. When I went in the building there was a section blocked off which looked like it was going to be renovated. It had pieces of old furniture sitting in the entrance area. I kept looking for the right office.

I finally talked to a young woman who printed out a picture of the courses I was assigned to take. She learned there were too many bunched together in time slots so there would be too much to do at those times. She made arrangements for me to go see the registrar, and I tried to make my way to her office to review my courses. I knew I wasn't going to continue as a music major, and wondered how that would change my course needs. I woke up before getting these questions answered.

I am the registrar, Joan, the one who decides which courses you are to take and when you have finished taking all that you need to finish your prescribed degree course.

I want you to know your "course" on this earth is almost finished. I don't want you to know what is yet left for you to learn, experience, do, and be tested on. That's why you didn't find Me in the dream. You know I exist, but you don't know where to contact Me about this matter.

Just ask Me to lead you and show you the way, and then trust Me to take you there. You are almost ready to graduate - that's why you feel such an inner compelling to finish this current book - because you want it finished to help others after you leave.

A music major is one who is full time learning to worship Me. You see in this dream that you are not that full time now, but only part-time. That's because you are now a part-time writer and seer also.

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO THE LORD

This idea has been starting to form in my mind the last couple of days: that a book I may write in the future would be a devotional book.

Today as I read in *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge, I read some of his section regarding praying the Scriptures. I have found myself doing that in my own reading of Scripture times. As I read a section (i.e. about King David, or Jeremiah, or Esther, etc.) I learn things about how they related to God, how He related to them, and what God is like, and I pray about these ideas in my own life. Perhaps someday I am to write these ideas in a book. For now, I think I am to put the ideas in my journal and copy them into a possible book to be put together sometime in the future.

BW said he saw at least 12 books over B and me. I am currently working on #10 (*Journal of a Listener to God*), and #11 is *Stories of Miracles and Revival*. So perhaps #12 will be a daily devotional of some sort. If this idea is from God, He will continue to affirm it to me and give me the ideas He wants in the book. I'm just writing this down today to indicate the possible start of it.

You don't need to put dates in this devotional book. Just put a title (taken from the Scripture and/or prayer) for each section. Then put the Scripture used. Then put the prayer that rose up in your heart that you prayed to Me. That's a good beginning as to how to do this book.

It will come into form (outward form) day by day as you read My Word and use it to pray to Me. I will put the prayers and ideas in you one by one in a daily time together. When I indicate I want that prayer or idea in the "devotional book," come and write it in your journal and in the book folder.

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:33-34)

This is the first Scripture I want you to put in the beginning of this devotional book.

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A DREAM ABOUT NOT BEING READY TO START SCHOOL

In this dream I was in a schoolroom where my kindergartners were soon to arrive. I wasn't ready to begin teaching.

1. I didn't have lesson plans made and materials ready
2. I had not been given a class list, so I didn't know who and how many were coming
3. I was supposed to collect money (\$5.00) for their supplies, but couldn't do that while starting to teach
4. I was trying to show a parent who volunteered how to make a list of the students' names, addresses, payment, etc. but couldn't find a pen or pencil that worked, so that was going slowly.

5. Some man came and wanted to meet me, so I introduced myself to him. He looked for a name badge to see my name, and I didn't have one on yet.
6. The room needed to be organized and cleaned up, putting extraneous stuff away. I was trying to get some children to move some unneeded stuff over along a wall to get it out of the way.
7. I didn't know my way around the school buildings and was frustrated when I was taken from one building to another and it wasn't made clear where I was going and how to get there next time.

This was a frustrating dream emotionally. I was trying to be calm and get organized, but it was not happening as fast as I needed it to. I awoke wondering why I had this dream and what it meant. I've had several similar dreams where I was unprepared for teaching the children. Since I am a person who likes to be very well prepared for what's coming, this lack of preparedness was frustrating to me. Teaching children means to me discipling young Christians. This dream seems to show these things:

1. Lessons plans: I have to teach without this preparation
2. Class list: I have to teach without knowing how many students I have and who they are
3. I don't have the ability to collect money and teach at the same time so someone else was going to do that for me. The number 5 refers to service, work and grace.
4. Pen/pencil represents the tongue: as in covenant, agreement, contract, vow, publish, record. This might show that my words going out to these students is due to an agreement with the Lord and me, and they are being published by our covenant, by His grace and by my works of service for Him.
5. I wasn't identified by others, wasn't known by them, and didn't have something pinned on me to identify myself outwardly. So this means people won't know or recognize me.
6. This endeavor involved needing to move unnecessary clutter out of the way so we could focus on the necessary and most important things.
7. I am not clear how to get to this teaching place - what the pathway is to get there. I have to be led there by another person who knows.

In summary this shows I am going "someplace" without preparation, not knowing who the students are, by my service work and the grace of the Lord, not known and not recognized, with focus on the most important things, and entirely led there by someone else.

Lord, will you reveal to me what this dream means?

Yes, My child, I will. Your summary description is right on. It summarizes quite nicely what is coming up soon in your life. It can refer to your books.

Only I can get you to this, and only I can provide the necessary plans. You just follow Me - the same direction I have given you many times in the past - follow Me.

This might be frustrating to you at times because you like to "know" and "be prepared" - but not this time. Only I know who, when, where, how, etc. This time it is entirely by faith and following Me.

*So, know this is coming, soon, and I will lead the way and make all the necessary plans.
Your task is just to follow Me day by day.*

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SEEING DIFFICULTY THROUGH THE EYES OF GOD

(Quotes from *The Journey Home* by Bill Bright, pg 16-19)

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BILL: Seeing difficulty through the eyes of God is the only way I can comprehend anyone coping sensibly with death and dying. It takes His perspective, and He says, "Count it all joy" when you have problems and trials (James 1:2 NKJV). So I decided to receive the "bad news" of the medical reports as a gift from God. Yes, a gift. What do you do with a gift?

- Receive it, even clutch it to yourself.
- Thank the giver, even before understanding the gift.
- Open it and discover what the Giver has in store for you.
- Begin to employ and enjoy the gift...

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From the beginning of this journey home, I fully embraced God's perspective about my illness, pain, and discomfort...I am merely seeking to agree with God on how to look at the challenge. It is an "attitude check" if ever there were one. And an attitude of gratitude to our great Creator-God and Savior always demonstrates faith and pleases God.

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VONETTE: Another discovery God gave me helped with our natural desire to know when something is going to happen, even though we know we should simply trust God about matters of timing. But God knew my need, and He gave me an answer to that while I was reading the New Living Translation version of John 14:3 "When everything is ready, I will come to get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

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This quote by Vonette speaks to me today about my desire to know what is coming and when it will come. I choose to also cling to John 14:3 "**When everything is ready, I will come to get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.**" That fits with my waiting on news about what is coming next in my life. When it is the right time Jesus will provide the means of going there AND He will go there with me. He will go "ahead of me." Thank You, Lord!

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WRITING THE DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOK

You can take all the scriptures in your book of Scriptures and put them in the DAILY DEVOTIONAL, then I will give you the prayers I would like prayed with those Scriptures.

You don't need to 'make up' those prayers - I will give them to you supernaturally. Then those prayers will be supernaturally powerful. You will learn from this and others will too.

I will teach you a lot through writing this next book - the DAILY DEVOTIONAL. I will also give you the name for this new book when it is the right time.

You will name (title) each devotional scripture/prayer. No, don't number them, but use (computer) page numbers in your table of contents.

You see, I teach you, and then I use those same teachings to help multitudes of others - because you are My writer, you write for Me, and only Me. Not for a publisher, or an editor, or anyone else, only Me.

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MEDITATE IN GOD'S WORD

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8)

Quote from Bob Sorge's book *Secrets of the Secret Place* page 72

What does it mean to meditate in God's word? It means to slow way down the reading pace, and to contemplate every word and phrase, looking for deeper and fuller meanings. We uncover various layers of rich understanding as we go deeper and deeper. Meditation is the art of digging out the most that we can from each and every word. The written word of God is revealed by the Living Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

A DREAM ABOUT CRICKETS AND A BLUE JAY IN MY ROOM

In this dream I opened the door of my room (perhaps in a dorm) and saw lots of little creatures in it. I specifically saw a cricket pushing 2 fountain pens (one yellow and a darker color) under the bed. I noted that I needed to look under that bed to see what all had been pushed under it.

I also saw a blue jay making a nest in something like a statue-like clothes display frame (just the top portion from the shoulders up). Then the blue jay was pulling on this clothes frame with its beak (the blue clothes or cloth on it) and backing up to pull it over toward the right.

Interpretation: Since the room may symbolize myself, opening the door to it may refer to seeing into something within myself. Rooms can symbolize various issues. This room had a bed in it so it should have been a place of rest, but it was invaded by little creatures pushing and pulling things around. A bedroom can refer to a place of intimacy, so perhaps this dream refers to my place of intimacy being invaded. The invaders were hiding my pens and pulling on the spiritual covering over my mind.

I had the impression this area was filled with lots of little things like crickets and birds and needed to be cleaned out. Crickets and birds are "outside" creatures, not indoor creatures, so this may symbolize an area of myself that is open to outside influences.

Birds can symbolize a spirit (good or evil), the Holy Spirit, leaders, messengers. The blue jay is, to me, a pretty bird that I like to see, but I also think of it as dominating for its own way and making a loud noisy sound. This bird was first making a nest or a semi-permanent place in this clothes frame, and secondly pulling it out of its regular resting place and toward the natural (right). The blue clothes/drape on the clothes frame symbolizes something spiritual covering the frame. The frame was of the head or mind.

Crickets hop around and make lots of noise. Both are fine outside, but not inside my room. A cricket pushing two pens under the bed may refer to trying to hide them. Pens symbolize the tongue: words, covenant, agreement, contract, vow, publish, record. These were being pushed under a bed so they would be out of sight. The pens were in color, so they were to be especially noticed. Yellow refers to a gift of God. I didn't identify the other color. Perhaps a cricket symbolizes something small that can squeeze into a small space and enter through that space.

I think this dream is showing me that there are outside invaders who are trying to disrupt and stop my mind focusing on the Lord, my intimacy with Him, and my writing coming from that. So, I would call this a warning dream. Is it, Lord?

Yes, it is a warning dream, Joan, that outside invaders have been sent against you to try to upset our communion together and the writing of books coming from that. Notice last week how much time it took out of "our time" for you to take care of your car problem? It

took away your peace and it took away lots of writing time. Those were "invaders" into your "bedroom" of intimacy and the writing that comes from it. I want you to rebuke those invaders and block them (by placing My blood between them and you) from coming again. Do it now.

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PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD

All Scripture is inspired by God, and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. (Revelation 1:3 NIV)

Secrets of the Secrets Place by Bob Sorge, p. 78, 80-83

When I come to the second section, Psalms to Song of Solomon, *my pace of reading slows way down*. These books contain the language of love, so most of my prayer time is spent here as I slowly and luxuriantly wend my way through the prayers and praises of the psalmists. Here is where I give the Lord the unabashed and open affections of my heart.

The Secret of Praying the Scriptures

The Bible is one massive Prayer Book. Virtually every page contains prayer prompts. As you take time to soak in His word, not only is your meditation sweet, but you find yourself spontaneously expressing your heart back to God in response to the text.

Praying God's word back to Him is powerful for several reasons:

- God's word itself "is living and powerful" (Hebrews 4:12) so when we pray with God's word on our lips, we know we are praying prayers that are living and powerful.
- When the language of our prayers is shaped by the Scriptures, we gain confidence in knowing that we are praying according to the will of God - a confidence that means "we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:15).
- As we pray God's word back to Him, the language of His word becomes the working language of our daily dialogue with Him. A powerful transformation begins in your soul with your everyday conversation starts to reflect God-language.

- We are equipped to pray according to the will of God in ways we would not have considered on our own. The word will tip us off to things we can pray, profoundly widening the breadth and diversity of our prayer life.
- Praying the Scriptures adds a dimension of creativity and surprise to our prayer life, which in turn makes prayer much more fascinating and enjoyable.

First of all, we need to have a proper definition of prayer. Prayer, in the true biblical sense, is the full spectrum of human expressions to God. Prayer is the all-encompassing title to describe the entire gamut of expressions we offer up to God. Therefore, prayer includes praise, thanksgiving, adoration, intercession, worship, supplication, shouts of joy, lifting of hands, bowing, honor, exaltation, intimate affection, repentance, surrender, dancing, mourning, contemplation, spiritual warfare, prophesying, etc.

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THE LORD IS MY TOWER OF SAFETY

Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle. He is my loving ally and my fortress, my tower of safety, my rescuer. He is my shield, and I take refuge in him. (Psalm 144:1-2 NLT)

My prayer

I praise you, God, for You are my rock! And I need a rock to stand on today so I can stand firmly and safely. Thank You for training my hands for war and giving my fingers skill for battle. Be with me in any battle or difficulty that might come my way this day. You already know what that battle might be, since You know all things. Thank You that You already have trained me to face that. I'm so thankful that You love me and are my loving ally. That means to me that You will walk by my side and go with me throughout anything that this day holds. I declare that, according to Your Word, You are my fortress, my tower of safety and my rescuer. You are my shield also and that means You shield me from the words and looks and thoughts sent against me today. I take refuge in You, Lord! I declare, Lord, that *You are my rock!*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. (Hebrews 13:8-9)

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THE FAVOR AND BLESSING OF GOD

Yesterday B saw the favor and blessing of God in her life as she went through the process of buying an air hockey table. I told her in the morning about one I had seen at the Good Will store on Tuesday. She stopped by there on her way to work and learned that table had been sold the same day, but they had another one for sale which was not in very good shape. She decided to buy it anyway, and contacted T and SW for S to meet her there that evening and help transport it home.

When she and SW looked it over carefully that evening, they weren't sure she should buy it and were standing by it discussing this. A man stood near them listening to them. Eventually he told them he had one for sale at his home which was in much better shape which he wanted to sell because he was moving this summer. So B and SW went to his house and she bought his really nice one, and SW and his dad loaded it into their two trucks and brought it home, and even set it up for her. We saw this as a great blessing and how the Lord saved her from making a poor purchase.

AND an interesting part of the story is how that man happened to be there at the same exact time B and SW were there. He, his wife, and son had just eaten at a restaurant where the waitress had bumped the son causing him to spill food on his shirt. Since he was going somewhere immediately after they ate, and since he needed a clean shirt, the family had stopped by the Good Will store to get him a shirt (which he did get). The husband, therefore, "just happened" to be there at the exact time B and SW were there.

We really felt convinced that God had orchestrated all of the circumstances and timing to bless B.

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I AM YOUR SOURCE

I am your Source, Joan; no one else and nothing else. I love you and I want you to spend time with Me today. Right now.

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CALL FOR THE ELDERS

Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer

offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. (James 5:14-15 NLT)

Thank You, Lord, for this Scripture that You led me to back in 1990 when I was diagnosed with cancer. You quickened this Scripture to me then, so I asked my church elders (L, G, D, and R) to anoint me and pray for my healing. Later, sometime after the surgery for cancer, the doctor told me they could hardly find any cancer cells in the tissue removed. She said that if there were any cancer cells, it was one or two at the most. I realize now that You really healed me when the elders prayed for me! Thank You for Your Word and the power of its promises!

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IT'S COMING SOON!

I'm thankful today for Grant Jeffrey and his ministry to me through TV and his books. This week on TBN he taught on the judgements and yesterday I began reading his newest book: *The New Temple and the Second Coming*. As he tells of all the things already done in preparation for building the new temple and preparing the Priests and Levites to minister there, it shows that we are very close to the Rapture (taking out the Christians) and the beginning of the tribulation time for the Jews. It's close! It's coming soon! I am so glad! Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Lord!

Then I read in 1 Peter 1:2

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:2)

Thank You, God, for choosing me long ago! Thank You, Holy Spirit for making me holy! Thank You, Jesus, that I am cleansed by your blood given for me!

I also read in Bob Sorge's book *The Secrets of the Secret Place* that God delights in us, His children, in every stage of our maturing. I like to contemplate that God likes me and He likes to spend time with me. That is so comforting and satisfying!

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SEEK ME, ASK ME, LISTEN TO ME

Proverbs 2:1-11 NLT

My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God.

For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

And that is true whether the times are economically good or bad. You still need to come to Me and find the wisdom I have for you to go through those times. I know what's coming, and I know how you can live rightly through those times.

Do you believe that? (That wise choices will watch over you and understanding will keep you safe?) It will if you "listen to what I say and treasure My commands." That is the key to walking through hard times and good times: to listen to what I say and treasure My commands. Note what I grant you if you do: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, common sense, shield, guard, protect, understand what is right, find the right way to go.

Yes, Lord, I believe all of this because You said it and You speak the truth.

Then what do you need to do in bad times as well as good times? LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY AND BE OBEDIENT TO IT. I can and will show you the way to go. I will give you wisdom, common sense, understanding, protection, guidance, and show you the right way to go. I will do it - not you. Look to Me, not to yourself or the world. I KNOW the way to go and you don't. I KNOW what will work and you don't. I KNOW how to keep you alive and well and safe and you don't. So wouldn't it be wise to look to Me for that?

If you hear "wisdom" from people on TV, from magazine articles, from books, from people you talk to, and you wonder what to believe and what to do - ASK ME, I KNOW. Ask Me, and I will give you the right wisdom, the right answers, the right ideas, because I already know them. So that is your answer regarding how to prepare for the coming economic difficulties and worldwide troubles - SEEK ME. That's why I gave you this Scripture this morning. I knew the question in your heart.

A DREAM ABOUT A BEETLE PULLING A BELT INTO THE GROUND

I was in the back yard of my childhood home. I saw a beetle pulling a flat belt-like strip along the ground. Then it crawled down into the ground and pulled the belt with it. However the belt had a section which opened out/fanned out in a V shape which made it much wider. This wider section wouldn't pull down into the ground, so it got stuck there.

A beetle (MSR) signifies a negative interference in one's life. Belt reminds me of the belt of truth from the Bible which we are to put on. (MSR) says a belt indicates self-created restraints. Since the setting was the back yard of my childhood home, that indicates something from my past from my childhood years. Ground (MSR) denotes a generally defined beginning point, yet it's really what is underneath (unseen) that must be discovered.

So this dream seems to show that in my past a negative interference came which pulled the truth into hiding. However the truth became bigger so it couldn't be hidden anymore. It could be showing that there were self-created restraints in my childhood which were hidden by negative influences, but these eventually couldn't be hidden anymore (stayed above ground).

My thought right now is that these negative influences or self-created restraints were that I had to be quiet, not speak what I thought, not draw attention to myself, etc. In the dream this truth was being hidden, but it stopped being hidden at some point and could be seen/known. The truth is that I don't have to be hidden, quiet, not expressing my thoughts, etc.

This is what I want you to know about this dream: I gave you the dream. It is from Me. I wanted you to see and recognize that the "truth" had been hidden from you as a child about the love of a father and mother as it is in the heart of God.

Your parents did the best they could, and I love them both. But you did not learn the truth from them (totally) about who I am and what I am like. A negative interference kept you from learning that from them.

But at some point in your life I did not allow the truth to keep being hidden from you. The truth is now in the open regarding your past and regarding your present and future. The truth is that you are loved by Me, and you can speak out your thoughts and feelings to Me and I will understand and accept you that way. It is ok.

In fact, I want you to speak out your thoughts and ideas to Me. I want us to communicate completely openly. And that is the truth! I love you, and this is the way I want our relationship to be...open and sharing freely with each other.

WORSHIP

Everything that's centered on Me and offered to Me is worship: prayers, singing, playing instruments, giving offerings, reciting My Word, speaking praise and thanksgiving. Focusing your attention on Me is worship. My "shining" glory is and will be poured out more and more now and from now on.

THE NEW TEMPLE AND THE SECOND COMING

Quotes from *The New Temple and the Second Coming* by Grant Jeffrey, p.189-190

Possible Sequence of Key Prophetic Events

- 1948: Rebirth of Israel.
- 1967: Israel captures Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.
- 1973: Yom Kippur War; Israel survives invasion from Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq.
- 1980+ The Temple Institute researches and begins creation of vessels for Temple worship.
- 2005: The Sanhedrin is reconvened for the first time since AD 425. The Temple location is determined by the Sanhedrin. Priests are trained in Temple sacrifice.

Anticipated Prophetic Events

- The Russian-Islamic alliance will attack Israel but will be defeated supernaturally.
- Israel will build the Third Temple and resume the ancient Temple worship.
- The ten nations (see Daniel 2:40-45) in Europe and surrounding Mediterranean nations will unite, forming the revived Roman Empire.
- A world dictator, the Antichrist, will rise to power over the revived Roman Empire and extend his global rule through military victories and peace treaties.
- The Antichrist will sign a seven-year security treaty with Israel (see Daniel 9:24-27)
- Halfway through the seven years, the Antichrist will stop the daily Temple sacrifice (see Daniel 12:11). The Antichrist will violate the Holy of Holies of the Third Temple.
- Someone will assassinate the Antichrist; then he will rise from the dead and claim to be god, demanding worship as such. He will introduce the Mark of the Beast system.
- The Antichrist's forces will attack righteous Jews and Gentiles who refuse to worship him.
- Nations from Asia ("kings of the east") will lead a revolt against the Antichrist, raising a 200 million troop army and crossing Asia to engage in a massive military confrontation with the western military forces of the Antichrist.

- The battle of Armageddon will occur seven years after the Antichrist signs the treaty with Israel.
- Jesus Christ will defeat both armies to save Israel. He will enter through the sealed Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount into the rebuilt Temple. He will cleanse the sanctuary.
- Christ will establish His millennial kingdom from the throne of David in Jerusalem. Gentile nations will send representatives to the Temple to acknowledge their eternal allegiance to Christ (see Zechariah 14:16).

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FOR HIM WHO BELIEVES

Follow my advice, my son; always treasure my commands. Obey my commands and live! Guard my instructions as you guard your own eyes. Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Love wisdom like a sister; make insight a beloved member of your family. (Proverbs 7:1-4 NLT)

Everything is possible for him who believes. (Mark 9:23)

You've overcome a lot of unbelief, Joan, but there is still some unbelief in you. I want to heal that unbelief and take it away. Do you want that?

Yes, I want that. Please take away my unbelief, Lord!

Each morning this week (5 days) I want you to listen to Steve's CDs, one a day. Saturate yourself in these stories of miracles and healings and learn about believing. Have you been taught about believing, Joan?

Not much, Lord, not enough to counterbalance the unbelief in me.

Well, that's what I'm going to do - teach you about believing. This is part of your preparation.

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AMERICA

Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. (Revelation 3:10)

I am saving the best for last. That means America. I have been bringing in My harvest from all around the world, and people from America have been helping Me - like those who go to Africa, etc.

Now I am going to bring in the last of the wheat harvest from America. It will be as you have heard recently - there will be many small groups, and many in large stadiums, all coming to Me and being disciplined by Me and My own people. And then the end will come for the period of grace. The Rapture will take them all out and then the Tribulation will begin. You are in the final stage of the great harvest (the former and latter rain). Joan, you will get to see it and be part of it.

You will get to disciple many - just as your heart desires. And don't worry how you will do this, for I will show you the way. There will be much individual discipling to do. Mostly you will just use the Bible, read it, talk about it, talk about how to live the Christian life, and pray for each other.

There's nothing sacred about your country, Joan, but My people who live there ARE sacred to Me. They are the ones who will be used in this final harvest for Me. They are My pure white Bride whom I love. I will not bring destruction upon this country (even though you see beginnings of destruction in storms, etc.) until My people are taken out.

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FAITH AND BELIEF; DOUBT AND UNBELIEF

Quotes/ideas from Steve Trullinger from CDs *Belief: Enemy of the impossible*

UNMASKING UNBELIEF PART 1 (CD#2)

There are some things that look like something else, but it's really unbelief.

Mark 9:14-24 Help my unbelief.

Rebellion gives nourishment to unbelief.

His prayer on CD: Father, please help us tonight to cooperate with You in unmasking unbelief in our lives. Father, would you search our hearts and minds and uncover the unbelief that lurks there masquerading as other things that divert us from the truth. Father, would you let Your Word act as a two-edged sword tonight,

powerful to judge the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Help us take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ and turn away from the rebellion that gives nourishment to unbelief. May we truly be Your disciples, Jesus, so that we will know the truth and it WILL set us free. Holy Spirit, lead us into all truth according to the promise of Jesus. In HIS precious name we pray. Amen.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN VARIOUS FORMS OF UNBELIEF:

Gross unbelief - it's obvious

- Spies who didn't believe they could invade Canaan - (Numbers 13:26-14:4).
- (Romans 11:11-24) Unbelief has serious consequences. Warning to not fall into same unbelief
- Hebrew 3:7-19 Do not harden your hearts. Couldn't enter because of their unbelief.

A model of belief

- Romans 4:18-24 Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. We're going to be credited with righteousness if we believe as Abraham.

Definition of unbelief: the refusal to believe God. The source is rebellion (or disobedience).

How does this relate to doubt? What distinguishes doubt from unbelief?

Doubt versus belief:

- Matthew 14:22-33 Disciples in boat; Jesus walked on water. You, of little faith. Why did you doubt?
- Matthew 21: 21-22 Jesus had cursed fig tree and it withered. If you have faith and do not doubt... If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.
- Mark 11:22-24 withered fig tree. Believes that what he says will happen, it will be done. Believe that you have received it and it will be done for you.
- James 1:6-7 Asking for wisdom. Believe and not doubt.

Doubt: what is it?

Uncertainty. An undecided state of mind.
Inclination to disbelief. On the way to unbelief
To hesitate to believe or trust.
Questioning
Waiting to make up your mind
Maybe - hesitancy to believe
Double mindedness

Unbelief is outright rebellion, refusal to believe.

Example:

John 20:24-29 Jesus appeared to the disciples after resurrection. Thomas doubted. Conditional belief - doubt. Stop doubting and believe. Have to stop doubting to believe. Jesus gave grace to Thomas to help him believe.

Doubt is predecessor of unbelief. Can't ride the fence forever.

Difference between belief and faith

Faith is:

KJV Hebrews 11:1 substance, evidence

NIV sure, certain

NASB assurance, conviction

AMP assurance/conformation, title deed, proof, conviction of their reality, perceiving as real fact what is not perceived by the senses.

Faith is being convinced that it's real.

Summary:

Faith is an enablement leading to a choice to believe, it enables you to make the choice to believe. It's a mechanism, a process leading to a choice to believe. The engine that gets you to belief.

Hebrew 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God." Why? Without faith you can't generate belief.

It is not faith that pleases God. It is belief that pleases God. Why? Because belief is a choice. Choosing to believe is the opposite of rebellion.

Faith is a mechanism; it's an enablement.

It's the belief in God that pleases Him. Without faith that is impossible.

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UNMASKING UNBELIEF

Quotes/ideas from Steve Trullinger from CDs *Belief: Enemy of the impossible*

UNMASKING UNBELIEF PART 2 (CD#3)

You use that engine to get you from unbelief to belief. And that pleases God. Ask Him why it pleases Him. He told Steve that it's because it blesses Steve.

Observations: (It's so important to do the study yourself. Like (Acts 17:11) the Bereans. It's nobility, more noble.)

- Belief demands risk. Have to be willing to be vulnerable, to trust, to be dependent on God. It's risky to get it. Once you're there, once you're in that place of belief, the risk is gone. During the process of going from unbelief, through faith, to belief is risky.
- Unbelief plays it safe. It will prefer self-reliance, self-defense, and control.
- Unbelief shuns adventure because of fear.

- Fear is the husband of unbelief. They're wedded together.
- Fear is a mask for unbelief. Behind fear is unbelief. If you go back to that mask of fear, there is unbelief behind it.
- Refusal to receive the fullness of God's love allows fear to remain in you, and that masks unbelief. (1 John 4:18)
- It's a choice we make to refuse to receive God's full love, then fear comes/stays in.
- Faith is the assurance that allows us to move from unbelief up to belief.
- Belief describes a place of standing/unmovable/unshakable. Faith is what got you there. (Eph 6) Because you believe God is going to do the rest. You have to have faith take you there.

Subtle masked unbelief:

- The big "if": If it be Thy will, Lord, heal this person. Why doesn't it happen? One reason is rebellion. His "if" (condition) is much better than our "if." Follow the condition that brings the promise.
- Anxiety/fear: We don't believe God will protect us, etc.
- Worry: finances, other provisions (Matt 6:25-34) Refusal to believe what God has said He would do when He promised.
- The word maybe should be non-existent in a Christian's vocabulary. James 5:12 Yes be yes and no be no. It's hiding unbelief.
- Bondage to the past: "if only we could be that way again." God's going to make your future better than the past. Jeremiah 29:33.
- Bondage to the future: "when this or that happens, I'll be set." If you're waiting to be happy, then you are soul-tied to an ideal image. The spirit of the ideal image is a lying, deceiving devil.
- A wrong self-image: no worth, no value. The truth is we are more than conquerors. We're more powerful because of Who is in us.
- I can't _____. The truth is I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Because of a limitation on myself.
- Agreement with lies: refuse to believe God.

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GRACE FOR UNBELIEF

Quotes/ideas from Steve Trullinger from CDs *Belief: Enemy of the impossible*

There's grace for unbelief. That's the good news. (1 Tim. 1:13-14) Paul received grace while he was not believing God. In Jude 22 says to be merciful to those who doubt. Jesus was to Thomas.

- We need to have a solution for unbelief. What do we do now? God gives us the answer.
- Confess it, especially allowing it to stay hidden.
- Repent from keeping unbelief hidden in your soul.

- Remember unbelief is rebellion (against what God has promised/said).
- Rebellion is witchcraft. It hides inside of us. It masquerades as fear. It's the enemy. He wants to stay hidden. The enemy has cloaked himself in fear. Hoping we never receive that perfect love.
- God said all that stuff will be brought to light. That includes witchcraft.
- Renounce all agreements with the spirit of unbelief. There is a spirit of unbelief that attaches itself to your rebellion, and it needs to be renounced.
- Then take the mask of unbelief off, expose it, and the light of God's truth will come in. The blood of Jesus washes you clean. 1 John 1:9. Unbelief, rebellion is unrighteousness.

Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal/unmask unbelief. You can't do it. It has to be revealed to you.

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PRAYER BY STEVE FOR BELIEF

Father, tonight, by faith in the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus, I am submitting to your program of healing. Father, tonight, by faith, I choose to believe Your Word that says I'll be washed clean from all unrighteousness by the blood of the lamb. I'm making a choice tonight, Father, by faith, to move from unbelief all the way to belief: belief in Your Word, belief in Your promises, belief in Your perfect love for me.

I choose tonight, Father, by faith, to believe what You say about me. I believe You when you tell me who I am in Your sight. I believe that I have value. I believe that I'm more than a conqueror. I believe that I'm a son of God, and I'm an heir, a co-heir with Christ. I own the Kingdom. I own the Kingdom. That's the truth. Not someday, somehow, somewhere. I own it, because I'm a co-heir with Christ. He lives in me and I live in Him. When You look at me, You see Him, and it gives You great pleasure to give me the Kingdom.

And, Father, in Your Kingdom there is no unbelief. When Your Kingdom comes here on earth as it is in heaven, unbelief has to go. It's not allowed; it's not. It's not a resident of heaven. It has no visa. It can't visit. It can't even get close. So unbelief, you have to go. So, Father, right now, in the name of Jesus, I speak to that spirit of unbelief, that has influenced us, that has had place in our lives, that has had a foothold or a stronghold even. And I bind it, I break its power, and I loose every person in this room, in Jesus' name.

I break the power of every familiar spirit associated with that spirit of unbelief, and rebellion and witchcraft, and I break its power. Jezebel, you loose every person in this place, in Jesus' name. You are not allowed in the Kingdom of God. You are not allowed in the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are a trespasser, and you are going, now, in Jesus' name. Thank You, Father.

Receive, by faith, the freedom that Christ died for. The Word says that He came to set us free. He came to give us life and give it to us abundantly. It's for freedom that Christ has set us free. And where His Spirit is, there is freedom. Father, tonight, by faith, I declare that I'm a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, and because

I'm His disciple, Your Word has promised me that I shall know the truth, and it shall set me free. So, Father, tonight, it's setting me free.

The truth is that unbelief is rebellion. The truth is that that has been masked, been hidden in my soul. But from this day forward, it will no longer have a hiding place in me. I renounce all agreements with that spirit of unbelief. I renounce them. I say they are no longer valid. They're cancelled; they're done, forever.

Father, I need Your help to stay under Your protection, to stay in the Secret Place of the Most High. I need Your help, Father, to stay there, but it's a place of complete and total safety where I can believe, where I am immune to fear, where You put courage in my heart because of my belief. Thank You, Father, that YOU gave me the faith to take me from unbelief to belief tonight.

Father, help me learn how to do this whenever unbelief is unmasked in my life. Holy Spirit, I believe that You are faithful to help me. I believe, God, in Your great and precious promises. They are yes and amen in my life. So, now, Father, fill me with Your Holy Ghost. Fill those places that have just been vacated because unbelief has gone. Fill those places with Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Fill me tonight, Father, with Your Holy Spirit. Thank You, God. Fill us up, Father. More. Fill to overflowing, and let joy arise in us because of this freedom. Let joy arise, Father.

Jesus, You said that You desire that we have that joy, and that it be complete in us. And thank You, that it is complete when unbelief is pushed out. Thank You, God, that Your joy finds its home in me because I'm choosing to believe. I'm putting aside rebellion. I'm turning away from that. I refuse to agree with the devil who says the opposite of what You say. I refuse to agree with lies any longer, Father. Every deceiving devil is no longer allowed in my mind. You will stop whispering to me. You are forbidden to speak to me. I will not listen if you do.

And MY GOD, who says all things are possible with Him, will protect my hearing. He'll protect my heart, and my mind with the peace that surpasses all understanding. He'll guard my heart and my mind. And I choose tonight, by faith, to believe that. So thank You, Father, for delivering me from unbelief. Thank You that it's no longer a part of my life. Thank You, Father, when it tries to attack, it will be repelled.

Thank You, Father, that I'm running into the strong tower named Jesus. Thank You that He's my Fortress, He's my Rock, He's my Refuge. When I'm hidden in Him, I'm totally safe. Unbelief can't find me. I'm invisible to the enemy. Thank You, Father, for that. Thank You, God, for this freedom.

Let it build. Let it flow out from me to others. Let my life, my journey into belief, be an encouragement to others, Father. Let my testimony bring You glory, Father. And I choose, I choose to believe You. Let that be pleasing to You, Father, and let it be credited to me as righteousness.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

MESENTERS

**I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.
(Matt 11:10)**

Today: He is revealing to me that some of the "messengers" He has sent ahead of me are - the authors of books and CD's who learn something, communicate it by book, CD, talks, etc. and they prepare the way before me to learn that too, to go there too. There are SO MANY who have gone before me and are sharing their revelations with me.

Thank You, God, for sending these messengers ahead of me to prepare the way before me. I am so blessed by You through them.

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THE SECRET PLACE

"One of the primary functions of the secret place is to be fed afresh each day in His Word." (Secrets of The Secret Place by Bob Sorge, p. 117)

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:2-3)

"As we meditate and feed in the Word of God, we are like trees that produce fruit because we have nutrients flowing into us." (Secrets of The Secret Place by Bob Sorge, p. 119)

Jesus said, "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)

"The Holy Spirit is like the water that helps us swallow the manna of the word. Feeding in the Word must always be complemented with drinking of the Spirit." (Secrets of The Secret Place by Bob Sorge, p. 119)

None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. (Hebrews 8:11)

"God wants to lead you into a hidden place in Him where you develop your own unique connection with Him, and you come to know Him totally independently of everyone else. He wants you to develop your own secret history of communing with Him and knowing Him. No man is to teach you how to find this knowing relationship with God; the Holy Spirit Himself will be your teacher." (*Secrets of The Secret Place* by Bob Sorge, p. 119)

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SILENTLY NOW I WAIT FOR THEE

(A song)

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine.

This song was in my mind this morning as I was getting up and dressed...starting with "Silently now I wait for Thee." The thought is that He wants me to spend some Quiet Time this morning waiting silently before Him, ready to see what He wants to reveal to me. So that is my plan for beginning my Quiet Time.

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MORE FULFILLMENT BY BEING *WITH HIM* THAN WORKING *FOR HIM*

Quotes from *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge

P. 128-131

The secret place is a time machine, transporting us from our time zone to His. Here we step into the eternal and begin to view all of life from the perspective of the Ageless One who is without beginning or ending of days...

The closer you get to God, the more you realize He's in no hurry...

Once we press through and cross the boredom threshold, we open to the joys and adventures of waiting on God...

To wait successfully, we must come to derive more fulfillment by being with Him than by working for Him. When being with Him fully satisfies us, we can wait for as long as necessary - just as long as He stays with us...

But to give you the fullness of what He has planned for your life, He will use the season of waiting to prepare you as a vessel, and also to prepare circumstances around your life so that you will be able to step forward into the proper sphere when His release comes to you. He's waiting so that He can crown you with an even greater blessing...

Even though you may wait on God for many years, there is a day coming when God will change everything in a moment of time! He may take seemingly forever to get around to it, but once God moves, He can change everything in a day.

Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 30:18; Isaiah 64:4; Psalm 123:2

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:13-14)

My prayer

Thank You, God, for teaching me to wait on You. I desire to derive more fulfillment by being with You, Lord, than by working for You. I desire to step into the eternal and view life from Your perspective as I wait on You, Lord. Please keep growing these desires in my life and fulfilling them. I come now to wait on You, to seek You, and to listen to You. Thank You for wanting me! I love You, Lord!

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DWELLING IN HIS HOUSE

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

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

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me. (Psalm 27:1-6 NIV)

Today I am beginning to see **why** I don't need to fear when my enemies come against me - it is because I have asked the Lord that I may dwell in His house. Then, in the day of trouble, He will

keep me safe in His dwelling. He will hide me; He will set me high upon a rock. He will exalt me above the enemies who surround me. The place of safety is "dwelling in His house"

This is a promise that I am to believe exists - by faith. Lord, I choose to believe this promise from You, by faith. You are my light and my salvation. You are the stronghold of my life. So fear, be gone! Do not come near me. For I dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Thank You, Lord, for Your protection and Your presence.

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I JUST SPOKE WHAT THE FATHER TOLD ME TO SPEAK

Today the Holy Spirit told me to read the story about the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) When I finished reading the story He brought to my attention the part where the Rich Man asks Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn his brothers so they wouldn't also come to the place of torment he was in. And Abraham's answer was that they had Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them. The Rich Man indicated that they wouldn't, but if someone from the dead went to them, then they would repent. But Abraham said: **"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."**

I believe the Holy Spirit is applying this to ___ and her unwillingness to listen to J and me regarding her not basing her beliefs on the Word of God. I have been fretting about her a lot for many months for fear she will go to hell after death. But the Spirit tells me to give her into Jesus' hands and let Him take care of her since she won't listen to me. I also read Luke 12:51 and thought it might pertain to our family also...

(Luke 12:51) "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Does that pertain to ___, Lord?

Yes, that pertains to ___. She has made her decisions regarding what she chooses to believe, and she doesn't want to have you discuss something different with her. She also has "Moses and the Prophets" which she can read and listen to.

I want you to realize that while I was on earth, I didn't go around trying to "convince" people to believe in Me, but I just spoke what the Father told Me to speak, and trusted Him to bring to Me all those He did that to.

I want you to also know that My Father draws people to Me through your speaking My words to them. You have spoken to ____, and she has refused to listen/hear. J has spoken to her and she refuses to listen/hear. You cannot do what I don't do. If she is to be "saved" it must come by Me. So keep praying that way and leave her in My hands.

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SPIRITUAL FORCES

From *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge, p 138

"Regardless of your shattered dreams and deferred hopes, live in the secret place of the Most High. It is the secret of your redemption. As you love Him from your grave, you are setting powerful spiritual forces into motion."

As I read this quote, I remembered something from my journal 2007 where the Spirit awoke me in the night and spoke to me regarding setting spiritual forces into motion:

It's time now for a great spiritual break through.

*You look at your purpose, your goal,
And how to get there -
And you call forth those goals from Me.
You send out My spiritual forces to carry out those goals.*

*It's a shift,
It's a shift,
It's a shift,*

*From demonic forces being in charge,
To My forces being in charge.
That's the shift that's taken place.
Now My forces are ready to be commanded
And I am their Commander, the Commander of the Lord's Armies.
I command them, but you and I co-labor together to send them out.*

*From now on let's do this together.
First you find out My heart/purpose.
Then you speak forth verbally the words of command I give you -
The words of command we decide together.
My generals do this who are under My command.*

*If I say I want to do something, some project,
Then we (you and I) will set out to do that together.*

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

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BEFORE A COMPLETE COMMITMENT IS MADE TO THE LORD

Today the Spirit showed me that previous to the time around 1971 (when He told me to go to CFO camp where I made a deeper commitment to Him), I was not a "full" Christian. He called me a "pre-Christian," or an "immature Christian," or a "baby Christian." Until that time I was not fully committed to Him. I was intrigued by it, but I was also intrigued by other things. Therefore, I made decisions regarding my relationships that I would not have made later when I became a true or full Christian. Somewhere along that spiritual journey I became born again by the Spirit. But previous to that time I was still being drawn and led by the Spirit into seeking Him, the Truth.

He reminded me of what J told me about how the Spirit told her she wasn't a Christian (as an adult) when she thought she was. She went on to a complete commitment. I went on to a complete commitment too. But perhaps ___ didn't go on to a complete commitment like in the parable of the sower and the seeds.

In the third illustration Jesus says: "**The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. (Mark 4:18-19 NLT)**

In that scripture from Mark there are four illustrations about how people receive the Word (seed):

1. The seed sown is taken away by Satan.
2. The seed is received with joy, but it doesn't last long. They fall away due to problems.
3. The message is crowded out by worries, lure of wealth, or the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.
4. The seed is heard, accepted, and then produces a harvest of much more than was planted.

There are many "pre-Christians" in this world, Joan, who "think" they are full Christians, but are not. They never have yet made that complete, full commitment to Me as Lord as well as Savior. They need to be disciplined, as J disciplined you, until they make that complete commitment. Then they are equipped to seek Me on their own. Until then, they are still in

one of the first 3 categories you mentioned above: seed taken away, they fall away, or there is no fruit and they seek other things.

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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

And you found that treasure in 1971 through the books you read and the tapes you listened to. You asked Me what to do about it, and I told you to go to CFO camp. I knew that was one thing you could do to follow Me and be away from home. It would be ok.

Then, you made a complete commitment to Me at CFO and gained more of My Kingdom. From then on you have kept gaining more and more of My Kingdom...first by putting Me ahead of your husband, then your finances, and then even your children. It has been first in your life ever since then.

I am now your everything...your all in all. You "sold all that you had" and "bought that field." I am that field. I am the Kingdom of Heaven, Joan. You gave up all to purchase Me, and I gave up all to purchase you.

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I AM THE "ETERNAL MORE"

A DREAM ABOUT TB WITH A GREEN, THEN YELLOW, OVAL SIEVE

In this dream I was with TB. He had two items in his two hands. One was oval shaped and was like a wooden edging with screen in the middle (like a sieve). I just knew the other item was there but did not know its shape. These items were both bright green. Later in the dream these items were yellow. At one time when the edge of the oval-shaped item touched someone's sleeve, the sleeve burst into flame where it was touched. It seemed like maybe TB was holding these two items above people's heads as these people were in line.

Interpretation:

Green = new life

Yellow = gift from God

Sieve = something can come through it or go through it

Burst into flame = fire of God touching the person

I'm just giving you a picture of the fire/anointing which goes with TB as he ministers. What he "carries" is fresh new life and a gift from God. B does not need to go there to receive this. She already has it. Something is "coming through" the sieve of My green fresh new life into her - into her head. And it is also a gift from Me. She already has it. She doesn't have to go to FL to receive it. But I know she wants the healing for her body. That is coming too, but she doesn't have to go to FL to get it. I will bring it to her at just the right time - My time.

Yes, (you) just rest in our relationship. It's just right for you and Me. It is quiet and peaceful - just as you like it and just what ministers to you. Rest in that. You don't have to seek "more" but you may if you like. I always have "more." It will be that way even in Eternity. I will always have "more." I will always be "more." You will never exhaust Me or grow tired of Me. I am the Eternal More.

And, yes, you are with Me right now, and My presence is sufficient for you. It satisfies your every longing.

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PUT HIS KINGDOM FIRST IN YOUR LIFE

The Spirit is teaching me today that one of the Secrets Of God is that you must put His Kingdom first in your life - and keep it that way. It is a daily process of making decisions based on His Kingdom being first and Him being first in your life. Scriptures regarding this:

To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations. (Revelation 2:26 NIV)

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in

heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV)

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (Matthew 6:24 NIV)

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV)

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

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62 NIV)

He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. (Luke 11:23)

Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. (Luke 11:28)

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. (Luke 12:35-37 NIV)

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.... The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. (Matthew 25:1-2, 10 NIV)

For in him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28 NIV)

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV)

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

"We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. 'No man can come to me,' said the Lord, 'except the Father which hath sent me draw him' and it is by this prevenient *drawing* that God takes from us every vestige of credit for the act of coming. **The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him...**On our part there must be positive reciprocation if this secret drawing of God is to eventuate in identifiable experience of the Divine." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pp. 11-12)

"I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. **Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted.**" (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 17)

"When the Lord divided Canaan among the tribes of Israel, Levi received no share of the land. God said to him simply, 'I am thy part and thine inheritance,' and by those words made him richer than all his brethren, richer than all the kings and rajas who have ever lived in the world. And there is a spiritual principle here, a principle still valid for every priest of the Most High God. **The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One...**having the Source of all things he has in One all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight. Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 19)

"Now he was a man wholly surrendered (after giving up Isaac), a man utterly obedient, a man who possessed nothing...I have said that Abraham possessed nothing. Yet was not this poor man rich? Everything he had owned before was his still to enjoy: sheep, camels, herds and goods of every sort. He had also his wife and his friends, and best of all he had his son Isaac safe by his side. **He had everything, but he possessed nothing. There is the spiritual secret.** There is the sweet theology of the heart which can be learned only in the school of renunciation." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 27)

"Made as we were in the image of God, we scarcely find it strange to take again our God as our All. **God was our original habitat and our hearts cannot but feel at home when they enter again that ancient and beautiful abode.**" (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 98)

"**Them that honor me I will honor**" (1 Samuel 2:30), said God once to a priest of Israel, and that ancient law of the kingdom stands today unchanged by the passing of time or the changes of dispensation. The whole Bible and every page of history proclaim the perpetuation of that law. "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26), said our Lord Jesus, tying in the old with the new and revealing the essential unity of His ways with men. (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 99)

SINGING NUMBERS

A DREAM ABOUT SINGING NUMBERS WITH AND BESIDE THE CONDUCTOR AND IT'S BEING THE LAST DAY TO JOIN THE CHOIR

In this dream I participated in singing with a group of people that was practicing for a performance. I sat (at the left side of) beside the (male) conductor who was also sitting in front of the group. We sang from a piece of paper that had numbers on it, not music, and we sang the numbers. He and I sang together a harmony part with the group - seemed like alto or tenor.

J decided to join the group so I stood with her waiting to introduce her to the conductor and tell him she wanted to sing with the group also. It was the last night one could join the group. The conductor was talking to someone saying there were 32 in the group, and I planned to tell him she would bring the number to 33.

Music: worship: of God, of idols, activity or action that proceeds from the heart

Conductor/Director: (?) one who leads and directs the activity (God or the Holy Spirit?)

Numbers: used to count something or indicate the timing of something

Harmony: doing something together to make beautiful music (worship)

32: Covenant

33: Promise

My interpretation: This dream shows a picture of my worshipping God along with, in harmony with, a group of worshippers. We were practicing for a performance that would come later - perhaps in heaven or on earth during the millenium. It represents an activity proceeding from the heart. I was sitting beside the conductor/director, who might symbolize Jesus or the Holy Spirit, singing together with Him.

Singing numbers may symbolize counting something or the timing of something - in this case it may represent counting down until the Rapture when we, the worshippers, would do our worship in heaven. I was sitting on Jesus' left side representing "spiritual" - God's strength demonstrated through man's weakness. I am reminded of the previous dream when I was part of an orchestra playing under Jesus' direction when the music sheet before me had 9 numbers on it instead of musical notes.

J wanting to join also may represent her wanting to also worship Jesus and to be part of the heavenly choir. Being the last night a person could join probably indicates the time is now when people must decide whether they choose to be in covenant with Jesus or not.

Thirty-two stands for covenant...this symbolizes the group being in covenant with God for salvation. Thirty-three stands for promise and symbolizes that we in the worship group are standing in the promise of God and represent that promise of salvation. God is the Director of it all.

Do You have anything to change or add to this, Holy Spirit?

Yes, this is good. You have discerned the basic/main idea of the God-given dream...and it IS God-given.

The time is short for people to decide to join Me, worship Me, be My Bride/My Church. Numbers indicate timing in this dream...and you were worshipping regarding My timing for the finalizing of who is part of My Church.

It's the last "day" or time to join it. You join it by worshipping Me with your whole heart - setting yourself apart unto Me, letting Me be your Conductor/Director, singing along with Me.

The time is here, Joan, and it is now, when the choice must be made to follow Me. Soon "the darkness will come during which no man can work." It is still "day," but not for long. It is the "last day."

**Come, thou beloved of My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you!
(Matthew 25:34)**

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GREAT BLESSINGS

It was a great blessing for B this morning at church when many, many people prayed for her regarding her Africa trip. I was very pleased for the prayer support. She said altogether 38 people gave her financial support also, from \$5.00 to \$300.00.

At church today C (from Norway) came up to me while B was being prayed for by others. She asked me how I was, then she began to tell me things she was seeing in regard to me.

- She saw an angel standing beside me
- She saw wings coming down over me (as in Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge")
- The Bridegroom will have passionate times with me while B's gone.
- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
- His banner over me is love. (Song of Solomon)

LC and I went with B to the KC airport for her flight from there to Detroit. She only had a 40 min. layover in Detroit before leaving for Amsterdam, and I was concerned that wasn't enough time (so was B). Then the airline told her that her flight was going to be 15 min. late, and we were more concerned. Then the airline paged her and transferred her to a different flight since hers to Detroit was going to be delayed more than 15 min. - maybe 30 min. or so. So, they put her on an earlier flight to Minneapolis, and then on a flight to Amsterdam from there. That meant she wouldn't meet

up with her Mission Team until Amsterdam. We were both thankful she would be able to make that flight ok, and not miss her Detroit connection.

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THE GOOD SEED AND THE BAD SEED

Today as I was watching GOD'S NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS with Joe Van Koevering, he taught about how God planted the good seed through Abel while Satan planted the bad seed through Cain. Then he applied that planting of good and bad seed through Isaac-Ishmael, and through Jacob-Esau. I felt like that was the answer to the question I had asked God about many times (about how was the good seed and bad seed planted in the field of the world) as I read the following story told by Jesus about the Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew 13:24-30.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

"And enemy did this," he replied.

The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." (Matthew 13:24-30)

His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear." (Matthew 13:36-43)

SET HIGH ABOVE THE TURBULENT WATERS OF THE WORLD

A DREAM ABOUT MY TRYING TO PACK AND LEAVE AS FIRE CAME CLOSE TO MY DORM ROOM

In the first part of the dream series I was in my dorm room at college. There was a fire coming close to my dorm and I was preparing my things to take them away. I remember saying to someone that I needed boxes (to pack my stuff in). I saw out the window that the fire was quite close and then I saw something thick (like applesauce) going past the window. It represented to me something to keep the fire from getting to my dorm, but it also kept me enclosed inside the building.

A DREAM ABOUT PEOPLE HELPING ME PACK MY STUFF IN TWO LARGE CONTAINERS

In the second part of the dream series I was packing my dorm room stuff into two large suitcase-like containers. One was especially long and was lying open. Some other people were helping me put things in it. They tried to fold it over and shut it, but hadn't zipped the (several) compartments all the way shut and a few things spilled out (but stayed inside) when it was folded over. It was about the length of my bedroom and the width of my table in my bedroom. It may have been BB and SB helping me, or someone else.

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING A HOUSE SITTING UP HIGH ON LAND ISOLATED BY WATER

In the third part of the dream series BB, SB, and I were on an area of land with water near it. BB walked through a shallow section of water to go up a hill, and came back. I went through the same section of shallow water. When I was coming back from the hillside I noticed a section of land with a house on it. It was over to my left and was sticking up out of the water. The land below the house looked eroded away so it looked like it was sitting on a toadstool or pedestal. When I drew a picture of the shape of the land the house was on, it reminded me of the shape of an atomic bomb explosion cloud with water all around that little island-like area. It was isolated from other lands by the water. It was high up in the air above the water below it.

You are getting close to the meaning of this dream. I will reveal more to you yet to come. Keep looking for more revelation about what this dream means (and the other two dreams too) and write down ideas as they come to you. Then come back here and write them down. Keep looking for further revelation. This is an important dream, Joan. Keep searching for the meaning. Don't stop short of feeling you have the complete revelation.

What does the fire represent?

I think the fire represents revival; however it also could refer to fire purifying us and burning out things in our lives that aren't from You. It shows a "burning" outside my personal place of living. It will be on this earth, and I am on this earth, but I am separated from it in this dream.

What does the applesauce represent?

The "applesauce-like" substance, which moved past the window, seems to represent some sort of protection sent to keep me separated from the burning going on outside. It also keeps me from seeing outside and getting revelation about what is going on. The Scripture which comes to mind is in Psalm 91 - "he shall cover me with his feathers."

What do the suitcases represent?

Suitcases may represent a place to store things you need to have with you during a journey. It reminds me today of the food storage B and I are doing to be prepared for some difficult time coming prophesied by Rick Joyner and Perry Stone. The large size of the suitcase would fit with that.

What does the stuff you are putting in the suitcases represent?

Things needed during our journey. Food, money, books, puzzles, clothing, water, medicine, etc.- a large amount.

What does BB represent?

I have learned since the time of this dream that BB may represent Jesus in my dreams. I watch him, then I follow his pattern.

What does going up a hill represent?

I think it represents coming apart with Jesus to draw closer to Him and hear Him.

What does the house isolated from the rest of the waters represent?

Does it represent me, Lord?

Yes, it represents you set up high above the turbulent waters of the world below you. It is like being on an island by yourself away from what is going on around you.

This represents the place I have set you apart to live during this coming time (from now on). You can come apart unto Me and climb the hill to reach Me daily, then come back down, but live above the "fray" in the world - for there will be much "fray" going on.

Fray represents things turbulent, things you don't understand, things going on around you which you don't want to be a part of...including the political election process and the

"revival" process going on right now. You will be aware of these things, but not be part of them.

You may pray for these things of the world as I lead you, but not "do" anything as part of them. Your prayers will influence both of them. And don't worry about your house being on unstable land...for when the "land" is Me, it is totally stable. I am your solid Rock

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I HAVE CUT THEM APART WITH THE SWORD OF MY WORD

A DREAM ABOUT A PINE TREE CUT OFF ABOVE THE ROOTS

In this dream I saw a pine tree which had been cut off through the trunk above the ground. There were two pieces: (1) from the roots up including the base/bottom of the trunk, and (2) from the base of the trunk up to the tip of this small pine tree. The roots and bottom of the trunk were big and wide (about 2 ft. in diameter) like an old tree would be. I saw this wide expanse of wood where the tree was cut off. But the top part of the tree was small (its trunk about 1/2 inch in diameter, and about 2 ft. high) like a much younger tree. I saw this small pencil thin trunk of the young tree sticking down below the evergreen branches.

When I found it, I wanted to replant each part to see if the top part would grow roots and live, and to see if the bottom part would grow a new top section and live. I looked around the outside of the house at various possibilities of places to plant the tree parts, but didn't yet get them planted before I awoke. The house didn't seem like it was mine because I thought I needed to ask the woman who lived there if it was ok to plant the parts of the tree in the places I picked.

Interpretation:

- **Tree stump:** stubborn, unbelief, roots, tenacious, obstacle, unmovable
- **Tree(s):** person or covering, leader, shelter, leadership
- **Trees:** nations, individuals, the Church
- **Evergreen tree:** eternal life
- **Green:** prosperity, growth, life, renewal
- **House:** person or family, individual, Church, a dwelling place
- **Woman (unknown):** spirit, God's messenger (angel)
- **Wood:** humanity, life, temporary, flesh, carnal reasoning, spiritual building material

My first thoughts are that this root and base of a big old tree may symbolize the Church (or its leaders) with its old root system, old ways of thinking, stubborn, unbelief, wanting things to stay

the same as they were. The new small section of the tree may symbolize the new, fresh, new life, revival that is going on now (in Lakeland, FL) which was completely cut off from the old.

In the dream I can see that these two parts cannot live together anymore, and I desire to help each part to grow and be replanted in soil. The unknown woman (the owner of the house) might then represent God, God's messenger/angel, or the church since it was her house and property. The house could symbolize the Church.

This could be a dream showing me that the old and the new parts of the Church are cut apart forever and don't fit together anymore. But I wanted both to be replanted so they could grow. I didn't get an answer from the woman in the dream as to where to replant them. Since I have been watching the Lakeland, FL revival each night before I go to bed, I think this dream might relate to that.

Ok, Lord, am I even close? Is there something more that You want to tell me?

Yes, you are close, and yes, there is something more I want to tell you. Think of this tree as being formerly one tree, not separated. Something cut the two parts of the tree trunk apart. It wasn't a break, but it was a clean cut, like a knife or sword cut it apart. That knife or sword could be the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

I stand on My Word. My Word says healing is real. Those who don't believe healing and revival are for now are cut off forever from this new fresh eternal life tree I have begun. The two will nevermore fit together or grow together. That's what this dream shows.

*I wanted you to see that and know it. Each person who belongs to Me, or who claims to belong to Me, must choose which part of the tree they are part of - the old (big, huge, grown a long time) or the new (small, fresh, green, something new). Whether each can grow separately from the other is not shown or answered in the dream. I just wanted you to see and know that **I** have cut them apart with the Sword of My Word.*

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I AM TO "SEE" FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, NOT MINE

Today as I rested in the afternoon in the reclining chair, the Holy Spirit talked to me for a long time. Some of the things He taught me:

- Everything He is, is inside me, all His power, authority, provision, protection, wisdom, understanding, health, and healing. They are all in my spirit because He is inside me in my spirit. I can call it forth in Jesus' name at any time.

- He owns everything: all gold, silver, copper, etc. like being a millionaire or billionaire. To a millionaire, spending the amount to stay at a senior living facility would be a tiny amount. I am to see this amount from His perspective, knowing He has the cattle on a thousand hills. I am not to see it from my previous poverty perspective.

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IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE MEN

I have been wondering how to understand the Scripture passage in the Sermon on the Mount by Jesus where He said:

For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. (Matthew 6:14-15)

So I got some books from the library about forgiveness. This is what Charles Stanley writes about that Scripture passage in his book *The Gift of Forgiveness*.

(p. 104-105)

Does this mean that my failure to forgive someone who has wronged me will deprive me of the forgiveness God purchased in my behalf through Christ's blood at Calvary?

The answer to this question goes back to understanding what Christ meant by the word *forgive*...To forgive means to release others from a debt incurred when they wronged us. The debt may be material or emotional, some form of hurt or embarrassment. When we forgive, we assume the loss. We free others from the bondage of material or emotional indebtedness. If we refuse to forgive, we place ourselves in bondage to an unforgiving spirit, which is accompanied by tension, strife, pressure, irritation, frustration, and anxiety.

Therefore, because it is always the will of the Father for us to be forgiving toward others, refusing to forgive our offenders prevents God from releasing us from the same bondage. In love He cannot simply overlook our un-Christlike spirit; we must deal with it by confessing it and forgiving those who have offended us. Otherwise we bear the pressure of His chastisement, which is His refusal to release us from the natural penalty of an unforgiving spirit.

When Jesus says in this passage, "Then your Father will not forgive your transgressions," He is not implying that our salvation is in jeopardy. Our fellowship with Him is what will suffer. We cannot be right with God and unforgiving toward others. Confession is absolutely essential if we are to walk in fellowship with our heavenly Father whose forgiveness toward us is eternal, whose unconditional love toward us cannot be diminished, and whose grace toward us can never be thwarted.

A DREAM ABOUT A FLY IN FRONT OF MY RIGHT EYE

I had a dream in which I would see a fly in front of my right eye. I would wave it away with my hand. It would reappear, and I would keep waving it away.

I asked the Lord what it meant. He indicated I should look up what "**fly**" symbolized. It symbolized: occult, live off dead and dying things, evil spirits, filth of Satan's kingdom, Beelzebub.

He brought to my attention that it was in front of my right eye, not my left eye. **Eyes** symbolize vision, knowledge, sight, insight, foresight. It could also mean desire (good or evil), the window to the soul (thus revealing what is in the heart), revelation, understanding

Right symbolizes natural, authority, power, the strength of man (flesh), the power of God revealed through flesh

My interpretation: It shows something Satanic trying to block the vision or insight or revelation shown through the power of God revealed through flesh.

Yes, now let Me tell you more. This is an occult blockage of your vision, both spiritual and natural. It is something you can bind away from you, and I want you to do that now.

What do I call it, Lord?

You call it exactly what I just called it.

I did that and He said,

It is gone. You will see and experience now greater natural vision and greater supernatural vision. I wanted this freedom for you.

Thank You, God!!!

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INTERCESSION

This is the time for you to "embrace" intercession...your highest intercession. It must take you through the time of transition that you and the world are in now. It must be coupled

together (duet) with worship. It must be for the leadership of your country, and for the fruit of the Spirit to be doubled in My people's hearts. As the fruit of My Spirit is doubled in My people's lives, they will reach out to others with more love and compassion - thereby winning them to Me.

You are now sitting in your car of ministry along the pathway you are journeying on and praying for the people I lead you to pray for. Today it is J and E. Other times it will be other people. I will show you, lead the way, on this prayer journey. It is like a duet between you and Me. I show you the people and what to pray. You do the vocal praying and praying in the Spirit so you can be connected with Me. I will take care of the hindrances. And it is all surrounded by worship and praise.

You will be 'sitting by yourself in your car'. This means we will do this together but you will be separate from other people as you do it. That is your way, the way I have designed you to be.

Now go, and we'll do what I've just shown you we'll do. No, you don't need to write down what I show you to intercede. Just do it.

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WE ARE TO REMEMBER THE THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US

Today I talked to the Lord asking if I was doing what He wanted me to, since it sometimes doesn't seem as if I am doing much for Him with the time I have. He reminded me that the intercession I do is what He wants me to do, AND that I am helping Him by being here for B. I am to help keep a sense of stability in her home to help her deal with the traumatic things she sometimes has to live through (like today having someone on her work team fired). And I help by bringing her attention to things which are good for her to read or hear or know (like the recent book *Praying The Bible* by Wesley and Stacey Campbell).

He reminded me that I said I wanted to stay on this earth as long as I am helpful to my daughters, and I am still helpful to B...especially helping her readjust when she returned from Africa, was sick for days, needed someone to get meds for her, cook for her, etc. So that is the sacrifice I am to make to do what He wants me to do right now...the sacrifice being that I sometimes feel like I'm not doing enough in His kingdom work.

As I listened to Lou Ingle speak tonight on God TV, in a rally to get people ready for the August 16th CALL for the Mall in Washington DC, I felt I was to commit to doing something to contribute to that rally: intercede, fast, help pay someone's expenses to go, etc. I'm looking for the answer to what that is.

As I listened to Todd Bentley tonight at Lakeland he reminded us that we are to *remember* the things the Lord has done for us and speak those testimonies forth. I think I want to compile a book of testimony regarding things the Lord has done about which I can testify: healing, provision, calls.

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CALLED TO A MONASTIC LIFE

Now you know that you have been called to the monastic life. (Remember what SB prophesied over you? He could see you living sometime in a place for nuns.) You do not live in a building called a monastery or a nunnery, but you are living that life here at B's house. It is the life I have called you to and I want you to continue in for the rest of your earthly life. Not that you separate yourself totally from the world, but that you separate yourself as much of the time as I call you daily to. For right now it is your mornings.

*Satan is continually trying to get you drawn away from those morning times with Me. He is a tempter. I will show you when it is ok to do something else during your mornings than spend it in *Quiet Time* with Me. That is the **ONLY** time I want you doing something else. And, I do not want you very much involved in the world the rest of the time so that it might draw you away from closeness with Me. I want you to **MAINTAIN** that closeness during the rest of your day also that you attained in the morning.*

*I want you to read and study the books I lead you to each day as I have much to teach you. I am training you, not only for this earthly life, but for the eternal life you will continue in after you leave this earth (and it will be at the Rapture; you will not physically die on earth...and I **WILL** keep you healthy and well for the rest of your time on earth).*

*Now write only what I lead you to write - and that may now increase more and more. But this will be a different type of writing. This will be writing the revelations I give you now, not ones from your past. For now, the past is done, and we will go on to what I have for you in the future. Writing is still a part of that, but it will be somewhat different. It will be new revelations. **THIS** is My new revelation to you right now, Joan, that I have **CALLED** you to a monastic life, and you are now to live it out.*

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RESTLESS DAYS

I am restless today, Lord.

It's like that some days. Some days are restless days.

Why, Lord?

You don't need to know why. Just accept the fact that they are.

I can use restless days to My glory also. Dedicate your day to Me, no matter HOW you feel.

I dedicate my day to You, Lord Jesus, and to You, Father of my Lord Jesus.

OK, this is good

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CALL OUT MY NAME

My enemies retreated; they staggered and died when you appeared. (Psalm 9:3 NLT)

This is what I want you to do whenever you find yourself in trouble - call out My Name and I will appear. Then your enemies will retreat as they did for David in this Psalm.

The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for you. (Psalm 9:9-10 NLT)

Holy Father, you have given me [Jesus] your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold. (John 17:11-12 NLT)

And that's the answer to the question you have been pondering lately - what to do if/when trouble comes. Now I say: call out My name and I will appear. Then your enemies will retreat from you. These may be "unseen" enemies from the spiritual world, which you feel or sense but don't see. Just call out My name and I will come, along with My many angels, to rescue you. Depend on Me. Trust your life to Me. You are safe when you are in My hands.

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INVITING CLOSE FRIENDS TO THE REVIVAL CELEBRATION

And I gave you this dream. So what does it mean, Joan? It means that the revival celebration is very close and you are inviting your close friends to come and participate.

B and S represent people who are very interested in this, but have other commitments that might keep them away during the celebration time. I'm not saying what they are doing is bad, but it's just not what you are doing and what you have invited them to participate in.

You are to not be judgmental of them, but accepting and loving and caring. What they are doing may be important to Me too. S's hat in the dream shows strength and courage as well as peace, gentleness and wisdom.

It is a good dream. One to comfort you about your friends who are not doing what CTC is doing...but they are doing something important to them, and possibly to Me. Love them as they are. They don't have to be part of what you are doing to be ok with Me. This is the message of the dream.

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TAKE COURAGE, I AM HERE

This morning in my Quiet Time I read Mark 6:45-56. At the place where Jesus spoke, "*Don't be afraid; take courage; I am here!*" (Mark 6:50) He said those words were for me, now, today, and during the time to come.

In the footnotes it indicates that "*I am here*" can be read "*The I AM is here.*" What a great encouragement! The I AM is with me and will be with me, so I am not to be afraid of what is coming, and I am to take courage during these times. I felt this was for my children also: B, K, and J.

I will always be with you, Joan. I will always be "here." So do not be afraid, even though difficult days are ahead for the world you live in. You won't be long in it. Neither will the rest of My people. The Rapture is soon. Expect it!

~ 71 ~

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah will be a very special day for you - a day of new beginnings, a day of great joy and rejoicing - a day I am pleased with.

You will come with Me to My place of abode high above the earth. I will be your King and you will be My lovely Bride and My sister. From then on we will always be together.

Never will you have to navigate on your own, as we will eternally communicate moment by moment through our eternal spirits. It will be as you have imagined was in the Garden of Eden - open love and communication.

I am looking forward to this as much as you are. Even more so, as this is a special day of drawing My Bride close to Me - to never be apart again.

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A DREAM ABOUT A FIREPLACE

1) In one scene I was sitting at a table with SB on the other side of it. I showed her, or told her, about a church worship service I had written. I told SB that God had used BB to speak a significant word to me that told me to write this. BB came up to the table as I said that.

2) In another scene I was in BB and SB's home in front of their huge elaborate fireplace. It was very long - covering maybe 10 ft in length and made of gray stone (like river rock). There were places for air intake, for the storage of wood for burning, and for burning the wood.

3) In another scene I was watching from inside the B's house while SB went with a truck or tractor and picked up loads of firewood from some place they had it stored. She brought a couple of stacks up to their yard and dropped them there for use in the fireplace later. Some unknown woman was also in their house with me.

Interpretation:

- BB: represents Jesus
- SB: represents the Bride of Christ, the Church

- Table: communion, agreement, covenant, conference, provision
- Worship service: plans for worshipping God, for drawing close to Him, in writing
- Fireplace: heart
- Firewood: humanity, life, temporary, spiritual building material
- Stone: might, permanence, witness, Word, testimony, person, precept
- Trees (wood): person or covering, leader, leadership, shelter, nations, individuals, the Church
- Fire: heat, passion, presence of God, holiness of God, purifying, testing, revival, God's Word or Spirit, power
- Tractor: powerful work, slow but powerful ministry
- Unknown woman: spirit, God's messenger, angel
- House: (of known person) your calling is similar to theirs, a dwelling place, person or family, Church, your church, your life or heart
- Front yard: future or now, in the presence of, a prophecy of future events, immediate, current

My interpretation:

1. This first scene symbolizes my having communion with the Church. I had received a Word from the Lord about writing out plans for drawing close to God and worshipping Him. I showed this to the Church. The Lord came close to us as I shared this with others.
2. In the second scene the fireplace symbolizes my heart shown as very huge and having everything needed to burn exceedingly well. It was also strong, with permanence, with a witness and testimony regarding the Word. It was useful for burning/reviving humanity, that which is temporary, flesh, or spiritual building material. It had excellent air intake - which represents having the Holy Spirit.
1. The third scene is about me, my calling, my dwelling place. It is the same as the Bs who represent the Lord Jesus and His Bride. So my calling shown here is to do as Jesus did, as the Church is called to do. The Church is preparing for fire burning, for revival, for purifying, for heat and passion, for the presence and holiness of God, for power, and for testing. It is a powerful work, a slow but powerful ministry. God's messenger/angel and/or Spirit is there with me. The amount of firewood for burning is double and there is more to keep burning. It is immediate, now, current and/or in the future.

Wow! That's some dream, Lord! Is the writing what I've already done, or writing yet to do, or both?

It's both. What you have already done is good. There may be more writing to come, but I will tell you what and when to do that. It will come through My Word to you.

The fires of revival are already kindled and already burning. Remember it's a long slow work, but powerful. It (the fire) is traveling across your country right now, and around the world. It will not stop until all of My Bride is called out, purified, made ready, and passionate for Me.

Yes, SB represents My Bride and BB represents Me. Now you can know that in future dreams and past ones you may reread.

~ 73 ~

STORIES OF MIRACLES AND REVIVAL

What is My part in the revival, Lord?

Your part is to pray for it as often as I bring that idea to you. You can also write as I show you what to write. My telling you to write STORIES OF MIRACLES AND REVIVAL was to alert you to know miracles and revival were imminent. They are upon us. You can pray for them too.

Don't write them unless I tell you to. That's why you haven't gotten anywhere on that book, because it isn't yet time to write it. Just leave that book as it is for now. I'll tell you if and when I want you to work on it again.

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8-8-8

This is what I want you to write, Joan: I love you with all My heart, mind, soul, and strength. I love you in the way I want you to love Me.

Something is about to explode at your church. This explosion will take your church to a higher level of worship and of experiencing Me. It will happen soon, very soon. You (plural) will have a new beginning starting tomorrow 8-8-8, My Son's number.

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FOUR STAGES OF REVIVAL

Last night (8-8-8) Todd Bentley spoke at a Morningstar Conference with Rick Joyner. One of the things he talked about was the four stages of revival that God showed him. Here are the 4 stages:

1. Revival with healing: Go through the outer court, get cleansed, washed, then the inner court, then to the Holy Place. Have to keep repeating this process.
2. Revival with notable remarkable miracles
3. Revival with raising the dead: character and holiness built
4. Revival with Resurrection Life: power dominion, authority, with Romans 1:4 anointing. (Romans 8)

Romans 1:4 ...and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leviticus 10:7-9 "Do not leave the entrance to the Tent of Meeting or you will die, because the Lord's anointing oil is on you." So they did as Moses said. Then the Lord said to Aaron, "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come."

A key to revival: stay in the tabernacle; remain when the oil is upon you. When Todd taught this, the Holy Spirit said to me:

You are, and you will remain. I am doing it, Joan.

John 15:15 (A friend with God) "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

Todd and Bob Jones told about a "new breed" of 25-40-year-olds being raised up and anointed. They will train and usher in the youth who will be used greatly in what's coming.

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THE DESIRE TO LIVE A QUIET PEACEFUL LIFE

During the night the Lord told me comforting words/ideas and I'm trying to remember this morning what they were. I'm not sure. However, they might have been regarding my desire to live a quiet peaceful life the rest of my days on earth. The Lord has indicated that it will take some overcoming to do that, and He will help me do that. He indicates that it is ok if I live quiet peaceful days the rest of my life, and that I don't need to feel I am choosing the wrong way, or the too easy way.

He indicates that I can "receive" the gift of having quiet peaceful days from Him. He would like to give me that. So, I "received" that from Him. When this was resolved last night, I opened my eyes and the digital clock said 333! I felt that was a God-given sign this was from Him!

Previous to going to bed I had been reading Derek Prince's book (below) and the question was in my mind about whether I was settling for a lesser way or the wrong way in my walk with the Lord. I didn't want to be like the 10 foolish virgins who didn't have enough oil. I didn't want to be one who experienced the "weeping and gnashing of teeth." So, I think His assurance during the night was to comfort me in these concerns.

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WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH

(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

Regarding *Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth* p 102-104

Then He [Jesus] says, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Jesus uses that phrase about five times in the New Testament for a certain category of people: those who have known all about Him, who have heard all the truth, who have been close to it perhaps all their lives, but never really committed themselves. And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth because they will suddenly realize they were so close all their lives, they could have stepped in at any moment. But they never did, and now they are shut out forever.

1. Jesus' first use of this phrase, found in Matthew 8:12, refers to "the sons of the kingdom." Jesus is speaking to His fellow Jews and saying, "You are rejecting Me, but the Gentiles will come. They will enter the Kingdom, and you will be shut out. And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." These are people who have known it all, who had every opportunity but never availed themselves.
2. In Matthew 13:42 this phrase is used of the people who are the tares in the wheat field, looking exactly like the wheat but never producing fruit. Jesus says the angels will come and root them up and "cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." All their lives these people have been close to it, right in the middle of it, but they never entered into it.
3. In Matthew 22:12-13, in the parable of the wedding feast, there is one guest who comes in without a wedding garment. Actually, he did not even have to buy his wedding garment -- the host provided it. So it is sheer audacity and presumption to walk in without one. When the master of the feast sees him, he says, "How did you come in here without a wedding garment?" The man is speechless. The master says, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Again, we see that this is somebody who knew all about it. He had received an invitation to the feast but he did not bother to put on the appropriate garment, which is the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
4. In Matthew 25:30, we find the "one talent" servant, and again it involves weeping and gnashing of teeth.
5. Finally, in Luke 13:26-28, there are people who say to Jesus, "We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets." And Jesus says to them, "I do not know you...Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity." And outside there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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THE TEN VIRGINS

(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

Regarding The Ten Virgins p. 104-105

In the Bible, ten is the representative number of a congregation...My thought here is that these virgins basically represent churchgoers.

Here are three points about those ten virgins that are common to them all:

- They all expect the bridegroom. They all know the bridegroom is coming. They are not unbelievers.
- They all have lamps and oil. Almost always, oil is a type of the Holy Spirit. They all have the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- All of them slumber, both the wise and the foolish.

There is only one difference: *the amount of oil they have*. The wise have oil enough and some to spare. The foolish do not have a reserve of oil. We need to note again that there is no middle category - either we are wise or we are foolish...

We have to be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit continually. All of these ten virgins have the initial filling, but because they do not all have the continual refilling, some are not ready.

It is interesting to note that the wise virgins say to the foolish: "Go and buy oil" It has to be bought; it is not a gift. Initially, the Holy Spirit is a gift. But if we want to remain filled with the Holy Spirit, there is a price to pay.

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THOSE WHO ENDURE TO THE END

(Quote from Derek Prince *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*, p. 59)

What does Jesus promise for those who remain faithful? "He who endures to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13)...Thank God, we are saved now. But if we want to stay saved, we have to endure. There is really only one way to learn endurance: by enduring. Endurance is God's preparation for what lies ahead. We should not complain about it. Scripture says, **Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience [endurance, NASB]. But let patience have its perfect work,**

that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4) For us to be perfect and complete, we have to let endurance have its perfect work. That is the key to survival.

(p. 70-71)

Jesus goes on to say: **"Unless those days were shortened, no flesh [human being] would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (Matthew 24:22).**

The word *elect*, which occurs in this passage three times, is an important word meaning "chosen." It may be hard to accept, but Scripture indicates that God has those whom He has chosen. People like you and me. We are saved not because we chose Jesus, but because Jesus chose us. Jesus said to His disciples, **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you" (John 15:16)**. Ephesians 1:4 tells us that God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

When God chooses us, we have to make the decision to respond to His choice. But we never initiate His choice. God knows every one whom He has chosen. We are not "afterthoughts." We are not accidents looking for a place to happen. We are part of an eternal plan, one that includes a whole lot of people who are not yet believers. God knows each one of them, and He will not rest until He has gathered in every single one...

Furthermore, the age will not close, Jesus tells us, until all the chosen ones have been gathered in: **"Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."** In other words, if God had not shortened the actual period of the Great Tribulation, no human being would remain alive.

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THE RESTRAINING EFFECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

You see, the Rapture is to take out those who have a lot of the Holy Spirit in them. They are the ones containing that (Holy Spirit) which restrains the Antichrist from coming forth openly. So I have to take them out to allow the Antichrist to come out of seclusion or hiding.

In other words, he can reveal who he REALLY is after the restraining effect of the Holy Spirit has left the earth. So that is what the story of the wise and foolish virgins refers to - the taking out of the earth realm those who have a large portion of the Holy Spirit.

It isn't that the foolish virgins aren't Christians and won't eventually be saved (if they endure to the end and get to know Me), but they have no restraining power through having a large portion of the Holy Spirit (extra oil). They could be those whose love grows cold that Paul talked about (Matthew 24:12), or they could be those who endure to the end.

He who stands firm to the end will be saved. (Mark 13:13)

If we endure, we will also reign with him. (2 Timothy 2:12)

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BUYING GOLD

(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

Regarding buying gold: The church at Laodicea, p. 106-107

Jesus said to them: "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed."

But Jesus gives us some advice. "I'm not going to give the gold to you; you have to buy it from Me."...Gold represents here faith that has stood the test of fire. Jesus says, "You'll have to pay for it by endurance. You'll have to hold out under the test." Not everything in the Christian life is free. There are things we have to pay for.

The foolish virgins who have to go buy oil find that it is too late. When they return, the door is shut, and Jesus says, "I never knew you." I understand that to mean they were never among God's elect. They had come in, but God knew they would never pass the test.

How do we buy oil? By prayer, by Bible reading, by waiting on God. It takes time and it takes effort. It does not just happen. We have to make the decision. Have we bought our oil?

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IT MIGHT BE HARDER TO "DO NOTHING"

Are you being lazy, Joan? No! You spend your time seeking Me, talking to Me, listening to Me, and doing just as I lead you. Remember I said once that it might be harder to "do nothing" if that is what I said to do, than "do something" like hand out tracts. I am training you to listen to Me and follow Me. You ARE one of God's elect. You ARE passing the tests being given you, since you are listening to Me and following Me. That's what I counseled you many years ago - to "follow Me."

That is another way you "buy gold". You listen to Me and follow Me. That is another way to "store up oil" - to always listen to Me and follow Me. You are doing all three of the things Derek mentioned: prayer, Bible reading, and waiting on God. Be assured you are among the elect, that you have extra oil, and that you have already bought gold from Me...you have paid the price and are still paying it every day.

Do not be afraid you are listening to the wrong voice and following it. I am your seal. I assure you that you have eternal salvation. I am the Holy Spirit. Why else would you have such a desire to follow the Lord, worship Him, read His Word, and seek after the Truth? Yes, there are many who are deceived, but you are not among them.

Lord, I guess the reason I sometimes question You about what I am doing, is because I love to do it so much: the Bible reading, the prayer, the waiting on You. It is the sincere desire of my heart. Therefore, it is not a hardship for me to do it, but a great delight and blessing.

Yes, it IS a hardship whenever it comes to worldly things - like having fun, having material things more money could buy, having fame, wealth, power, etc. These are things which you have voluntarily given up. These are things which are the price you have paid to follow Me. There are more "prices" you have paid than you realize (for instance, your marriage and the worldly comforts it held).

Because You love Me so much, and desire to be with Me so much, these prices seem small and insignificant to you. But, to Me, they are not small and insignificant. You are like those disciples who gave up all to follow Me. You are receiving back 100-fold while on this earth in the delight and joy you are receiving in being in right relationship with Me and seeing this relationship grow day by day.

You will receive many treasures in heaven, which are, even now, being stored up there for you. And realize that you are under great attack, even now, as you question over and over if what you are doing for Me is sufficient for buying gold and receiving extra oil. That attack is part of the price you are paying.

Counter those attacks, whenever you have them, with the truth from My Word, and from what I tell you in our private conversations (which NEVER conflicts with My Word - if you think it does at any time, be sure to ask Me about that so I can explain it).

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A DREAM ABOUT GIVING MY PIANO STUDENTS CANDLES TO LIGHT

In this dream I prepared 2 small candles to give to each of my piano students to light. The candles were long and narrow and encased in metal. If you crossed the 2, they made the

shape of the cross and could be lit like that. I also prepared some flowers to give the students at the same time. It seemed I wanted to give them out at some special celebration day.

Interpretation:

- **Candle:** God's justice; both man's spirit and God's Spirit; God's Word; Jesus; the Lamb is the light; conscience; prosperity; churches
- **Candlestick:** impact and influence, represents the church, those who carry the light of God, Jesus in the church, the body of Christ universal and individually
- **Cross:** the place of laying down one's life for God, the place of being crucified, indicates what Christ went through for our salvation
- **Piano students:** those I disciple regarding worship of God, ministering the gifts of the Spirit, or activity or action that proceeds from the heart
- **Two:** divide, judge, separate, discern, (for me) co-laboring with the Spirit
- **Flowers:** fragrance, smell, fragrance of God

What does this dream mean, Lord?

What do you think, Joan?

I was the only one participating in this dream that I remember. So, this is likely about me, or something I am being guided to do. What I am to do, perhaps, is become like a candle in the shape of a cross...and then light that. The lighting wasn't done in the dream, but the preparation for that lighting was being done. The candles and the flowers were being prepared to be given as gifts to others who were students learning worship of God, ministering in the gifts of the Spirit, something that proceeds from the heart. The two gifts can represent the light of God and the fragrance of God on a small individual scale. But the lighting of the candle is in the shape of a cross (or has the possibility of being that).

This process of what is done with the candles (2) shows a dividing, judging, separating, and/or co-laboring with the Spirit. I can either burn the candles without putting them in the shape of a cross, or I can burn them in the shape of a cross. Perhaps this represents my going on in my life as a person shaped like the cross or not.

Perhaps it refers to whether I am willing to give up my "self" completely to God, or will hold some of my "self" back, not submitted. How do I want my own candle to burn? My hope is in the cross of Christ. So, I want to burn, be ignited, by the cross and my relationship to it visible to others as I shine forth Christ's light and fragrance to others.

Are You showing me in this dream that it's time to make a decision, Lord? Do I give up all of my "self" and let it be crucified on Your cross?

Is that what you want to do, Joan?

Yes, that is what I want to do. I want to be further "divided" (2) out, separated out, unto You, Lord. Can You get me there?

Yes, I can get you there if that is what you want. And I can do it in a quiet and peaceful way if that is what you want.

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

Ok, we'll work on this daily, Joan, you and I together. I'll show you the way. I AM the way, remember?

Ok, Lord, show me the way. I choose to follow You daily - deny myself, take up my cross, and follow you.

And that's the lesson of this dream. That's why I wanted you to write it down. That's why I gave it to you, and gave you time to write it out this morning. It's time to do this.

This will show the light to others that I give you (as I am the light of the world), and the fragrance to others that I give you. It is a gift to those who learn from you, and what you do, and who you are in Me.

Will You show me *where* You want me to deny myself, and *how* you want me to deny myself, and even *when* I am exerting my "self" instead of following You?

Yes, you will need discernment and wisdom and understanding from Me to do this. You cannot do it on your own (in the flesh). I will need to give you revelation knowledge to help you do this. Do you want that?

Yes, Lord. Please give me discernment, wisdom, understanding, and revelation knowledge so we can work this work in me together.

I will. We will begin/start today...and follow on each day of the rest of your life. That's one of the jobs you can only do on this earth. It's one of the reasons I bring you to earth - to work on this and accomplish whatever you can on this - giving up yourself to follow Me exclusively.

On 8-12-08 the Lord helped me to understand this as a "transition" that was prophesied in a dream on 8-3-08 when I saw myself going through a tunnel with Jesus. I see this as happening partly through reading Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times* and pondering what is taught in it...sometimes new ideas for me.

EXCLUDED FROM THE KINGDOM

(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

(p. 126-7)

Excluded from the Kingdom

Paul uses a key phrase in all three letters; *will not inherit the Kingdom of God*. It is one thing to be born again and enter the Kingdom of God, but it is quite another thing to inherit the Kingdom of God. A lot of those who have entered the Kingdom will never inherit it because they are living the lives Paul describes. Here is the first passage:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals [passive homosexuals], not sodomites [aggressive homosexuals], nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

These people can be born again into the Kingdom of God, but ultimately they cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. They are excluded. We cannot inherit the Kingdom of God unless we repent. God does not admit any in this list without repentance. God does not make exceptions for those who reject His commandments willfully. Paul says that these people will not inherit His Kingdom.

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Also see:

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

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## PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

(Quotes from Derek Prince's book *Prophetic Guide to the End Times*.)

(p. 157-8)

Now for the promise - a beautiful and familiar promise of blessing for those who align themselves with God's purposes for Jerusalem, for Israel and for God's people: **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6 KJV)....**

We cannot take a neutral attitude. We have to actively identify ourselves with what God is saying in His Word and what He is doing in history. The primary way we can do so is to identify with what God is doing through our prayers. We can pray for the peace of Jerusalem. For the restoration of Jerusalem. For Jerusalem to become all that God has declared in the Scriptures Jerusalem shall be. To those who pray and are concerned, this is the promise: **"They shall prosper that love thee."**

The Hebrew word translated "prosper" does not pertain primarily to financial prosperity. It means they shall be at ease, they shall have rest, they shall have peace. There is an inner rest and peace that comes to those who, in the midst of all the turmoil of this world, associate themselves actively with God's purposes of restoration for His people.

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This above paragraph touches me especially because it confirms what the Holy Spirit has told me about my being at ease, having peace and rest during the rest of my days on earth. This is the prosperity He talked about in the Psalm 122:6 passage.

**Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper. (Psalm 122:6 NLT)**

As I saw the word "Hebrew" in the above passage by Derek Prince, the Holy Spirit began to speak to me regarding something in a dream about going to Hebrew Street:

*You are on Hebrew Street when you study and grow to understand My plan and purpose for the Hebrews, My chosen people, as well as for the Church, My chosen people. You have studied a lot about the Church, but not a lot about My Hebrews who are also chosen.*

*I want you to learn more about Hebrew Street. That is what I showed you in that dream about going to Hebrew Street. Street is the way or pathway or journey. So that means the journey of My Hebrews. You are doing that more in this book by Derek Prince.*

*I don't want you to react in fear to all this that I am showing you today, Joan, but react in meditating on it, pondering it, and letting Me reveal truths to you that you haven't heard before or haven't understood before. There is much yet that you do not know.*

*I said I would give you revelation and wisdom, and I WILL. This is the beginning of that promise being fulfilled. You said you want to "know" Me more. Well, this is the beginning of "knowing Me" even more than you already do. I taught a lot to Derek Prince about the end times that you are right now living in. So study his book and learn from Me through it.*

## A MINISTRY OF SECLUSION

*Your ministry right now is a ministry of seclusion in which I keep having you draw near to Me. I am teaching you and training you in the way that I have chosen for you. You have received and accepted that plan/way. I know you don't see the results of the prayer I have you pray, but you must trust in Me by faith that it is effective. Remember "the effective prayer of a righteous person avails much." Right now your ministry is to:*

1. *Me*
2. *B*
3. *J*
4. *Occasionally others as I lead (and sometimes that is through your giving)*

*Will you receive this ministry for Me?*

Yes, Lord.

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

**The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16 NIV)**

*I'm sending you out today, Joan, as My ambassador. As you go, tell others about Me as I lead you. If I don't lead you to tell someone about Me, then don't. Remember that I know the elect and I see to it that My message is taken to them one by one. I know those whom the Father has given Me. I mainly want you to pray for that process. Will you do that?*

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## ARISE AND SHINE

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

This is the verse that the Lord puts in my heart today. It seems like it comes because yesterday the heavens were opened in a new way due to THE CALL in Washington DC, and it is the time for His people to arise and shine for His glory has now risen upon us, His people.

*It is time to let the wind of My Spirit touch you, My people, and bring out the musical tones in each of you, My people. This will all sound together as a symphony of glory and praise to Me. It will bring about My song on the earth as it is in heaven.*



*You may be going in different directions (depending on what I've called each of you to) in different parts of the world, but the total song will be from Me and bring about My plans and purposes for the earth and My children there.*

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## **YOU NEED TO DEVELOP FAITH IN THIS SPIRITUAL LAW**

(Quotes from *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere)

(14-16)

There was a time when I did everything I could to show my love to a certain person. But it seemed that every time I reached out to love, the person slapped me back with criticism and harsh treatment. This went on for months. One day I was fed up.

I complained to God. "I have had it. Now You are going to have to talk to me about this. Every time I show Your love to this person, I get anger thrown back in my face!"

The Lord began to speak to me. "John, you need to develop faith in the love of God!"

"What do You mean?" I asked.

"He who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption," He explained, "but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (See Gal. 6:8-9)

You need to realize that when you sow the love of God, you *will* reap the love of God. You need to develop faith in this spiritual law--even though you may not harvest it from the field in which you sowed, or as quickly as you would like.

The Lord continued. "In My greatest hour of need, My closest friends deserted Me...Yet as I died for the sins of the world, I forgave. I released all of them--from My friends who had deserted Me to the Roman guard who had crucified Me. They didn't ask for forgiveness, yet I freely gave it. I had faith in the Father's love.

"I knew that because I had sown love I would reap love from many sons and daughters of the kingdom. Because of My sacrifice of love, they would love Me..."

I realized that the love I was giving was being sown to the Spirit, and eventually I would reap those seeds of love. I didn't know from where, but I knew the harvest would come. No longer did I see it as a failure when love wasn't returned from the person I was giving it to. It freed me to love that person even more.

If more Christians recognized this, they wouldn't give up and become offended. Usually this is not the type of love we walk in. We walk in a selfish love that is easily disappointed when our expectations are not met.

If I have expectations about certain persons, those people can let me down. They will disappoint me to the degree that they fall short of my expectations. But if I have no expectations about someone, anything given is a blessing and not something owed. We set ourselves up for offense when we require certain behaviors from those with whom we have relationships. The more we expect, the greater the potential offense.

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If we don't risk being hurt, we cannot give unconditional love. Unconditional love gives others the *right* to hurt us.

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**But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be...unforgiving...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4)**

Notice that they will have a form of godliness or "Christianity," but they will deny its power. How will they deny its power? They deny that Christianity can change them from being unforgiving to forgiving. They will boast of being followers of Jesus and proclaim their "new birth" experience, but what they boast of has not been allowed to pierce their hearts and bring forth the character of Christ.

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## **A DREAM OF DRIVING A CAR WHICH BECAME A BICYCLE**

I was driving a car and it was difficult to make everything work ok with my feet. Eventually I was riding a bicycle, like the car had become a bicycle. Instead of being motorized, I was pedaling it. I was in Fort Wayne, having traveled from maybe Indianapolis, but I was in unfamiliar territory, so I didn't know where to go to get home.

My feet represent my spiritual walk. At first my feet were used in driving a car, but with some difficulty. A car represents my life, person, or ministry. A bicycle represents works, working out life's difficulties. I was riding the bicycle on city streets, but I didn't recognize where I was, so I didn't know where to go to get home. Perhaps that's where I am right now in my life: riding along by the works of my flesh, or by working out life's difficulties, but I don't recognize where I am or how to get "home."

*This is a good dream, Joan. Your life seems slow and rather plodding to you right now, and you don't recognize where you are or where you are to go next. It's work to keep going. That's how you feel sometimes. It's because you don't "see" the results of most of your ministry of intercession. So, it seems like you are not doing much, and not getting somewhere. You have to accept by faith that what you are doing is important - because I SAY it's important to Me.*

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## A DREAM ABOUT CHOOSING TO GO WITH K RATHER THAN A CLASS ASSIGNMENT ON THE SAME AFTERNOON

I was in my dorm room at college. It seemed to be the last day of school. I saw out the window that people were packing their cars for going home. I wanted to pack and go home, but I had a dilemma. I had been given an assignment by my teacher to go somewhere that afternoon, and I had been asked by K to go with her to some event she was in that same afternoon. Each assignment couldn't be switched to another day. So I remembered the "priority decider" that I used to use when the children were younger...and decided K was a higher priority, so I would go with her. She arrived at my room and knocked on the door. I let her in and asked how she was doing, etc. She ended up our conversation by saying, "Oh, well." That was such a typical remark from her, and I woke up with that in my mind. She had fairly straight short blond hair cut just below the ears in length, so she didn't look the way I expected her to.

Interpretation:

*She represents you. Yes, it means you give higher priority to yourself than to that assigned by your teacher - Me. It is the last day of school and you want very much to "go home." That means you are eager to come up to Heaven to be with Me. But I have 1 more assignment for you - and it conflicts with what you really, really want. So far you are giving priority to your desires rather than Mine. I want you to put Mine first.*

Ok, Lord, I choose to put Yours first. What assignment do you have for me to do before I leave for "home?"

*I will show you the way. I AM the way. You will know it when it comes because I will put that "knowing" in your heart - by revelation. Notice the "going home" people packing their cars you see by revelation out the window. That is on purpose so you will know by revelation when it is time for you to go home. And in the meantime, I have 1 more assignment for you. Trust Me; I will show it to you at just the right time, and you will recognize it as being that assignment. Will you do this for me, Joan?*

Yes, Lord, I choose to do this for You. You are my Lord, and I owe everything to You. I love You and want to serve You in the way You choose. I trust You to show me the way.

*It could be any day now, so wake up each day recommitting yourself to this assignment until the time comes that I show it to you.*

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**LEARNING LESSONS**

The thought that I got while I was dreaming or coming awake was that we were sent to earth in these particular bodies so we could learn lessons and overcome things that would happen to these bodies. God knew these were only temporary bodies that we were to learn in, and eventually we would have our eternal permanent bodies that will be perfect ones. In the meantime, we were to know these bodies were temporary and we could learn lessons through them - lessons of overcoming.

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## THE MYSTERIES OF THE MEADOW OF QUIVERING ASPEN TREES

### A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO SPELL A CHILD'S NAME, WAVERLY, AND THE MYSTERIES OF THE MEADOW OF QUIVERING ASPEN TREES

In this dream I seemed to be the secretary at a church like I was at FUMC. A lady was telling me the name of her new grandchild and spelling it for me so I could put this information correctly in the church record books and bulletin, etc. She said the girl's name was "Waverly" but she wrote it out in a strange way so I didn't understand it. I asked her to spell it for me. I couldn't seem to get it spelled right. I could see the way she wrote it, but didn't understand the marks she made. She called one letter a "tally." I kept trying to write out the letters of the name, and then I'd need to erase some of it and change it. She spelled it beginning with O, then a "tally" or a V.

Later, I went to the church in a room by myself during one of their worship services and tried to work on getting the name written out correctly (always from top to bottom, not from side to side) and kept working at it while I listened to their service. I had a number beside each letter of the name. I was trying to finish getting this right before they finished the worship service as I didn't want them to see me. I wanted to leave before they finished. It seemed like R came into the room where I was working, but didn't pay attention to me or notice I was there. I started picking up my stuff to leave and I had lots and lots of stuff to gather up.

I saw myself in a mirror and saw that my hair was different and decided it didn't matter if people saw me that way because that's the way I was. It was brown and full and I saw a section what seemed raised up a bit.

Interpretation:

- Waverly: Old English name meaning meadow of quivering Aspens, quaking aspen, from the brushwood field, the tree-lined meadow. Can be boy or girl name, rare, also a place name

- FUMC: a church where I used to work as secretary
- Grandchild: heir, oneself, inherited blessing or iniquity, one's spiritual legacy, actual grandchild
- Church building: church, congregation, may represent one's own church
- Church service: worship, true or false worship, tradition
- Tally: adding together various parts to make a total
- Hair: wisdom and anointing, covering, covenant
- R: disciple leader at church
- Name: meaning of name, someone by that name, identity, authority, reputation, a person whose name rhymes with the name in dream, a person with same initials, a different person with same name or similar personality, nature, character, reputation, actual person in dream
- Unknown lady: spirit, seducing spirit, temptation, deception, witchcraft, God's messenger (angel), one's own self
- Woman: church, virgin or harlot
- Waver: vacillate on things
- From top to bottom: not the way we usually write or read things, different from the ordinary way. Maybe from the spiritual realm down to the natural realm
- Working while listening to a worship service: seeking God or listening to God while working
- Wanting to get it right before worship service was over: want to get something right before my time here on earth is finished
- Numbers: represent some specific meaning depending on what number it is
- Didn't understand the marks she made: she used a different language or symbols than I did
- I didn't want to be seen: something I want to do privately, not openly
- Lots of stuff to pick up: I had worked on lots of materials privately
- Mirror: God's Word or one's heart: looking at oneself, looking back, memory, past, gives you a reflection of you or someone else, what's going on in you.
- Brown: compassion, humility, pastoral color are positive meanings of it, born again

This dream seems mostly to deal with the name of a grandchild of an unknown woman. The dream is about me and this woman and the spelling of the name Waverly. I wonder if this "grandchild" could be me and the unknown woman is an unknown woman in my ancestry. Or she might be an angelic messenger to reveal something to me. She was trying to give me information about a name, reputation, identity, possibly of myself, in her eyes. I'm not sure if this was good or bad, but it was very illusory and changing. The spelling of the name Waverly was very hard to pin down specifically. It seemed to keep changing, so I had to keep erasing parts of the spelling and change it. I tried to do this work (of discovering the spelling of who I am?) while listening to worship by others, but working privately by myself. I wanted to finish the work and leave before others came.

The name means a meadow of quivering/quaking aspen trees. A tree can represent a leader. I remember how beautiful the quivering/quaking aspen trees were when I was visiting Colorado or New Mexico. So this image is a very positive one for me and reminds me of the dream I once had where I was being transported into a misty meadow and felt God's presence so heavily I kept saying, "Oh, God, Oh, God." Quivering also reminds me of those touched by the Spirit quivering or shaking. Perhaps Waverly refers to a whole meadow of Christians touched by God's Spirit and quivering in His Presence. Perhaps it refers to this revelation (of the name Waverly) coming from a different language system than my everyday language; therefore, I couldn't spell it.

In the last part of the dream my hair refers to my wisdom and anointing. I saw it in a mirror. This could mean I was seeing a reflection of myself, my heart, God's Word, from my memory or past or what was going on inside of myself. I approved of what I saw even though others might not be that way. It showed me as born again, compassionate, humble, pastoral. Since it was rich and full, that may mean it's bountiful in those qualities.

*Keep going, Joan. I want you to get the meaning of this dream. It is very important to Me and to you. I am the One who sent that strange woman to tell you about yourself. I want you to learn what she means - the message I gave her to give you. Keep searching.*

*I'm teaching you to stand among the trees, the leadership trees, and quiver with My Spirit, but not waver in your standing.*

*I'm teaching you that I have a different "language" than the earth people know, and that I sometimes speak to you in that different language and you don't understand what I am saying. But I will help you tally it up, to figure it out, to get specific as numbers, to understand what I'm telling you is your inheritance from Me. Keep looking for it. Keep searching for it - your inheritance from Me that I want to make known to you.*

*It is illusive often and you have to keep searching for what I mean, what I am saying to you. You ARE that grandchild that has an inheritance coming, and it's from Me. I WANT you to have it, but you have to search for it, privately, while listening to Me and worshipping Me. It will bring you new wisdom and anointing while looking at yourself in the mirror of My Word, of Me.*

*That's a private dream - just for you. It speaks of mysteries too deep for many to understand and/or accept. But you may find these mysteries, Joan, the mysteries of the meadow of quivering aspen trees...those who tremble in My presence.*

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## UP ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN

**(Matthew 17:1-2) After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.**

*That's what I'm going to do to you, Joan, take you up on a high mountain. And there I will transform you, heal you, anoint you, and commission you for what I am soon assigning you to do. I have prepared you for all these days of your life for this 1 assignment, and it is now time to finish getting you ready for it. Will you go with Me?*

Yes, Lord.

*Ok, it will be soon. Watch for it. That's why I am having you stay home this week - it is set apart unto Me. Do not go out shopping or anywhere today. This day is Mine. This week is Mine. Trust Me.*

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## AT THE RIGHT TIME

**You are the fountain of life, the light by which we see. (Psalm 36:9 NLT)**

Lord, I have been seeking You and seeking You for healing, especially of my teeth since I need dental work and can't afford it right now. It seems, as I look back over my past, that periodically I go through a time of seeking You for healing, and then often am disappointed in that seeking because I am not healed. Is that what is happening again? Why is this, Lord? Am I thinking wrong, or asking wrong, or believing wrong? Each time I believe You tell me You will heal me at the right time, and I expect it. I want to hear instruction from You, Lord, for understanding. Will You please instruct me?

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

*So wait for Me to do this.*

OK, Lord, for You are my fountain of life, the light by which I see.

*I am letting you go through these seeking times for something which I am growing in you, something I am changing in you, something I am teaching you. Do not despair because of these teaching times. Trust Me, My child. I DO love you, and I AM watching over you and training you up in the way you should go. Even when you don't see these prayers answered as a direct result of your prayers, some things ARE happening as the result of your prayers...things which you don't know or understand. I am doing good to you.*

*I am preparing you for what's coming, even if you don't see the healing you are contending for right now. I am storing up all your prayers in a bottle, and there will come a time when I pour out the answers to all these [seemingly lost] prayers. Then you will KNOW that I am the Lord and I hear and answer your prayers. Then you will have the comfort of answered prayer. I am teaching you to hang in there, to keep believing and contending and asking. Remember I said to "ask and keep on asking"?*

(A song)

Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord,  
Follow every passing day.  
My tomorrows are all known to Thee.  
Thou wilt lead me all the way.

That song is in my mind right now. You know my tomorrows, Lord, and You will lead me all the way! I choose to follow You, even though I don't see answers to my prayers right now.

Your timing is involved in this, and I don't know or understand Your timing. And I think there might be something more important You are teaching me than to be healed...persistence, endurance, keeping on trusting and believing. So, again, I relinquish my will, Lord, to Your will. Yours is better. You bring me only good, because You are good, and You do only good.

**For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (2. Corinthians 4:17)**

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## **I AM LEADING A DRAMA WHICH WILL BE SEEN BY ALL THE WORLD**

I had a dream about a drama - and tried to interpret it. This is what the Lord told me about it:

*The play or drama is your life story. Remember how I showed you that your life story would be in three parts (in that vision at CFO camp)? Think of these three divisions in the drama as those three parts. Go back and read the dream with that in mind.*

*The third scene is the third part of your life (~ 1980 to present) where you have milk to give out - My Word. Your shoes may get briefly stuck sometimes as you chew on things I'm teaching you, but you get through that. Being "in the director's office" refers to being in My presence in your Quiet Times especially.*

*You are there now...in the director's office. The three scenes of the play are almost completed, and it is almost time for Me to return and lead My people. The final rehearsal of the whole drama is about to begin...as soon as I return. I am in the process of returning to My own people right now as revival comes around the world. It is starting in your country now and will continue to grow - as I direct it.*

*I am the Director. You are My people. I am leading a drama which will be seen by all the natural world as well as the spiritual world. I am excited about the drama unfolding before all these eyes. Each one of you has your part to play in the total drama. Your part*



*deals with giving out the milk of My Word to others as you live it (the drama) before Me. I am "in the process" of returning/coming all over the world...even now.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT FINISHING COLLEGE WITHOUT LEARNING SOMETHING I WISHED I HAD LEARNED**

In this dream I was finishing up college and was about to graduate, but I was sad because there were a couple of courses which I took where I didn't study all the material and wished I had. I realized there were things I could have learned, that others learned, and I hadn't because I hadn't taken the time to read all the material. I don't know what these courses were, but I realized someone else had done this assignment that I hadn't, and he had learned from it something I didn't learn. There was a guy whom I thought had also not been able to do that extra work to learn that material, but I learned he had done it after all. Knowing he did it increased my sadness that I hadn't done it too.

As I was waking, I also saw a large box filled with pennies that were pouring over the edge because it was so full.

Interpretation:

The first part of the dream refers to things I didn't learn by life's experiences that I could have learned. It would have benefited me to learn them. Now I am asking God to show me those things so that I can now learn them rightly as He shows me. Thank You, Lord, for giving me this chance to learn the lessons now so that I don't lose the benefit from learning them.

This fits with a paragraph from the book called *Stories of Hope from a Bend In The Road* by Dr. David Jeremiah (pg. 15):

"If you are going through a bend in the road, then remember this: Your crisis is important to God. He is using it to make you a more valuable servant to His kingdom. The moment we accept that our crisis has been permitted, even intended by God, our perspective will change. We then find ourselves realizing that God does not allow pain without a purpose...and we will hurry into the presence of God for true security and ultimate comfort."

- Pennies: small pieces of money, but these can add up over a period of saving them
- Money—power, provision, wealth, natural talents and skills, spiritual riches (i.e., faith, wisdom, spiritual gifts, etc.), power, authority. **“but thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth...” (Deut. 8:18)**
- College courses: things/lessons I am given to learn to complete the course properly

*I will show you, Joan, I will show you what you missed learning that you could have learned. Keep asking Me.*

The pennies refer to spiritual riches which come in tiny, very small pieces, but they add up over time to fill and overflow a large box. This represents the way spiritual treasures come to me. Does this mean my spiritual treasury box is full and overflowing, Lord?

*Yes, it gives an adequate picture of that. Your riches have come in tiny pieces over much time (72+ years) but they have added up. I know the picture doesn't show gold or silver, but copper, but it also has value and is sturdy and dependable. You are not a large golden person, but a small copper person in My kingdom. But that is what I have chosen you to be. Is that ok with you?*

Yes, Lord, as long as I am in your kingdom and with You for eternity.

*You are, and you will be, but in a smaller place than some others. But you will be happy there and content there. Your place is just right for you and will satisfy the desires of your heart. You will be with many you love. You will not be disappointed. I have been teaching you for a long time about the size of your kingdom contribution and the size of your reward in heaven. You have a great treasure there and you will be content with that.*

Lord, You give me what You have chosen for me, and I thank You for that. I am content with that.

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## **EXPECT SOMETHING GOOD TO HAPPEN TODAY FROM THE LORD**

As I listened to Joyce Meyer this morning she told us to get up in the morning telling God we expected something good to happen today from Him. And something good did happen. This is what happened:

As B drove to work this morning she noticed a moving sale sign for some house on our street. She called me and told me I should go there and check it out. So I did that immediately (around 8:30-9:00).

As I looked around I picked up a book and a candle to buy, and then I noticed a small wind chime with crystals hanging on it. This was tucked way back under something and may have even had something on top of it. But I noticed it and picked it up since I really like wind chimes. I then noticed a necklace all tangled up in it. When I showed it to the lady who was having the sale, she was rather shocked because the necklace had a diamond on it and she hadn't known where it was.

So we untangled the necklace and she put it on so she wouldn't lose it. She was so thrilled to find it that she insisted that I take my three items free since I found her necklace. As I walked away and drove home I realized that was the reason I was to go to that sale - to find that necklace for her. The Lord impressed on my mind that He had sent me there for that purpose, and that he loved her and wanted her to have her diamond necklace.

I called B and told her what had happened due to her telling me about the moving sale, and she wanted me to tell the story to the lady. Since she is so busy dealing with customers, I decided to write it out to take to her. That way she could know the Lord loved her.

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### DURING MEDITATION TIME

What's on Your heart, God?

*Do you really want to know?*

Yes, Lord, if You want to tell me.

*OK, I will tell you. Listen awhile and then write.*

*1. I'm concerned for My people to learn to love Me more, and seek Me more, to listen to Me more, and to obey Me more.*

*2. I want to accomplish all I plan to accomplish at the precise time I plan to. Pray for that.*

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### A DREAM ABOUT OUR LEAVING AFTER THE LAST DRAMA PERFORMANCE

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| <p>In this dream we gave our last performance of some drama/play. I don't think I was acting in it, but just helped out (maybe with costumes, etc.). I was gathering some shirts on hangers to take with us as we left the place. Two people had been touched in some way, hit by something, which meant they had to go.</p> |
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Interpretation:

- Play/drama: a story we would act out for which we practiced and learned lines to recite.
- Last performance: we finished what we came to do
- Shirts: covering pertaining to the heart (i.e. righteousness or sin), anointing, mantle, what going to be doing, righteousness, spirit, attitude, protection, authority
- Two: multiplication, division, sign for witness, testimony, or unity, (for me) co-laboring with Christ

My thought as I awoke from this dream is that it shows I/we are finished with the life or drama (which we participate in on this earth) which is displayed or performed in front of others. We have given our last performance and I see myself gathering shirts to take with us as we leave. These shirts represent our anointing, covering, mantle, righteousness, and authority that we will take with us as we leave. Two people being touched somehow may refer to multiplication or division among the people we touched from possibly our testimony or witness (perhaps witness given during the drama of our lives).

I wonder if this dream forewarns me that we (Christians who use/wear shirts/mantles) are leaving, or in the process of getting ready to leave, earth in the Rapture. Our mantles, authority, anointing, covering and righteousness will go with us when we leave. The people who observed our performance/lives will be divided or multiplied into two groups by the effect of our lives (perhaps those who agree with us and those who don't receive our message in the drama).

What do you think, Lord?

*This message is from Me. You gave Me permission to give you dreams of significance, and this is one answer to that prayer.*

*Your interpretation is right. I guided you in that interpretation. Know that ALL that you are doing and saying is a witness to others of what you believe and your commitment to Me. It is like a drama lived/acted out before others every day of your lives - whether walking in a store or driving a car.*

*You show Me wherever you go, even though you are not aware of it. I am aware of it, and it affects others as you go. Some receive your witness and are pleased, and some don't receive your message and are "turned off." You see evidence of these two types of attitudes on the TV news regularly. People are being divided daily by their attitudes and reactions to what takes place around them.*

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**LIFE FORCE**

Last night during the night I had a dream in which I realized I saw blood dripping from me onto the ground.

Lord, was this from You?

*Yes, My child it was from Me, and yes, I do want to talk to you about it.*

*The blood in this case refers to your life force, as your life is in your blood. Some of your life force is coming out and affecting the ground around you. That represents the three-dimensional touchable aspects of your world are being affected by your life force, your life. Remember that Abel's blood called out to Me? That life force doesn't die; that life force (or life) still lives even if the human life is killed.*

*Your life is definitely touching the world around you daily, and there is real purpose and meaning for your life still being on the earth. In other words, I still have plans for you and want you on earth to carry out those plans - those ways of affecting the world around you.*

*I know you are thinking about the Rapture today because it's Rosh Hashanah and you are wanting the Rapture to take place. But I want you to know that I still have a purpose for you on the earth, so you won't be raptured today. No one will. That means another year until next year's Rosh Hashanah, and another year of waiting for the Rapture.*

*But know that I will be with you and that I have a purpose for your life which you are helping Me carry out. And it is a good purpose and a necessary purpose, even though it is still unknown and unseen for you. Trust Me in this, My child. I love you.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING TO ENTER AN AIRPLANE WITH JESUS**

In this dream I was standing near \_\_\_ while we were waiting with people to get on a plane and fly to a city. We took hands in a hidden manner and held them tightly. In the plane I was lying down resting.

Interpretation:

\_\_\_ stands for Jesus, so this symbolizes Jesus and me holding hands in a way hidden from the public eyes. Getting in a plane may symbolize getting into the heights of the spirit, the ministry together being ready to take off soon but not yet off the ground. Before we enter the plane we hold tightly to each other's hands. This symbolizes our relationship where we hold tightly to one another. It is not a public overt relationship, but a private relationship known between the two of us. If we were in an

airport waiting, this symbolizes we are waiting, preparing, and being made ready. Lying down inside the plane symbolizes resting in Jesus during the ministry plane ride. Is this right, Lord?

*Yes, \_\_\_ symbolizes Me in your dream. Our relationship is a private one but tightly held. We need one another to do ministry together. Our ministry is one of flying in the Spirit, one that is up in the air. You rest in Me during that ministry. This is a good picture to hold in your memory about what is coming.*

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## THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN REVIVAL

Recently as I watched the TBN opening to the PRAISE THE LORD program I realized that the vision I saw in 1985 (with a ball of fire arcing and coming down someplace, then doing it again), was demonstrated visually by the opening to this program. It is a verification that this vision truly is happening through many people taking the gospel around the world, and especially to TBN and their ministry in doing this. This is the vision:

1985 vision: A ball of fire, which I saw suspended in the air in our church sanctuary, started moving around inside the sanctuary in an arc. It would come down and touch someone, then it would go up in another arc to some other part of the sanctuary and would come down and touch someone else. It kept doing this over and over, faster and faster, touching more and more people. Each time it went in the arc through the air it left a trail of silver dust, like a jet trail in the sky, so these trails increased and increased within the inside of the sanctuary. It kept going faster and faster until it exploded so the light and silver dust filled everywhere.

Early in 1985: I expected to see this taking place in my church sanctuary. As of 2001, March, I have not yet seen it although I thought there were beginning signs at times. I still wait and pray for it.

2001: It has been revealed to me just this week (March, 2001) that the places this Holy Spirit Ball of Fire touched down represent places in the world where He is touching mightily and has been for many of the last several years. It represents 'people groups' He is visiting with revival around the world. It is being fulfilled worldwide, but not yet in my local church. The silvery dust, left wherever the Holy Spirit goes, represents the 'glory' that shows as He works in us and upon us, His Church.

The 'explosion' represents the Rapture when the church is translated in the air to meet with Jesus. As the work of the Holy Spirit in revival goes faster and faster touching more and more people, it will climax with a giant 'explosion' of great power, might, and glory as Christ takes His Bride to be with Himself.

## HE WILL TAKE CARE OF US

As I prayed about our financial situation in America and the problems which could come to B, K, J, and me, the Lord tells me He will take care of us and keep us in our jobs. He will watch over all who belong to Him and cause them to prosper, even during hard times economically in America.

I prayed that He would protect us and prosper us and guard us and lead us, and that He would do that for America too. He is allowing shaking now to bring many to trust in Him instead of their money and talents. It is the time of shaking we are warned about in the Bible. What can be shaken, will, and what can't be shaken will remain.

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord Almighty. (Haggai 2:6-7)**

**Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. The words "once more" indicated the removing of what can be shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:26-28)**

## NO WASTED SORROWS

Quotes from *THE VANISHING POWER OF DEATH* by Erwin Lutzer, p. 63-67

As we walk along our own private journey to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus walks with us. Thanks to His triumph, we know that we are never forsaken. He understands our hopes and dreams and knows the depths of our pain and disappointment. He is there to point us back to the Scriptures and remind us that we are not alone. He picks up the pieces of our shattered dreams and gives us a reason to go on...

Every shattered dream we give to Jesus is integrated into a higher and even more blessed purpose. In short, if we have faith to believe it, there are no wasted sorrows, no wasted aspirations or dreams. Even in this life,

we see that God is continually reshaping whatever we give Him. Indeed, the Christian life is a series of new beginnings. God Himself rushes in to fill the vacuum left in the wake of our own disappointments.

Dreams left unfulfilled in this life will most assuredly be fulfilled in the life to come. Jesus brought our dream of healthy bodies back with Him when He was raised from the dead...

To those who are brokenhearted, Jesus assures us that fulfilling family relationships will be ours. As we learned in Jesus' encounter with Mary, He says, "I am your Brother; I am your Father; I am your Friend." The fulfillment of our deepest desires for friendship and acceptance awaits us. Even our longing for security and wealth will be fully realized. We are, after all, "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). And "he who overcomes will inherit these things" (Revelation 21:7 NASB). We do not have to win in this life in order to win in the next...

Our problem, simply put, is that like the disciples, we do not recognize Jesus as He walks with us. We fail to see Him in the circumstances He brings into our lives; we fail to see Him in our hardships and disappointments. He is here, but our eyes are clouded with our own faithlessness and failures. Blessed are those who see Jesus when others see Him not...

For those who are willing to believe, the risen Christ is with us to guide, to give assurance, and to fellowship with us. In His presence our broken dreams are redirected to serve His higher purposes. In His eternal presence, all God-given dreams will eventually come to pass.

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## **A DREAM ABOUT A ROOMFUL OF PEOPLE WAILING WITH WHITE SHEETS IN FRONT OF THEM**

I heard a wailing sound of many people crying in a room nearby and I started crying too. I walked over to a room nearby to find out why they were making such a noise. I saw a roomful of people, and each one was crouched down like in fear and had a white-like (but not pure white) sheet positioned (stretched tautly) in front of them. I woke up scared like I had just seen an awful sight.

I asked God to be in charge of my dreams the rest of the night so I would not have a bad dream like that again. I gradually came to realize that the dream was likely from Him as I kept remembering it and thinking about it. I sensed that it represented the people in the earth and something had been "white-washed and hidden" that they were wailing about.

Did You give me this dream, Lord?

*Yes, I did. It is because I want you to pray this morning about it and find out what I want you to pray. Is that ok?*



Yes, it is. Will You show me what You want me to pray?

*Yes, during your morning quiet time.*

Interpretation:

- Tears: grief, sorrow, anguish, repentance, prayer, judgment
- Crying out: communication, prayer, message from God, counsel
- Sheet: stretched tautly may mean not at rest
- White: (+) = Spirit of the Lord, holy power, (-) = religious spirit
- Wailing: one's feelings, expressing one's emotions/sensitivities
- Rooms: various issues

### QUIET TIME NOTES

The Lord told me to read aloud Psalm 32:1-7 (NLT)

**Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!**

**When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.**

**Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.**

**Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.**

As I read this Scripture I began to understand that the people in my dream above who were wailing were people who had white-washed and hidden their sins, and they needed to confess them - "that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment." (vs. 6) I asked the Lord, "Is that what this is about?"

*Yes, I want you to pray that "all who will" will wail before Me and confess their white-washed and hidden sins before Me - all over the world - in holy fear and awe of being judged and condemned.*

So that is what I prayed in English; then I prayed in tongues for awhile. Then I had peace and was told to write this in my journal.

**Psalm 30:11-12**

**You turned my wailing into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

~ 106 ~

**IT DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU WANT TO GET YOUR REWARD**

In a dream I had during the night it seemed to deal with not seeking credit/attention for what you do so that you can receive your reward in heaven instead of here on earth. In the dream PJ was talking about how I would understand that concept (since I talked with him about that once). I felt when I awoke that the Lord used that dream to bring that back into my remembrance to help me understand why I had a negative reaction to the promotion of taking up a collection for Pastor Appreciation Sunday today.

*I want you to learn from that, Joan, that it is BEST if you do not seek reward here on earth for what you do for Me...then you will get that reward in Heaven. Whatever you seek reward for doing here on earth...if that reward is given you due to YOUR seeking it, will be your compensation for your good deeds and hard work. It depends on WHERE you want to receive your reward. It's your choice.*

Lord, I would rather get any reward due to me in Heaven.

*I know, Joan, that is why I am telling you this. That is why you are struggling with watching the promotion of Pastor Appreciation Sunday at your church today. I put that concern in your heart and you didn't understand why it bothered you so. But this is why. You feel in your heart that there is a better way, a way more pleasing to Me than for them to promote the honoring of themselves and taking up a collection for themselves.*

*On the other hand, it is good to tell people who bless you that you appreciate them and how they bless you. That is good to do. You may do that more and more as I lead you. But it doesn't need to be done just because they promote it.*

So don't put any money in that collection today?

*So don't put any money in that collection today. That is My answer to your dilemma you have been struggling with all week. But you may honor them at other times by telling them of your appreciation of them and how they bless you (as you have been trying to do) as you feel it honestly in your heart. You resent it being forced on you today and that is why you kept thinking you couldn't cheerfully give to this collection. Yes, I do say to give your*

*offerings cheerfully. Wait until there is cheerfulness in your heart and a desire to give them appreciation - then give it that way.*

**~ 107 ~**

## **IN SEED STAGE**

Lord, what do You tell me about this dream? Was it from You? What did You want to communicate to me through it?

*Yes, it was from Me. Yes, I want to communicate something to you through the dream. I want you to get the message that:*

- *Your writing is important to Me*
- *I want you to communicate something through your writing that will bring a flowering/blessing to others later, even though it is in seed stage now and just being "planted"*
- *The field/garden is the world and the corn represents the good seed I am planting in the world. Your part is planting your "leafy plant/fern" in between the good seed (corn) I have already planted in the world*
- *You will need to wait awhile to see all those seed grown and harvested*

**~ 108 ~**

## **THE DAY BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2008**

*I want you to know today that there has been a shift in the thinking/attitude of the American people from leaning toward the right to leaning toward the left. The media has greatly influenced this. Notice the number of media that are left (many) and the number that are right (Fox News). This has been a great influence on your country. Also lots of lies have gone out to influence people.*

*There will be (and already is) a great divide in Americans. This has happened before, but it is much stronger now. It has built up over the ages. You will see the results of this division come to the surface tomorrow with the election. Do not be afraid. I know all about it, and what it will do, and what things will take place because of it.*

*Remember to keep praising Me even though you don't like what is happening to your country. If you could see the overall picture of the world like I do, you would rejoice that*

*the end of the age is so close, and setting up My kingdom on earth is such a short time away. Rejoice in that. Your country is not to grow stronger and stronger but weaker and weaker. Remember Jeremiah and how he had to live during the time his country was going downhill and getting weaker. It was hard, but he was faithful to Me.*

*I want you to be faithful to Me even if you are disappointed at what your country does and how it brings about its own destruction. You bring about your own destruction when you stray from My rule, My kingdom principles, My way of living. That's what happened to Israel back then, and that is what is happening to your country right now. There is a limit to how long I will wait patiently for your country to follow Me and repent of their ungodly ways.*

*The natural consequence of ungodliness is destruction. I know you don't want that (ungodliness), but many do. It won't be long until it is time to take My Church out of the land and let the rest of the natural consequences take place. People can't go on forever lying, cheating, and stealing and not receive the consequences of that. You will see that. Know it's what I'm allowing - and that the time is short. You won't be here much longer. Trust Me for this.*

**~ 109 ~**

## **THE DAY AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2008**

*There is a little bit to go yet, Joan, only a little bit. And I will be with you and B and K and J and take care of you during the time that is left for you here on this earth. I am close to having all who are to come to Me do that. My Bride is almost complete. I am pleased with My Bride. She is beautiful in My sight.*

*Do not fear for the days to come even though the Democrats won much in the election. I still will take care of My people - in good times or in bad times. There will be difficult times ahead, but, as you seek Me, I will show you how to live and walk through them.*

*I am comforting My people this morning who are mourning the loss of the election and what it might mean for your country. The majority of the people spoke, Joan, even as the majority led the way in Israel when they went away from Me. I see this, and I know what this will bring about. It will bring about the earlier leaving of My Bride as it will just get bad quicker now.*

*I am with you. I love you. Do not fear. Do not be afraid. Just walk each day and each moment with Me as you have been. Pray for what's right and as I lead you. We'll walk through this together.*

*You must know that I knew this, even though I led you to pray differently than the outcome. That does not mean I led you wrong. I still wanted you to pray for what was best and right even though I knew what would really happen.*

*You and J can lament this and that is ok. Jeremiah lamented what was going on in his country during his lifetime. That's ok. Even if you are the only one, you still must pray the way I lead you to pray.*

**Then the Lord said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed." (Habakkuk 1:2-4 NLT)**

**For this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this temple. I will fill this place with glory... (Haggai 2:6-7 NLT)**

It's interesting because I had been looking for the above Scripture from Haggai and didn't know where to find it. Then, in my regular reading of Scripture in today's Quiet Time, I came upon it. I feel it is significant I read it today - the day after the elections and the day our country embarks upon a new pathway which I feel will bring lots of shaking. I didn't want us to go this way, but it happened anyway. The "shaking" has already begun in our economy, and I believe will increase, even if we have a short reprieve.

~ 110 ~

## **I WILL FILL IT WITH GOOD THINGS**

**Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with good things. (Psalm 81:10 NLT)**

*I am filling your mouth, Joan, with good things. That includes good words I am giving you to write for others and to share with them. My words are good things. My Word produces what I send it out to do. My Word is a good thing. I have given you many words, Joan, and you freely share them with others. That is good, and that is My plan for you. Keep doing this as long as I lead you that way.*

*If I want you to do something else, I will tell you and show you. You can count on Me in that. So just listen to Me daily and follow My directions. This is great training for how you will rule and reign with Me, along with the rest of My Church, in the millenium. You are getting ready for that. I already know what I will have you do there and then. You will like*

*it and be content and be happy - a happiness you get little of here on earth now during the age of grace, the Church age.*

*Soon the Church age will be over, never to be available again. Some will come to Me after the Church age is over, but they will not be part of My Church. They will still be Mine and belong to Me, but not be part of My Church. You don't understand that difference now, but you will someday. Just know it now.*

~ 111 ~

### **NEVER BE APART FROM HIM AGAIN**

The Lord tells me today that I will come back to earth with Him, along with His Church, at His second coming at the battle of Armageddon. I will see this, and I will also see Him renew the earth after that so it will again be like it was at the beginning, in the garden of Eden. I will go into Heaven with Him at the Rapture, spend seven years there during the tribulation, and then return with Him. Once I am raptured I will never be apart from Him again. Thank You, Lord!

~ 112 ~

### **A DREAM ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS**

There were several scenes in this dream. In the first I was at my home in New Haven. I had a dream while there of a blue \_\_\_\_? (the shape might be of a school bus) Somehow this represented to me the kindergarten schoolroom I was a teacher for at Jackson Township School where my Mom used to teach. It reminded me of that schoolroom. Then I realized that I had forgotten about going there to teach the children the day before and also that day. It was around 9:00 in the morning and I knew school had already started. I felt I must go to the school and talk with the Principal about missing school, and about whether someone else was teaching them, and what to do about this. I knew in my heart that I wasn't prepared to teach them and I needed materials from the room to prepare. My feeling during this part of the dream was great concern/disappointment at forgetting to do what I was supposed to do.

I was then at the school sitting at a table and talking with some of the teachers. I saw the Principal and our eyes met and we nodded in recognition. I indicated or said I needed to speak with her and asked if we could go outside to do that, and she said, "Is it that bad?" -

meaning is my reason for missing school that bad that I didn't want to say it in front of others.

I saw the same thing/picture that I'd seen as blue in the first scene, only this time it was gray or black. I commented on that to others.

Interpretation:

- Home (childhood): past family issues, need to deal with, heart, identity, roots
- Dream (dreaming that you are dreaming): message, a message within a message, aspiration, vision, (double dream) = very important, usually destiny, life call, things God doesn't want you to miss
- Sleep: unconscious, unaware
- Oversleep: late, to miss an appointment
- Blue: spiritual, divine revelation, heavenly visitation, God's Spirit or Word.
- School: place of education, teaching or learning, teaching ministry
- School bus: teaching or youth ministry, learning, training time
- Teacher: characterizes specific knowledge and the ability to transfer it.
- Jackson Twp. School: may refer to my living in Jackson County now
- 9:00 a.m.: harvest, fruit, fruition. Bringing to birth what has been conceived.
- Day: light, knowledge, truth, manifest, good, evil revealed
- Principal: a main person. God, the One I am accountable to
- Table: communion, agreement
- Gray: Not defined, unclear, vague, not specific
- Black: lack, sin, ignorance

There were several scenes in this dream. In the first I was at my home in New Haven. Home (childhood) may represent something I need to deal with. It can refer to your **heart or identity**.

It's my heart or identity, isn't it, Lord?

*Yes. This is where your heart is and has been ever since childhood when you saw your Mother as a teacher (at Jackson School). You got the idea/vision of being a teacher like her.*

I had a dream/picture while there of a blue \_\_\_\_?

Blue refers to something spiritual, Spiritual gift, **divine revelation**, God's Spirit or Word.

Having a dream (dreaming that you are dreaming) refers to a message, a message within a message, an aspiration, or a vision. A double dream shows something very important, usually destiny, life call, and/or **things God doesn't want you to miss**.

Sleep refers to being unconscious, **unaware (hidden or covered)**

Oversleep refers to being late, or to miss an appointment

Oh, Lord, what is it? I'm trying to follow You every day.

*This is something you are unaware of, something I am showing you in a dream before it comes. It is here in Jackson County - that's why you see this teaching situation at Jackson School. It is with beginners and that's why you see it as a kindergarten class. Yes, I am the Principal whom you seek answers from as to what you should do. It is very important to Me. That's why I give it to you in a double dream. It has to do with your destiny, your divine call on your life.*

Somehow this picture represented to me the kindergarten schoolroom I was a teacher for at Jackson Township School.

Am I missing an appointment, Lord?

*Yes, you are missing the appointment I have for you at \_\_. This is where the "children" are and where your school/classroom is - in Jackson County. You are missing this because all the circumstances are not yet happening to bring you there. This dream shows you that the time is late, and you wonder if someone else is teaching the children which you were meant to teach. The answer is "yes," Joan, but I want you to pray for those "children" whom you might have been teaching had you been there now.*

Then I realized that I had forgotten about going there to teach the children the day before and also that day. Day refers to **light, knowledge, truth**, good, or evil revealed.

It was around 9:00 in the morning and I knew school had already started. The number 9:00 refers to the **harvest**, fruit, fruitfulness, divine judgment of man and all his works apart from God, judgment, and finality. It refers to bringing to birth what has been conceived. School has already started - the harvest has already started and been going on for a day and is into the second day. On the third day it will be finished.

*That is right, Joan. I just gave you that revelation. The first "day" of harvest is already passed. The second day has already begun, and the third day is yet to come.*

I felt I must go to the school and talk with the Principal about missing school, and about whether someone else was teaching them, and what to do about this. I knew in my heart that I wasn't prepared to teach them and I needed materials from the room to prepare. My feeling during this part of the dream was great concern/disappointment at forgetting to do what thought I was supposed to do

*This shows in the dream that you knew what was happening and that you hadn't yet done your part of it. You knew you needed to seek Me as to what to do about that. That is good! You were concerned and felt that. You had a fear that you had done something wrong and needed to seek Me about that.*



I was then at the school sitting at a table and talking with some of the teachers. Teacher: characterizes specific **knowledge and the ability to transfer it**. Table: **communion, agreement, covenant, conference, or provision**.

I saw the Principal and our eyes met and we nodded in recognition. The Principal refers to God and we seek each other's eyes and nod our recognition showing that we "know" each other.

I indicated or said I needed to speak with her and asked if we could go outside to do that. This indicated my desire to seek private alone time with the Lord in prayer.

She said, "Is it that bad?" I now think this means the Lord was asking me if the harvest was that bad meaning that there are many yet to turn to Him in the time that is left. Are there, Lord? Are there many yet to turn to You before the harvest is finished?

*Yes, Joan, many here in America, and many here in Jackson County where I brought you to live for a purpose. It is now time to pray for those children here in Jackson County who need to be taught, to learn who I am and what I did for them.*

*That's why I had you read that book yesterday by Wanda Brunstetter called "Allison's Journey." She demonstrates a heart to tell others about how they can confess they are sinners and ask Me to come into their hearts and forgive their sins. I gave her (in the story) the heart of an evangelist to do that.*

*And I can give you the heart of an evangelist to do that too when it is the right time and circumstances for you to do that. Do you want that? Then ask for it.*

I saw the same thing/picture that I'd seen as blue in the first scene, only this time it was gray or black. I commented on that to others. Gray may refer to not defined, vague, not specific, and hidden. Black may refer to lack, sin, or ignorance. This seems to be a picture of those unsaved persons who haven't yet accepted Christ. They don't know or understand unless someone prays for them and tells them.

*Yes, that's right, Joan. They are like people blind, people who don't know the truth, people who don't know the consequences of their decisions now for eternity. That's why they need prayer and someone to tell them the truth. Then they can decide with that knowledge in hand.*

*I want you to pray for them to be told the truth - by you or by whomever I use for that - and quickly as the time is short. You are again being used as one who listens to Me and acts as My intercessor on earth - one who is a watchman and stands on the wall and in the gap. That is My heavenly destiny/call upon your life. Will you do this?*

Yes, Lord. Then this dream isn't about something I've done wrong of missed doing?

*No, it is a dream to alert you to the shortness of the time, and how I want you to pray, and whom I want you to pray for (My children in Jackson County). That's why I gave you the*

*dream and the desire to interpret it. I know it made you feel bad thinking you had missed what I had called you to do. But it shows that you are to "feel bad" for those who yet need to hear My message and understand it. Will you do that for Me? That is the destiny and calling I am giving you today.*

Yes, Lord. Thank You for making this clear to me through the dream and through helping me interpret it.

*They are like your children, Joan. They are like the innocence of kindergartners who have yet to be taught. They have not yet rejected Me. They just don't yet understand and know the truth about Me and what I did for them - AND the eternal consequences of their decision. Pray for them.*

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## **ABOUT RECEIVING KNOWLEDGE TO GIVE TO OTHERS ON THE WEB**

I had a dream. God is telling me in this dream that He is coming to me, He is knocking on the door of my heart, He is offering to sell me something (or make a deal/arrangement with me) to get condensed information, a large block of knowledge in a short span of time. I was made aware of this offer while I was in spiritual communion with the Lord, but the knock on the door came to the everyday living natural level. What is being offered deals with something spiritual and something that can be used for the opportunity/opening for witnessing. I needed to be adaptable to do this. Is that right, Lord?

*Yes, that is right, Joan. Do you want this opportunity?*

I'm gonna say yes, Lord, and trust You will do this, and trust You will enable me to use this rightly and not fail You. You want me to be adaptable, able to change, and you want to use me to witness to others. I don't know what or how, but I say yes to You. Please make me aware of this when you do it and guide me as to what to do with this knowledge you want to sell me. It reminds me we are to buy gold from You. The price I pay for this is taking the time and effort to receive this from You, and then using this knowledge as You guide me to.

*It will be in writing, Joan. You will receive much more knowledge from Me that I want you to put into writing and then give it away to others on the World Wide Web. Will you do this for Me?*

Yes, Lord. That is exciting to me. It reminds me that at CTC yesterday I received prayer by Pastors A and C for birthing the dreams You put in me. Anything else, Lord?

*Yes, this will come soon, in the next few days, so I want you to recognize My "knocking" at the door of your heart/mind with knowledge I want you to write for Me and give away to others as a witness to them about how My people live now, and are to live now.*

*You are My writer, Joan, don't forget that. This is the greatest personal dream I have planted in you and am birthing out a step/stage at a time. This is a new stage of downloading great knowledge quickly for the time is short. It will mean spending many hours at the computer listening to Me and writing what I download/reveal to you, ok?*

Yes, Lord. Thank You for the privilege of doing this that I love to do!

*This is what I want to tell you, Joan. There are new things coming your way soon. These new things hold information that I want you to write and communicate to others in this journal through your book How To Live in These Days.*

*I will bring it to you as the Man did in your dream. You have to purchase it by paying the price of giving your time, energy, and work. These are precious commodities which are limited, so you pay a price by giving them away for Me, for My work.*

*I will come to you, as I do to many others with wonderful spiritual acts to do for Me. I will give you the spiritual freedom and newness of life to do those acts. I will do this for My glory.*

*This will be a huge plant (bush) growing in My garden of life. It will show beautiful flowers for all to enjoy who will. It will be a display of what I am doing in you and others as in your dream last night.*

~ 114 ~

## **ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD**

Today as I read John Hagee's book called *The Revelation of Truth* I was especially taught by his writing about how Abraham took God at His Word. Some quotes about believing:

(pg. 136-7) Now notice this: *Abraham believed God*. The Word of God tells us, "**And [Abraham] believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness**" (Gen. 15:6 NKJV)... Abraham believed God--not *loved* God, or *served* God--but *believed* God, and God credited him with righteousness. Belief, or faith, is powerful!

**Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV): "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

**Acts 16:31 (NKJV): "So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"**

Do you need a miracle? Only believe!

**~ 115 ~**

## **THE LORD WILL SEND OUT OUR WRITINGS**

*I wanted you to see/know that something new has already been birthed in you and that it is visible as a testimony to others. I will send out your writings/My writings to those for whom they were written. That's My job, not yours. I AM doing that and I WILL do that at just the right times and to the right people. That is My promise to you.*