

ENCOURAGING
WORDS
Book 9

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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AN IMPRESSION ABOUT AN 8 SIDED WINDOW WITH RAIN OUTSIDE

I saw an eight-sided window and saw rain coming down on the outside of it.

The window shows a revelation, the eight refers to a new beginning, and the rain refers to revival.

I want to talk to you about this, Joan. This is revelation about what is coming, and it is to encourage you, so put it in your book of Encouraging Words. Ponder what it means: a revelation about a new beginning and revival. I have more to say to you as you ponder this.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

Thank You, God!

Thank You most of all that You exist, and that You are loving and kind, and thoughtful, and completely and forever faithful. Thank You for your loving kindness. Thank You that You never change. Thank You that You created us and love each one of us. Thank You that You reach out to us and draw us to You.

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die in our place so we could be redeemed from our sins by believing in Him. Thank You for Jesus who gave His life for us, and intercedes for us. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who fills us, comforts us, loves us, teaches us, guides us, and prepares us for the good works You have prepared for us.

Thank You for being with me day and night, moment by moment, drawing my attention to You many, many times a day. I want You to keep doing that, Lord. Draw me back to You over and over as my attention strays away to other things. Teach me Your ways so that I may know You and continue to find favor with You. Thank You for Your favor. You are my delight and my joy. You are the center and focus of my life.

I'm so thankful that You're my Ruler; that I live in Your kingdom, and that I will come to You in Heaven when I leave this earth!

You are my Provision. You are my Lover. You are my Father. You are my Guardian and Protector. You are my Physician and my Health. You are my Life. You are my Strength.

(A song)

My life is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord,
My faith is in You, Lord,
In You, it's in You.

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ONE PLANTS AND ANOTHER HARVESTS

Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest." (John 4:34-38)

When I read this the Lord told me I was a *planter*. He said I planted with my prayers and with my writing. Others may do the harvesting, but I do the planting.

You've been so concerned because you don't win others to the Kingdom like some do (i.e. JF). Do not feel you are of no use to My Kingdom, for you are of use. You are a planter and not a harvester.

I take the seed (prayers and writing) you distribute for Me, and I place them where I want them to be planted (even if you don't know where that is). Trust Me to do this, Joan. It's the task I have for you in My Kingdom work - to be a planter.

I will bring about the harvest through others, but you will get equal reward - "the joy that awaits both the planter and the harvester alike." You may rest in knowing this is your place in My Kingdom work, and it is equally important to the harvester's work - both are absolutely necessary - and both are done by My people (like you).

And you don't know how many Bibles you sent out, Joan, or who has those and the people they have shared them with...so you don't know the number of people you have planted into.

And you don't know about all the people you taught in discipleship classes, and all the people they influenced and shared with too, so you don't know all the people and places you have planted in. But I DO. I know the reward coming to you someday, and it is good.

You WILL be pleased and surprised when I reveal this to you. This planting influence has been going on and spreading for years and years - to My great glory!

So, it's more than my writing and my prayers. It's the Bibles I sent, and the discipleship classes I taught (for most of 18 years).

It's also the finances you invested in My Kingdom, Joan - to places like TBN, Benny Hinn, and many other places - and that you gave to the poor. Remember when you give to the poor, you give to Me. When you help widows and orphans, you help Me. These are plantings into My Kingdom, Joan, and they are credited to you too.

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A DREAM ABOUT STANDING IN AN X-SHAPED LINE TO GET FOOD

There was a dinner being held at which a speaker would appear. The people who wanted to attend were lined up to get food and then to hear the guest speaker. I was there in line also along with many others. We were in two lines with about four-people-wide lines. Someone caused the two lines to cross like a large X. Then the lines were released to begin getting food from the two food tables. I seemed to know some people in line in the dream, and it seemed I had talked to some of them previously, but I didn't really know who they were. The only people I actually knew besides me who were in the dream were the Bs who also were in line with me.

What would an X stand for, Joan?

X marks the spot, X stands for Christ in the word "Christmas" (Xmas), X could stand for "Crossroad", X is similar to a cross. I'm wondering if X stands for Christ and if we are standing and waiting for Him to come and then we can begin the banquet - the wedding supper of the lamb.

That's good enough. Use the X to signify Christ. He is the "expected speaker" you all came to hear and get food from, spiritual and physical food. The Bs represent other Christians you know. The Christians there with whom you had spoken earlier, but didn't actually know on this earth, represent those whom you know "in the Spirit" but have never actually met yet on earth. Or they can represent those whom you met a long time ago but don't remember now.

This is a dream to show you that the "Expected One" will soon arrive and that I am getting My people gathered together awaiting My arrival and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The dream is to renew this image in your mind again because it is coming soon. You are

to keep looking for it and expecting it and awaiting it daily, along with My X-group, My Christ-group.

The "two" might then represent those divided out or separated out unto Christ.

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THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE RAPTURE

Perry Stone indicates there is a correlation between the Malachi 3 (Book of Remembrance) and those who are taken up in the Rapture. So today I am looking for that correlation.

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name.

"They will be my people," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

The Lord of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed--roots, branches, and all.

"But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. (Malachi 3:16-4:3 NLT)

It reminds me of the Scripture in Revelation 3:8-10 which says:

I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me...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 3:8-10 NLT)

The story of the 5 wise and 5 foolish bridesmaids also could apply here:

But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!' But he called back, 'Believe me. I don't know you!' (Matthew 25:10-12 NLT)

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THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

Righteous

Feared the Lord
Thought about the honor of His name
Served Him
Were obedient
Did not deny Him
Obeyed His word
Obeyed His command to persevere
Waited for His return
Bought lots of oil for their lamps
Were ready for the Lord's return
The Lord "knew" them

Wicked

Didn't do the righteous things
Spoke against God
Didn't give tithes and offerings
Were arrogant
Belonged to this world
Didn't have enough oil bought
Weren't ready for the Lord's return
The Lord didn't "know" them

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A DREAM ABOUT LOOKING AT A HOUSE WITH LH

In this dream I was with some people who were to look at a house that we might buy. LH had scouted out the house earlier and was going to show it to us. We were standing by the front door of this house waiting for someone to open the door so we could look inside. I was concerned because it was quite near a river. I was thinking of the great flood of '93 and how the houses near the river were flooded. Also in the dream, I was accessing round things to use for receiving spiritual blessings from/through them.

This dream shows something coming in the immediate future and you are standing right in front of it. It shows you are aligned with others, like L, who are looking for a spiritual place of dwelling. It (round things) could show that you are all looking to Me as your help, your source, for meeting your needs. This is a good dream. That's why I wanted you to record it.

Judgment, like a river, is coming soon to the world, and you know it. You are concerned about it and look at things with that in mind. That is good. L is like a spiritual leader to you, so he can represent Me in this dream. Assume that I am showing you that you are "at the front door" of a new place of dwelling, or a new heart/identity within you.

You think of it (the dream) in the natural, but I see it as in the Spiritual. Do not be afraid of the "flood" that is coming; just be ready to tell others and help them understand what is happening. The "flood" has already started in the economy and in natural disasters. Help others see these in light of the judgment soon coming upon the whole world.

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ETERNAL LIFE COMES BY BELIEVING IN HIM

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

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. (John 5:24 NLT)

The Holy Spirit was teaching me this morning from these verses that eternal life comes by *believing in Him*. He guided me to imagine the scene when Moses put up the snake on a pole and taught the people that if they were bitten by something poisonous and then looked to that image on the pole for healing, they would be healed (Numbers 21:8).

They needed to *believe* that what he taught them was true, and then act on that belief. It's like that with Jesus lifted up on the cross. We need to *believe* that looking to Him will bring us healing/salvation from the poison of sin in this earthly life. We need to be taught first, then act on that teaching because we believe it.

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THE INWARD HABIT OF BEHOLDING GOD

Many have found the secret of which I speak and, without giving much thought to what is going on, inwardly gazing upon God. They know that something inside their hearts sees God. Even when they are compelled to withdraw their conscious attention in order to engage in earthly affairs, there is within them a secret communion always going on. Let their attention but be released for a moment from necessary business and it flies at once to God again. This has been the testimony of many Christians...

I do not want to leave the impression that the ordinary means of grace have no value. They most assuredly have. Private prayer should be practiced by every Christian. Long periods of Bible meditation will purify our gaze and direct it; church attendance will enlarge our outlook and increase our love for others. Service and work and activity--all are good and should be engaged in by every Christian. But at the bottom of all these things, giving meaning to them, will be the inward habit of beholding God. A new set of eyes (so to speak) will develop within us enabling us to be looking at God while our outward eyes are seeing the scenes of this passing world. (*The Pursuit of God: A 31-day Experience*, by A.W.Tozer, pg 147-8)

As I read this today I felt very much in tune with what it said, and felt it described my life now and what I experience...this "inward habit of beholding God." It fits with what Lou Ingle prophesied over me about "gazing upon the Lord."

And this is what I have called you to, Joan, to gaze upon Me every day and every hour of every day. This is My work for you daily - the good work I have called you to. This I am pleased with. I want your undivided attention throughout your days, even though you get busy with earthly things for awhile - still I want you to refocus your attention back on Me in between these things. This is My purpose for you - to live this out daily - in My Name.

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HE IS MY POWER SOURCE

I am the Power Source of your day. Unless you come and meet with Me you will lack the power to proceed through your day with power to do what you desire to do. Come each day to your Power Source and plug in to My power by reading My Word, talking to Me, listening to Me, and getting recharged by My Presence. Do not substitute the world's ways for My ways. Do not substitute physical power for Spiritual power. It is not the same.

This is the Scripture God gave me to tell me to write the things He shows me to write:

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3 NIV)

Today in my Bible reading in the New Living Translation I read that verse this way:

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. (Psalm 96:3 NLT)

I was pleased that this translation said "Publish" instead of "Declare." Declare can refer to speaking as well as writing, while publish refers to writing and making that writing available to others. That is what I am guided to do. Thank You for bringing this to my attention, Lord!

Then I read out of Zechariah 12:5

And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, "The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the Lord of Heaven's Armies, their God." (Zech. 12:5 NLT)

Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, "The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God." Zech. 12:5 NIV)

This fits with what He told me earlier - that He is my Power Source.

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A DREAM ABOUT TEACHING AN ART CLASS USING A SAMPLE WITH STRING BEADS

In this dream I was preparing to lead an art class. I was planning an artistic picture using small circular string beads (like my children used to string) to paste on to this picture. I planned to use dark blue ones for my picture. Then I would let the students look at the sample picture, go and get the supplies needed to make their picture, and let them work on them.

Interpretation:

- Art: signifies creativity or a personal type of imaginative expression
- Bead: signifies a small matter of importance. Although small, it's not a trivial matter for the dreamer
- Beadwork: stands for one's work, skill, or accomplishments
- Blue: spiritual
- Sample: pertains to foreknowledge, knowing what one is getting into
- Student: connotes one who requires further learning experiences
- Teacher: characterizes specific knowledge and the ability to transfer it

In this dream I was preparing a sample for others to look at and copy. This sample art piece shows foreknowledge about something that I want to relay to others who are students. They stand for others who require/need further knowledge or need to have a learning experience. The art sample was about spiritual information which, although small, was very important to me to teach. I believe this dream with its sample art piece refers to the writings I do almost daily which I then put out for others to look at on my web site so they can learn from it and follow its example.

I want you to put this in your book, Joan, so others can know the "sample" of your life and how I work in your life. Then they can know that I can also work in their lives the same way, or similarly.

This is a quote from BW from a prophecy class. It pertains to this dream: "*Many of us are living parables. God expresses His character through our lives.*" The "sample" in the dream is not just my writings, but my life also.

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DON'T BE AFRAID. I AM HERE.

He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked. Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right. May all who are godly rejoice in the Lord and praise his holy name! (Psalm 97:10-12 NLT)

Thank You, Lord, that You protect the lives of Your godly people, that You rescue us from the power of the wicked! Thank You that Your light shines on us and joy is in our hearts! We rejoice in You, Lord, and praise Your holy name!

He called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here." (John 6:20 NLT)

That is what I say to you today, Joan - "Don't be afraid. I am here." I am with you and B (and K and J) all the time because you belong to Me. Therefore, don't be afraid of what comes - and much IS coming soon. But don't be afraid BECAUSE I am with you. I am here.

Where I am, you are safe - just as My disciples were safe when I was with them. It was only when I was taken away (arrested) that they were afraid. But I won't leave you and I will not forsake you. That is My promise to you, Joan. I will ALWAYS be with you and will NEVER leave you. So don't be afraid.

Don't be afraid of people coming into your house and hurting you or stealing from you. Where I am they cannot come. And My mighty angels are with you too, and they are strong and mighty. There are many of them in your house and around your house, protecting you day and night. There are many with K and J too, My child. I AM protecting you. Those angels help keep evil spirits away. So be at peace. All is well.

"But at the bottom of all these things (prayer, Bible meditation, church attendance, service), giving meaning to them, will be the inward habit of beholding God." (*The Pursuit of God: a 31-Day Experience* by A. W. Tozer, pg 148)

Is beholding You, God, the same as I do - thinking about You and talking to You all day long?

Constantly communing with Me IS beholding Me. It is "gazing" at Me.

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A DREAM ABOUT THREE JOAN'S

I awoke during the night and remembered a piece from some dream. In it volunteers were called for and I held up my hand. As I looked at the other two who volunteered, who were positioned behind me, I realized their names were also Joan, so there were three of us with the same name. I was surprised and spoke that there were 3 Joan's.

Interpretation:

I think all three women symbolized me, perhaps at three different times in my life (re: behind me in position). But they also may represent the depth of my commitment to the "Three-in-one" - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, since three represents the Godhead. It also can refer to conforming, obeying, copying, imitating, or likeness. I felt that picture was significant so I wrote it down in the dark so I could put it in my journal this morning. What do You say about it, Lord? Was it from You?

Yes. That's why I woke you up at that moment during the night - so you would remember it and write it down this morning. You are fully committed to Me - praise God! ..all three parts of you - body, soul, and spirit.

Please keep me enduring in that to the end!

I will. I promise! This is who you are now, and who you will be when you are raptured up here with Me.

~ 14 ~

WHAT A BLESSING!

Thirty seven years ago today B was born in Indianapolis, IN. What a blessing You brought me that day, Lord! Thank You so much for B! She is such a joy and delight in my life! I watch and see You working good things in her life, Lord, and I thank you for that. I am so grateful she belongs to you and that K and J belong to you. I look forward to all of us being together in Heaven.

I emailed CTC yesterday and told them about B's birthday and that she would be at church for a meeting last night. The information must have been passed among the staff because B told me this morning that when she walked in the front door the children were with Pastor C in the lobby and Carol had them all tell her "happy birthday." Then she walked in the sanctuary where J was meeting with the youth who were practicing their Christmas drama for next Sunday, and Pastor J had the youth all wish her a "happy birthday." Then at her connections leaders' meeting Pastor A had a birthday cake for her. She also had a card and cookies at YRCW, her workplace, to celebrate her birthday. So she had lots of acknowledgement. I am thankful to the Lord for making it a very special day for her. THANK YOU, LORD!!!

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KEEP GROWING AND PRODUCING

Matthew 13 and 25

In the parable of the farmer scattering seeds (Matthew 13:1-23): it shows four different ways people receive the words I spread abroad. This seed goes to their hearts. Some get it plucked away almost immediately, some let it grow for a little bit and then it dies, some let

it grow for awhile but it gets crowded out by other things, and some let it keep growing and producing.

For the 5 foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) they had oil for awhile. But they didn't do things to let it keep growing and producing, so it eventually was used up. That's when they had to go "buy" more. It was foolish to do this - allow their initial oil to be used up and not replenished continually by Me.

You let your oil be continually replenished by your daily Bible reading, by reading Christian books that encourage and teach you, by worshiping Me in church and privately, and by seeking My face moment by moment. Therefore, you are one of the wise virgins who WILL be raptured at the right moment.

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A DREAM ABOUT THREE LONG-STEMMED BLUE FLOWERS

In last night's dream I had 3 long-stemmed blue flowers which I held in my hand along with other stuff. I also had a beautiful bouquet of flowers (like maybe lavender lilacs and other flowers) sitting on a table where I was working. There were other things in the dream, but this is the part I remember, perhaps because I like flowers, and they were in color, and therefore were highlighted. I think this part is what the Lord wants me to remember and record.

Interpretation:

- Flowers: glory, fragrance, smell, fragrance of God, gift, romance, temporary
- Blue: communion, revelation, revelatory, spiritual, Spiritual gift, heavenly visitation. God's Spirit or Word, blessing, healing, good will, a symbol of heaven
- Purple: royalty, wealth, prosperity, authority, rule, majestic, noble
- Table: communion, agreement, covenant, conference, provision
- Three: Godhead, conform, obey, copy, imitate, likeness

To me this dream encourages me by indicating I am receiving and/or already have communion with God, His revelation and blessing, and symbols of God's presence and revelations with me. It shows an abundance of His glory, royalty, wealth, prosperity, authority and majesty. It highlights in color that we are in agreement and communion and likeness.

I wanted you to see this and know this: I AM WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES. You are "in My presence" at all times. We are "in communion" at all times. We are in a "romantic relationship" at all times.

You have My glory in some degree, even now upon this earth. You don't see this glory upon yourself, but I do, and I represent this by the flowers and their colors.

You are growing to be more like Me every day, Joan, and I want to highlight this for you to encourage you, because that is what you desire to do. That's why I sent you flowers in your dream. That is the part I want you to remember.

It is not seen by something you "do" but by what you "are." Then what you "are" determines what you "do" with Me and for Me. Every day. Every day it gets better and better, a little each day, a little every time you have the chance to honor Me

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FAITH GROWS BE AGREEING WITH GOD FROM THE HEART

(Quotes from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson & Kris Vallotton)

(p. 51 - by Bill Johnson)

Whenever we review the events of our lives apart from the blood of Jesus, we subject ourselves to the influence of the spirit of deception. **In reality, my sinful past no longer exists. The Lamb of God purchased it with a payment in blood, forever removing my sins from the records of Heaven. The atoning blood of Jesus covers my sin, never to be uncovered again. Sin's power to destroy us is itself destroyed by a superior reality: forgiveness.**

The devil keeps records of our past. Yet those records are powerless without our agreement. He is the *accuser of the brethren*, but Jesus is our defender. We make an agreement with the accuser whenever we look at our past apart from the blood. When we agree with the devil, we empower him. When he is empowered, he devours.

On the other hand, agreeing with God empowers us. It frees us from the power of a lie and enables us to live according to the will of God. This empowerment is not independent of God; it is empowerment *because* of God. When we agree with God we step into the power of truth, the momentum of the cross. The truth is already in our favor because King Jesus died in our place. He not only died *for* us, He died *as* us. Our agreement with God, which is always the focus and activity of faith, enables us to reap the fruit of truth. And that fruit is freedom! **Faith grows by agreeing with God from the heart.**

(p. 54-55 - by Bill Johnson)

Forgiveness, in effect, changes the past. God's journal records our life from the perspective of His forgiveness and our faith. His Book of Remembrance doesn't contain our history of sin and stupidity.

(p. 55 - by Bill Johnson)

When God views a believer's history like that, who are we to do otherwise? The blood actually changes our history into His story.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for coming! Thank You for coming as a human baby into our world here on earth! Thank You for living a perfect life here on earth, and then giving that perfect life as a sacrifice to pay for our sins - so that through believing in You and what You did for us, we can be freed from our sins and have the record of them completely erased/blotted out of your record books for our lives! Thank You for giving us rules to live by which bring about Your best for us! I love You, Jesus! I love You.

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him, yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord. Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given. (Psalm 105:1-5 NLT)

A DREAM ABOUT PUTTING FOLDING CHAIRS IN MY CAR

In this dream I was packing a car with things to carry out a drama project I was helping direct (but people didn't yet know that I was to help direct it). I was putting folding chairs into the backseat area of the car. It was so full of stuff I couldn't get the door all the way shut so it would lock. I could, however, get it mostly shut, but knew someone could get into the car if they tried. It was quite snowy, and the snow was helping block the door shutting properly. Later in the dream the snow was gone, and I knew then the door would shut ok. Later I held a bunch of papers in my hands which were needed for people to sign up for various things to be done in the project.

Interpretation:

- Car: life, person, ministry, had 4 doors with back seat area so family type car
- Snow: righteousness, refreshing, good or favor coming your way, radiance, grace, covered, unrevealed, unfulfilled
- Folding chairs: rest or position, quietness
- Papers: paperwork involved in what doing
- Drama project: what's coming in the future
- Door: entrance, opening, portal, opportunity, way, avenue, mouth, Christ
- Lock door: to keep others from having access to what's inside car

- Not get door locked: others have access to what's inside car

The "drama" coming refers to the prophetic events you believe are coming soon. You are preparing for it because you believe in it and its soon arrival. The car refers to your ministry - a ministry that is open to many as it has 4 doors. Four refers to ruling and reigning with Me, and that is coming soon too. The snow shows good and favor covering you and the ground you walk on, and the ministry you have. It shows your ministry is covered by Me. Right now this ministry is still open to others and is not totally locked off.

The rest and position you have in this ministry is available to someone really checking or seeking to find it. Later, when the snow (unrevealed aspect of it) is gone, it can be locked up and it will be harder for someone to get to the chairs (rest) inside your ministry. The snow also represents your ministry being partially unrevealed/unfulfilled right now, but it will be fully revealed later when the snow goes away.

Yes, this refers to your writing which will be "uncovered" more later - as that is the ministry this car refers to (as you were thinking). This is My message to you today.

You are doing exactly what I want you to do and My timing is all involved in this (writing/books). It will be ready and available to others at the right time. You won't be around to "lock the door" and your writings will be open to all who seek Me and whom I send to your car/ministry. There will be no "snow" of favor for you shutting them off then. You will be up here with Me at that time. Trust in this, even though there are those who don't believe in it (Rapture). I will come for those who are watching for Me and who believe in Me and My return for them. You have enough oil.

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THE REST OF MEEKNESS

(Quote from *The Pursuit of God: a 31-Day Experience* by A. W. Tozer)

(p. 179-180)

The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather, he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson: but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God has declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is, in the sight of God, more important than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto. He knows well that the world will never see him as God sees him and he has stopped caring. He rests perfectly content to allow God to place His own values. He will be patient to wait for the day when everything will get its own price tag and real worth will come into its own. Then the righteous shall shine forth in the kingdom of their Father. He is willing to wait for that day.

In the meantime, he will have attained a place of soul rest. As he walks on in meekness he will be happy to let God defend him. The old struggle to defend himself is over. He has found the peace which meekness brings.

Then also he will get deliverance from the burden of *pretense*. By this I mean not hypocrisy, but the common human desire to put the best foot forward and hide from the world our real inward poverty. For sin has played many evil tricks upon us, and one has been the infusing into us of a false sense of shame. There is hardly a man or woman who dares to be just what he or she is without doctoring up the impression. The fear of being found out gnaws like rodents within their hearts....

To all the victims of the gnawing disease Jesus says, "Ye...[must] become as little children" (Matthew 18:3). For little children do not compare; they receive direct enjoyment from what they have without relating it to something else or someone else. Only as they get older and sin begins to stir within their hearts do jealousy and envy appear. Then they are unable to enjoy what they have if someone else has something larger or better. At that early age does the galling burden come down upon their tender souls, and it never leaves them till Jesus sets them free.

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To men and women everywhere Jesus says, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." The rest He offers is the rest of meekness, the blessed relief which comes when we accept ourselves for what we are and cease to pretend.

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A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING PEOPLE TO MINISTER TO OTHERS

I had a dream where I was preparing people to minister to others. I would pray for them and practice them on what to do. It was a very encouraging dream and placed in me a desire/ability to do that.

That's what your life has been about, Joan, to prepare people to minister to others. Rather than minister to people directly yourself, your ministry has been mostly preparing others to do that. And then you get the rewards of all they do for Me too.

That is an important role in My kingdom work - to encourage and help others to minister (like Barnabas). And you are one who has been called to do that. That's why you don't feel as if you are doing much for Me sometimes - because you aren't doing the actual ministry yourself, but preparing others to do that.

You fulfilled that in the role of being a MasterLife leader, a Discipleship Training Director, and a writer who tells others what a personal relationship with Me is like. THIS is the way I've used you for My kingdom work. This is why you haven't felt like you are doing much/enough for Me at times - because it is indirect ministry (like intercession is). But you HAVE been doing it - especially to B. She is your biggest and best ministry equipping project.

Barnabas helped Paul like you help B. He went with him, encouraged him, gave him fellowship along the way, and prayed with and for him.

Like you helped equip R in his ministry by giving him money support. You help equip others at times by giving them monetary support. You help equip TBN (and others' ministries over the years) by supporting them financially. And your church too...with prayer and money and your presence.

I want you to know this so you won't feel you are doing nothing for Me. You are doing things for Me, but in these "unseen" ways. They are not "unseen" to Me. They are recorded in My Book of Remembrance.

Music is in you, just like prophecy is in you, and it needs to be expressed too. You do that when you worship at CTC on Sunday mornings, and when you listen to and tune in to music that you listen to. Christmas music is part of your celebration of Christmas and that's why you like/enjoy visiting ALBC on Christmas Eve. It expresses what is inside you regarding My birth and coming to earth. I taught you that even as a child. And B has that inside her too, just as you do. That's why I had you join the choir in Boston (Chorus Pro Musica) while you were there - to express the music and My Word that was inside you and needed to be expressed.

And prayer is inside you also. I draw it to the surface occasionally and call you apart to pray for something or someone. It's part of who you are.

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ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

You have been in LS for 4 years, Joan, and now you are ready to rule and reign with Me. I've been saving My BEST for LAST. So the best is yet to come in your life. It took many years to get many things out of you and get you built up and ready for what's coming this New Year. It's good! It will be your best year yet! Trust in that. Believe that. It's true because I say it's true.

Things are done in My kingdom through prayer. Prayer is speaking forth words into the earthly realm and the heavenly realm. My Words spoken forth accomplish what I send them out for.

Your words, spoken forth in My name, also accomplish what you send them out for. That is the authority I have given to My own people. That is what I meant by the "keys of the kingdom." What you bind and loose happens. Binding and loosing is speaking out what you and I together choose to have happen - in My name.

That's why I said so often to pray/ask/speak forth in My name. I stand behind what you say and give it My authority. Remember that "all authority has been given to Me in heaven

and on earth." You need to carefully choose what words you speak forth from now on for those words will have effect. Remember that the "fervent prayer of a righteous man has great effect."

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GREAT REVELATIONS COMING SOON

This is a dream from Me. It is very special and important. That's why I had you spend time writing it and interpreting it rather than doing the errands you had planned to do today.

This shows a picture of us (you and Me) resting in intimacy, then getting up together to go out to minister to others. Whatever I give you, that is what you have to give out to others.

The two very tall windows show the possibility of great revelations coming soon - as soon as I send the wind and rain to open them up. I want you to be watching and waiting for this to happen, and to expect great revelations for you to follow. We will do this together.

And, yes, your church will be involved too. B will be involved too. Look for this to happen soon. Expect it. Pray for it.

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MY FRIEND

A DREAM ABOUT TALKING TO CHILDREN AT CAMP

<p>In this dream I was visiting a children's camp watching what they were doing. As they went by they would ask me a question, or we would talk a bit. I enjoyed just being there and talking with them about whatever they needed/wanted to talk about. One of the ladies who helped lead would come to me and try to see something I might want to lead at the camp, but I wasn't interested in leading, just being available to talk to the children as they wanted to.</p>
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After I awoke the Holy Spirit helped me realize that it was ok to just be available for His children and talk with them as they wanted to, and not to take a leadership role in some class. He cares about His children and wants me to relate to them in that way.

Also, during the night, I asked the Lord what His purpose for me was.

And He said, "to be His friend."

I like that answer, Lord, because that's what I desire most right now - to be Your friend.

And I am the One who put that desire in you, Joan, to be My friend. I want/need friendship, just like you do, and that's what I have been developing in you for your whole lifetime so far.

Just continue to be My friend, and all will go well with you. I will take care of you always and never leave you or forsake you. So many people have come and gone in your life, but I will never leave you. You will ALWAYS have Me with you. That's the kind of person I have developed you to be - My friend.

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TAKE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

A DREAM ABOUT BEING PUT ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM

In this dream I was put on the football team at my school. It was difficult because I couldn't throw the ball well even though I tried. I was trying to get someone to teach me how to do it right. I also went through the football locker/office area and cleaned it up. While doing that I found some small football charm which I gave to some woman to use for a necklace.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:14)

With your feet shod with the Gospel of peace. You take the Gospel of peace with you wherever you go, and through sharing that Gospel you share Me with others. You share My peace with others, and it comforts them. My Gospel is one of peace, love, joy, righteousness, and salvation. That is what you take with you all the time, wherever you go.

Put that Gospel on each morning before you "go forth" into that day, and take it to all whom you meet...and all situations you encounter. That is the "football team" you are a member of. That is My message through this dream.

You "display" this like a necklace is displayed. Worshiping Me is displaying Me before others too. And it fights the spiritual warfare for you. And it "proceeds from your heart." That's what I want you to know from this dream.

WHAT SETS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION APART

Quote from *Speak, Lord, I'm Listening* by Larry Kreider, pg. 26

Western Christians today are often a bit leery of meditation because it is generally seen as a practice of the New Age movement and its association with Transcendental Meditation™, which is steeped in Hindu philosophy. There are two major differences, however, between other forms of meditation and Christian meditation. In Christian meditation, the believer seeks to fill his or her thoughts with truths about God from the Word of God. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:2). Rather than emptying oneself, the Christian fills his or her mind with the promises that God has given in His Word.

In meditation that is practiced with some yoga techniques or by Hindu gurus and Buddhist monks, the individual seeks to empty self or consciousness of all thoughts, often using a tool called a mantra - a word or sounds that the person repeats until the mind is completely empty. This exercise is supposed to allow relaxation and a relief from stress. However, in this disconnection between the body and spirit, or altered state of consciousness, a doorway to a false spirit can be opened to the human soul. In sharp contrast, God's Word encourages us to fill our minds with (meditate on) the Word of God. As we do so, the Holy Spirit illuminates the Word of God from our spirit to our minds, and we are changed.

You could simplify the differences between Christian meditation and other meditation by saying that Christian meditation dwells on the already revealed or inspired revelation of God's Word, and God as the object of worship and adoration; other forms of meditation seek some new truth to be revealed, with the object of worship being self.

MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE

The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (John 10:24-30 NLT)

One of the best times the Holy Spirit speaks to me is when I read Scripture. It's like He's giving me a running commentary in my thoughts while I read His Word. The Holy Spirit was speaking ideas to me today as I read this Scripture. Here are some of those ideas:

Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me.

You see, Joan, there are some people who have already been told and they don't believe Me. They may have seen or heard the proof, but still don't believe Me. That is their choice. So, they are not My sheep.

The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Those who are My sheep DO hear My voice. I KNOW them. They listen to My voice. They follow Me. That is work that the Holy Spirit does. You cannot do this work, but you can only testify to who I am by what you say and do.

It is up to them whether they listen to My voice and become My sheep. Some have heard My voice (as they did in this Scripture passage) and didn't listen and believe. That is their choice. I already know all those who will become My sheep and how many are left yet who will do this.

When the last one who will, becomes My sheep, then I will rapture all of Mine up to heaven to be with Me during the tribulation. You are one of those and your children are also.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (John 10:25-30 NLT)

You see, the only ones who (seemingly) become snatched from My hand are those who truly weren't committed to Me in the first place. They might have thought they were, and looked like they were, but "the cares of this world" and "the lack of depth of their commitment" (Matthew 13:1-30) caused them to give up their supposed belief (or exposed the lack of depth of belief). It's those who persevere/continue in listening to Me and following Me who can't be snatched from My hand.

Regarding some people I was concerned about, He said:

You are not to evaluate them anymore. You are to let Me do that evaluation regarding how strong their faith in Me is. Just keep praying for them.

I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your

knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called -- his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. (Ephesians 1:16-19 NLT)

So, I prayed this Scripture for my family, for me, and for my whole prayer bundle.

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EXPECT MORE FROM ME NOW

A DREAM ABOUT SEWING POCKETS IN A SKIRT

In this dream I was sewing together the parts for a full pleated skirt for myself. It seemed to have the cloth pieces for several pockets, but I felt I could only sew one pocket into it for some reason. Later I sewed another skirt, which also had cloth pieces for several pockets, and I sewed all of them this time. I seemed to be able to identify the pocket pieces because they were pink.

- Skirt: covering, grace
- Sewing: joining, union
- Clothing: covering, righteousness, spirit (attitude), anointing, mantle, what going to be doing
- Pink: passion, moral (as in a heart of flesh)
- Pocket: suggests something owned and hidden

My thoughts of interpretation:

I am in the process of sewing or joining together with a new covering of grace which includes room for more possessions or things I own now, new things which are hidden in me. I used to have a covering which had only one pocket, but now I have (am preparing) a new covering which has many pockets. I somehow sew these together. This could symbolize my coming into union with greater possibilities. It may also refer to being reconciled now to the Lord and to my past circumstances, so there is freedom to store up in my covering greater grace, greater righteousness, a better spirit/attitude, more anointing, and greater things I am going to be doing. These things will be things I have a God-given passion for. What do You want to tell me about this dream, Lord? Is it from You? What does it mean to You?

Yes. That is My answer to "is it from You?" I want to tell you about this dream that it is given to give you hope and expectation for new things that are coming in your life that you are now ready for. The dream means - expect more grace and more hidden possessions in your covering. I am your covering and I am your grace. Expect more from Me now. It is

being put together even now for you. And I will give you passion for whatever it is I have for you now.

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NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THE WORLD, I WILL BE THERE WITH YOU

WORDS GIVEN ME ABOUT BEING A SHORE SECRETARY

These are the words I heard just as I awoke this morning. It seemed like B said the first line as if she was announcing to me some message she saw that was for me. Then the second line was like the Lord was giving me this message.

M, shore secretary,

I will be there when the mountains dry up and the springs are dry.

- Mountain: exalted, obstacle, difficulty, challenge, kingdom (nation)
- Spring: (new) beginning, revival, fresh start, renewal, regeneration, salvation, refreshing
- Shore: the boundaries of one's spiritual search or direction.
- Secretary: individual who is capable of providing support and assistance
- M: my first initial for my first name, Margaret
- Water: Holy Spirit, spirit of man

This message seems to be saying to me:

To Margaret,

One who goes to the boundaries (shore) of her spiritual search,

One who is capable of providing support and assistance to others,

One who goes to the edge (shore) of the masses of people and tries to assist and support them

I, the Lord, will be with you, there where you are,

I will always still exist and be there

When the mountains give off no more water, when those who are great and exalted have no more of the Spirit to give, when people have dried up and have no more life to give,

When the springs are dry - meaning there is no more spiritual life left in those who gave it previously.

This may be the Lord saying to me that He will always exist, from everlasting to everlasting. He will always be with me, no matter what happens in the world. He's saying I am His secretary, trying to assist and support others. That is the way He sees me. He may be saying that when those who seem great and huge (like mountains now) don't have any more (water) to give, and those who

spout forth words of supposed knowledge (springs) are all dried up with nothing more to give forth, He will still exist and He will still be there.

This is the best I know to try to interpret what You said, Lord. Did You say these words to me? And what do they mean, if so?

I will tell you what it means. I speak in riddles sometimes. I do this so you will seek Me to know what I said and what I mean. I want to teach you something, so I give you a vision, a dream, or a message to stimulate you to come and listen to Me to hear what I want to teach you today, at this time, regarding this time.

I want you to know that when all the "great ones" who try to explain things in this world, and all those who spout forth their supposed great wisdom, are all dried up (meaning they have nothing more to say and no more explanations to give from out of their spirit or knowledge), then know that I am still there to show you, tell you, teach you, what is happening and what is the truth. I will always enlighten you on circumstances going on in the world FROM MY STANDPOINT, MY PERSPECTIVE. That is what you REALLY want to know anyway, right?

Yes, Lord.

So know, as My secretary, My one who is there in the waters of the world, the people of the world, and as one who is on the shore watching out over the ocean of people and events of the world, who is ready to assist and support others in My Name, that I am ALWAYS with you and will ALWAYS explain what is happening to you as you seek Me to do so.

Yes, this is for you. Yes, I gave it. Yes, it is to assure you that no matter what happens in the world, I will be there with you.

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HIDDEN PEARL

Today the Lord told me I was His pearl, His pearl of great price - which He gave a great price to purchase. He said I was His "hidden pearl." My first name is Margaret, and the meaning of that name is pearl. I think He plans to keep me "hidden."

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KEEP ON TAKING MEDICINE

A DREAM ABOUT MIXING MEDICINE TO TAKE

In this dream I was to mix up medicine to take - enough for several doses. This needed to be done regularly. Other people were to do this also. I went to some meeting regarding this routine. We were to indicate how long we had been doing this. I had been for three months. The leader of the meeting would call out the length of time she had been doing it also, then if you had been doing it the same length of time, you could volunteer to trade with her what you had brought to the meeting (your plate of medicine). I did that when she called out 3 months. I got up from my seat and walked forward to trade mine with hers. I felt pleased that I got to do this as I walked forward. Later I was at a filling station and was to get gas (or something) there from the gas pumps.

- Medicine: influence, healing
- Three: Godhead, conform, obey, copy, imitate, likeness
- Unknown leader: Holy Spirit
- Gas station: get filled up with fuel
- Gasoline: fuel, prayer

Yes, it's from Me. Write out what you think it means, then I will share with you.

This dream seems to be telling me to regularly take the "medicine" of prayer, influence, and healing. I get to trade my own "medicine" for the Holy Spirit's "medicine" and I am delighted to get to do that. The number 3 (months) reminds me of the three angels I saw in the vision at CFO camp and the 3 seasons of my life they stood for. Perhaps I am to ponder that vision again. I think I am in the 3rd season and that it is about over. It seems to be a dream to remind me and encourage me to keep taking my "medicine"

That's right, Joan. I am encouraging you to keep on praying, reading My Word, soaking in My Presence, talking to Me, and listening to Me. This is just a reminder dream, but a good one.

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THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Yesterday Jim Goll spoke at our church and he read this Scripture:

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in

mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. (Hebrews 11:13-12:2 NLT)

Today as I read this Scripture again, I am reminded of a past dream God gave me in which I was seated out in front of a line of people who made up an orchestra, which was being conducted by Jesus. Those behind me were those who had gone before me, and I was the one now living on earth. We were all part of the orchestra, and it was my turn to be alive on earth. But they were still part of what was being played. They were like the great cloud of witnesses (crowd of orchestra members in this version) cheering me on. And the Holy Spirit was the Singer in front of us singing across the field of the world.

Jim went on to tell us of glimpses he was given into the heavenly realm when he saw his wife there (who recently died). The message given to him, through an angel bringing him a card with the last message from his wife, was to never, never, never, never quit. To keep on "counting the stars" that represented promises God had given to him.

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YOUR INHERITANCE

You honor God by reading and studying about the lives of men/women whom He has anointed and guided and led to do things in their lives for Him. You honor those people by reading the "inheritance" they left to you through their writings. Others honor Me and you by reading and studying what you and I wrote together. This writing is your inheritance, which I wrote in and through you, which you are leaving for them.

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THE TRIALS OF LIFE

(Quote from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(pg 207 Kris Vallotton)

There is no victory without a battle. Battles are designed to free us from the prisons of life and take us to the palace of our destiny. Between the prison and the palace there is always a process that this warfare facilitates. The process is often better described as a trial. The trials of our life are designed to develop our character so that we can stay in the palace.

Yes, you are in the palace now, Joan. You are a special, special daughter of the King - King Jesus. You had to go through a major battle to get here. That major battle was your marital failure. It brought many battlefronts on which you had to fight: emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial. And you had to fight battles for your children during that time too. All of these battles brought you to be freer from the prisons of life.

That's why I get to *stay* in the palace you have me in right now, Lord? Because You have developed my character so that I can stay in it?

Yes, that's true. You know you don't deserve such blessings as I am pouring out on you, but you also know that I keep giving them. That's because you have now gotten your character developed enough so you can stay there. It is My blessing: to develop the character, to bring you to the palace, and to keep you there. It is all My grace and My blessing.

I praise You, Lord, and thank You, Lord!!!

So I want you to see where you are in your life right now, and why you are there, and know that I will keep you there - and it's all because of Me, not you. You've been through many battles to get here.

Thank You, Lord!!!

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A CORPORATE BLESSING

(Quote from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(pg 208-9 Kris Vallotton)

Notice that Joseph submitted to Pharaoh's authority, even though Pharaoh was a pagan leader. God could trust him with the position he had dreamt of years earlier because he had learned submission through his trials. He maintained that attitude in his position of authority. Submission to Pharaoh didn't mean he abandoned his identity and belief in God. It was precisely God's plans and ways that gave him the wisdom Pharaoh deferred to. Romans 13:1 states: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is

no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." Because Joseph recognized God's delegated authority and His way of testing, he proved himself worthy to walk in authority.

(pg. 210-211 Kris Vallotton)

...Giants in Scripture are often a symbol of spiritual principalities. Goliath's challenge is a good example of how spiritual authority works. If the principality is unseated, then everyone that was under its influence will come under the influence of whatever replaces it.. Here [1 Samuel 17:9], if someone kills the giant, all the Philistines will serve Israel, but if that person loses the battle, all of Israel will be enslaved to the Philistines.)

David is up for the task because, like Joseph, he has been faithful in a place of obscurity. He has been doing a remarkable job taking care of a herd of sheep on the edge of the wilderness. Once again, this is the key to obtaining spiritual authority: submission until promotion. Little did he know that the challenges he faced while protecting his flock would prepare him for his day of destiny.

Before he can fight Goliath, again like Joseph, he must first endure his brothers' ridicule. Those of us who aspire to leadership must realize that we will face what Joseph and David did from their brothers. Like David and Joseph's brothers, people who have no vision live their lives in the bondage of their own frailties and sins. They persecute anyone who has a vision, has conquered fear, or lives their life above sin rather than under it. This persecution takes place because it is easy to feel all right about their bondage as long as everybody they know is in bondage too--misery loves company. If someone starts to get victory in the same circumstances that others are failing in, it takes away their excuses and calls them to give an account for the inconsistencies in their character.

Scripture says that David, before he fought the giant, left "his baggage with the baggage keeper" (1 Sam. 17:22). While that wasn't necessarily a character test for him, I believe it's mentioned as a significant detail because he is modeling how we should face our challenges. David didn't go into battle without first unloading anything that could hinder him. Similarly, we shouldn't plunge into confrontation with the enemy without first letting God confront any unresolved sin or issues in our heart. I find the most important things we do in our lives are often done in private. Watch out for people who have a public victory without a private one.

Because David took down the champion of the Philistines, the battle ended. David's personal victory became a corporate blessing, bringing all of Israel peace.

Do I have a corporate blessing because of all the trials I have been through, Lord?

Yes. Your corporate blessing is conferred on B first of all. That's one reason I sent you here to live with her...so it could be brought into her home and life more easily. And secondly, it is over K and J, your other children whom you pray for regularly. Your corporate blessing covers them too...even when they make some poor choices. I am with them and help them through all their days and their choices, and keep them provided for. I will continue to do that to all of your children.

(Quote from *The Supernatural Ways of Royalty* by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton)

(pg. 211 Kris Vallotton)

One of the principles that is important for us to understand here is that physical obedience brings spiritual release. Paul said that the natural is first, then the spiritual (see 1 Cor. 15:46). We have been investigating the lives of people who passed their character tests, completing the process of promotion in the natural (visible) realm of life, which then resulted in gaining authority in the spirit (invisible) realm. Much of the church hardly acknowledges the invisible realm at all, much less realizes the implications that it has on our daily lives. The invisible kingdom that lies within us and around us is more powerful than the visible world that is perceived with our natural eyes. We are either benefited or befuddled by the invisible world, depending on how we relate to it.

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A DREAM ABOUT SEEING SMALL AND LARGE DARK CLOUDS

In this dream I was riding in a car someone else was driving. I was in the back seat. I looked out the windows and saw dark clouds in an otherwise clear sky. The dark clouds would appear in various sizes, some very small and some quite large. They appeared as individual clouds, not part of a whole front of clouds. I watched as a very small cloud came down to the ground and touched it. I saw a very large one above where we were driving.

Interpretation:

- Car: life, person, ministry
- Clouds: change or covering, trouble, distress, threatening, thoughts of trouble, confusion, hidden, covered, White clouds: good change, glory, revival, Divine Presence, covering, guidance (therefore dark clouds: bad change, distress, etc.)

I was experiencing this event from inside the car, which represents my life and ministry. But I wasn't driving so I am not controlling it or choosing its destination. I am only an observer. In fact, I am in the back seat, not even in the front seat. These individual clouds seem to represent individual threatening events in the world, some little and some large. Some even come clear down to the ground and touch it, which may represent touching people or places. It may show a representation of the world right now where many negative events are happening, and I have no control over them. I just get to watch them from inside the safety of being where I have been placed. It reminds me of the vision I had where I was inside a clear bubble, which kept me safe, but I could still see what was going on around me.

I gave you this for a reason, Joan. What might that reason be?

To prepare me to know I will be seeing "dark cloud" events? And possibly not to be afraid of them because I will be kept safe in my car?

Yes, that is so. But there is more. You must be "in your car," which is your ministry, when these events come, and from that position, you can take your ministry of writing about these events along with you to share with others in writing.

I want you to be including a record of these "dark cloud" events in your daily journal. Like the "dark cloud" event that took place this week when that plane went down in the Hudson River in NY. That was such a miracle that I want that event recorded. That doesn't mean to record everything that is in the news - just the events that I lead you to, especially the ones that glorify Me.

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A MIRACLE

IN THE NEWS

A most amazing event took place this week in the news. A twin engine plane of US Airways with 155 people aboard took off from New York La Guardia airport bound for Raleigh, North Carolina. Just minutes after takeoff a flock of Canadian geese flew into the plane's two engines, which shut both engines down. Without any power the pilot turned the plane around and looked for an airport he could land in. Realizing that wasn't going to work, he landed the plane in the Hudson River. The plane floated awhile, and all the people were able to get off in time.

Miraculously it stopped right in the pathway where ferryboats crossed the river between NY and NJ. These ferryboats quickly came to the rescue of the passengers and some of them were even able to step right from the open door on the side of the plane into a boat. Others went down the opened chute into the water and were picked up. Many went out on the wing of the plane and were rescued from there. It was just amazing! The pilot had set the plane down just right so it didn't break apart or flip over. He is being hailed as a hero now for saving all those lives. The NYPD and the FDNY arrived within a very short time and helped people also. There were no major injuries, the worst I know of so far was a broken leg.

It really seemed like a miracle from God:

- 1) In the timing so they were near the river and could make a semi-soft landing there,
- 2) The pilot was a very experienced one who automatically knew exactly what to do and could make quick accurate decisions as the plane was floating downward,
- 3) The plane was able to fly above a bridge across the area and not into it,
- 4) The landing was in the exact area where the ferry boats were crossing the river, so they got to the plane quickly, etc.

People are calling it a miracle. I do too. This demonstrates God's hand in this situation. I can imagine His angels being there helping everyone.

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A DREAM ABOUT A BEACH BALL AND PAIL

In the midst of dreaming last night I was told by someone coming up to me that my beach ball and pail were somewhere waiting for me to pick them up. It seemed as if I had been using them at the beach, and I needed to now pick them up to take them with me. It was said to me more than once, but I don't know how many times.

- Pail: signifies the amount of spirituality one uses in life.
- Beach ball: lightheartedness of manifesting one's spirituality through daily behavior and interaction.
- Ball: suggests simplicity, ease of communicating ideas.
- Sand from the Bible: reminds me of the promise made to Abraham about his descendants: *"I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed - all because you have obeyed me."* (Genesis 22:17-18)

Interpretation: This dream suggests to me that there is a pail and beach ball that belong to me and I had been using them. Now I need to pick them up so I can take them with me. They may represent my spiritual role in life, my spiritual quest, and what I give to others spiritually. The amount I have to give in this life is small, like a beach pail, but it is still the part that I am to contribute to the "Kingdom of God."

It reminds me that I am to pray for the people who live on my street, and that if each Christian did that for the people who live on their streets, then lots of people in LS would receive prayer. God could use that to work revival here. Each small part of the whole is important and necessary.

How do I "pick them up," Lord? Does "pick them up" mean to start using them more? What do You want to tell me about this dream?

As I looked at the rainbow prisms or balls of light coming from the sun shining through the large crystal ball hanging in our window, the Lord drew my thoughts to the fact:

- that those balls of light were all small
- that there were many of them
- and that the light didn't go through that crystal ball with one huge prism of light from it, but many, many small ones.

In a similar way His light comes through His Body of people into many, many prisms of light, each one being small, but a replica of Him, broken into small parts.

As I write today, this Scripture keeps coming to my mind, so I will put it here. Perhaps it's for someone who will read this someday:

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

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

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

I want to draw your attention to the pail. It is a pail used for fun, for pleasure. It is used for times of refreshing apart with Me. As you use your pail along the beach you are in the sun (Son) and playing (worshipping) in the sand. The sand DOES represent the people you will give an inheritance to, just as many others, who have gone before you, give an inheritance to you through their speaking, writing, etc. You also have an inheritance to give to those who come after you - those you impact and influence (like perfume). You give My fragrance to others daily as you come in contact with them and pray for them. In this way you spread My fragrance through your portion of the world.

You DO have a beach ball and pail that is just for you. I wanted you to recognize that they are specifically yours, not someone else's, and I want you to pick up just yours. It isn't that you are not already walking in that ministry to others; you are. I just wanted to draw your attention to it. I wanted you to see that the ball you take with you is lighthearted and simple, easy to share, pleasant/fun to do and to receive by others. I am that way too, and I work and manifest Myself through you in that way. It is a blessing to others, even as I am a blessing to them through you.

That is the point of the dream message - to encourage you to continue doing your small part in the whole "beach/ocean" of the world. Do it with lightheartedness, simplicity, and enjoyment.

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ARK OF SAFETY

For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. (Genesis 7:17-18 NLT)

"The boat floated safely on the surface." This is what I am doing for you and your family right now. And I will continue to keep you "floating" above the deep waters of difficulty in the world right now that will continue until I return. I have put you four in My ark of safety. I will keep you in My ark of safety until you are raptured. That is My promise to you, Joan. Count on it.

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STRENGTHEN YOURSELF IN THE LORD

I am to read the book *Strengthen Yourself In The Lord* by Bill Johnson once a month beginning on the first day of each month. This book is powerful and filled with precious nugats of wisdom about how to live life with God.

I am to make out 3x5 cards as Bill suggested, with promises from the Word and promises from dreams, visions, and prophecies. I am to read these at least once a week on the first day of each week (Sunday).

He said to me: *"I and My Word are One."* The idea is that when I apply His Word to myself, I am applying Him to myself.

I asked Him to give me a Scripture confirming that, and He gave me John 1:1 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

So today I am writing out 3x5 cards with promises from visions, dreams, and Scriptures that I am to review regularly.

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I AM THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

These Scriptures (which I was reading today) the Lord told me to write down in my journal.

Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram [Joan] in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram [Joan], for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." (Genesis 15:1 NLT)

[Balaam said] "God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through? Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it! No misfortune is in his plan for Jacob [Joan]; no trouble is in store for Israel [Joan]. For the Lord their God is with them; he has been proclaimed their king. God brought them out of Egypt; for them he is as strong as a wild ox. No curse can touch Jacob [Joan]; no magic has any power against Israel [Joan]. (Numbers 23:19-23 NLT)

Is that true for me, Lord?

That is true for you. That's why I had you write it in your journal. I am giving you the same protection that I gave Abram and the Israelites. I am the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and what I do is true and right. These are my promises for you today. You may put them on your promise cards with today's date.

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MANY VARIATIONS

Good morning, Heavenly Father! Thank you for drawing me to come to You this morning. Thank You for watching over us during the night and for helping B deal with "on call" work problems during the night. Thank you for the beautiful flowers I see pictured on my computer screen this morning - pale pink peonies. You created so many varied flowers that I am amazed when I see flowers from other parts of the world and see how different they are from where I live. I believe You create people with just as many variations, and that is amazing too. Thank You for Your Word which encourages me, heals me, lifts me, inspires me, and leads me in Your pathway. As You said in Your Word:

People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

He sent forth his word and healed them. (Psalm 107:20)

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. (Hebrews 4:12)

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

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

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

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I WANT YOU TO HAVE ADEQUATE PROVISION

Interesting! Last Thursday B attended her home group at W and K's house. W told them that the Lord had told him to store up food for 2-3 months ahead. This fits with what I have already heard through Rick Joyner, Perry Stone, and Glenn Beck. Something is coming which will necessitate this food storage. We have started this previously, but this additional word coming from W will encourage us to continue this storage. Thank You, Lord, for giving us this warning ahead of time so we will have food to use and share when needed.

You're welcome, My child. I will continue to take care of you and B as you listen to Me and follow Me. Do not be afraid. Just trust Me and listen to Me and follow Me. I know what is coming, and you don't. But I will show you the way. Trust Me. I love you and care about you every day of your life, not just on some days. I want you to have adequate provision in food, and money, and electricity, and for all your everyday needs.

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A DREAM ABOUT PLANTING IN APRIL AND HARVESTING IN JUNE

In this dream I was the main character, so it is about me. I was talking to some students/children while we were outside in a vegetable garden area. I had planted some seeds there in various places and the children wanted to see the full-grown plants. I showed them places where tiny plants were sprouting up through the ground and said that it would take awhile before they were full grown with vegetables growing on them. I said that we plant in April, the plants grow in May, and we harvest in June.

Interpretation:

I think this dream is planting the idea in me that some significant Spiritual planting will be taking place in April of this year and the product/harvest from that will take place in June. This dream has stuck with me for several hours this morning, so I am to remember it and write it out.

It occurs to me that April-June is 3 months. I am wondering if those 3 months are the ones we are to prepare for by storing up food and water now. That is a thought in my mind right now. What do You think, Lord?

I think this is right on. Plan with B to have enough food and water ready for yourselves and to share with others.

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THE JOY OF THE LORD

(Quote from *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ* by John Piper)

(pg. 41-42)

But the *glory* and *grace* of Jesus is that he is, and always will be, indestructibly happy. I say it is his *glory*, because gloom is not glorious. I say it is his *grace*, because the best thing he has to give us is his joy. "These things I have spoken to you, that *my joy* may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11, RSV; see also 17:13). It would not be fully gracious of Jesus simply to increase *my joy* to its final limit and then leave me short of his. My capacities for joy are very confined. So Christ not only offers himself as the divine object of my joy, but pours his capacity for joy into me, so that I can enjoy him with the very joy of God. This is glory, and this is grace.

As I read this I thought about the joy of the Lord - when were times I experienced it greatly -

1. After LS and L prayed for me regarding my divorce, and I had confessed and was cleansed of any and all of my part in that, I experienced great joy which seemed like being up on a cloud in heaven.
2. After returning from CFO camp in Missouri I sat by the fountain at the Shelter Garden and had extreme joy well up inside me.
3. One time while in the midst of choir practice at CBC the joy of the Lord welled up within me so strongly I felt I couldn't contain any more without bursting.
4. In Los Angeles at the AAFP convention, outside the theater where they were installed, I met someone who saw my tiny Holy Spirit pin and introduced herself to me. She said she wanted to meet the woman wearing that pin. After that I experienced extreme joy which welled up within me. Perhaps she was an angel!
5. Once time while in college at Manchester, as I walked at night across the open area past the chapel and toward the Winger Building, I had intense joy well up within me and I wanted immensely to go to someone and share that joy, but I didn't know of a single person with whom I could do that. It was the joy of the Lord!

6. The first really real vision I can remember from the Lord at CFO camp was of Jesus at the front of the auditorium and three angels with trumpets on a ledge on the right side. I was absolutely astounded at seeing this vision three times in a row. I felt the joy of the Lord at this time. It stayed with me a long time!
7. Perhaps I felt the joy of the Lord as a child when I used to "wonder" at the sky, the clouds, the creation He made, and "wonder" about the huge questions of God, who He was, what was "out there," the extent of the Universe, etc.
8. After having lunch with two ladies (in Indianapolis) where they questioned me about my faith and seemed to want to know if I was really saved, as we were leaving one of them said something like, "You do believe Jesus Christ is your Savior, don't you?" I said, "Yes," to her and immediately was filled with intense joy and buoyancy!

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A PROPHETIC WORD FROM VG

Today at church VG came up to me and gave me 2 gifts she had brought from Korea: knitted slippers and a small coin purse. Then she began to tell me prophetically that I was faithful in my praying, and that it was powerful, and that I should never think it wasn't important. She said I was to keep speaking out what God put into my mouth. She said it might not seem important or powerful to me, but seem a small thing, but it was powerful, and I should keep on doing it. It touched me to tears.

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A DREAM ABOUT FILLING OUT A GRADUATION FORM

In this dream I was filling out a multi-paged form which was for graduating. There were lots of people filling out the forms in the same room. We were to make some choices on the form regarding which graduation party we wanted to attend. I had let a friend see my form at some time earlier. She liked the picture of some couple I had put in my form. The last thing we were asked (by the person up front instructing us) was what our nickname was during our school years. I wrote JO on my form and then told some young man near me that my name was JOAN and so my nickname was JO.

Interpretation:

Nickname: will reveal an important characteristic or hidden aspect of someone.

JO: (from Joanna) Cultural origin: German; Inherent meaning: God is Gracious; Special connotation: Delivered; Scripture: 1 Cor. 15:10 RSV - *"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain."*

What does it mean, Lord, that I was filling out a graduation form?

It means your graduation from this earthly body to your heavenly body is soon. It may be this fall during Rosh Hashanah, but it may not. But plan your life as if it is then that you are raptured. Then you can sort out your "stuff" as if you will leave then.

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A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO GET TO MY CLASS AT 9:00 A.M.

In this dream I was trying to get to class on time. It seemed it was my first class at college, and I wasn't sure where the class was held. I was driving an old, old truck-car - like maybe I've seen on the Waltons TV show. I parked it in a circular driveway near the building where I was going, and tried to lock it, but the key wouldn't lock it. I went into a building where I was trying to leave the key with an attendant there. I told her I needed to hurry so I wouldn't be late to class. She kept talking and talking, and I told her to hurry so I could go to class. The class was to start at 9:00 a.m. I tried to learn what time it was, but the clock on the wall didn't have accurate time on it. I realized that when I compared it with my watch time.

The reference to 9:00 refers to the fruition of harvest of that which was planted. This includes the harvest of all those souls who come to salvation through Jesus Christ and the harvest (judgment) of all those who reject Jesus Christ by not choosing to give their lives to Him and not believing in Him for salvation from their sins. So, this dream centers around that event happening very soon. In the dream I am eagerly getting ready for this 9:00 time. The clock draws attention to a warning about this time. It is hard to know exactly what time it is in relation to it, but it is close. Is that it, Lord?

That's it, Joan. That's the part of the dream I wanted you to listen to, to figure out. It is VERY close to time for the harvest of all souls on the earth...some to salvation and some to destruction. That's what the "9:00 when new classes start" refers to, and that's what the broken clock, which doesn't give accurate time, refers to. It's soon, but you can't tell for sure exactly when this harvest will be finished. And that's all you need to know from this dream. Sometimes I will just have you focus on a piece of a dream and not all the many details or other parts.

The Lord told me to begin reading the book of Revelation today, so I am doing that. This fits with the dream regarding 9:00 and the harvest as the book of Revelation tells about this.

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)

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3 NLT)

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A DREAM ABOUT TWO PINE TREES CUT DOWN

In this dream I arrived at my childhood home in New Haven area along with some other people. We noticed that there were cuttings from trees in the front yard. I looked at this and saw that there were two pine trees in the cuttings. I looked to see where these had been before they were cut down and realized the big pine tree beside the porch was gone.

One of my first thoughts is that these two evergreen trees may represent two people from my childhood home that die, that go on to eternal life. It's rather amazing to me that I, and all my brothers and sisters, are still alive and functioning well. This dream may be a warning that that may change. My thought is that this big pine tree, along with another one, may represent my oldest brother or my oldest sister and that person's spouse. But it could mean those who are born again and have eternal life.

Is that what this means, Lord?

Yes, and you will need your savings money to make the trip back, and B will need her vacation days to go with you. Know that this is coming soon. I will enable her to take off work during that time without too much problem.

Eternal LIFE means being with Me. Eternal DEATH means eternal destruction, not being with Me.

So these two evergreen trees represent these two people who are cut down from earthly life and who come to Me for eternal life.

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THE FAVOR THAT JESUS GREW IN

(Quote from *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord* by Bill Johnson)

(P. 27) The "favor" that Jesus grew in is the word *charis*, which refers to the divine grace and ability of God Himself that comes upon and enables a person to accomplish His purposes. As Jesus modeled, each of us must grow in favor if we are going to fulfill our destiny in God. But favor, because it is so glorious and powerful, is a weighty thing. Thus, God, in His mercy, gives you His favor in the measure your character can handle, taking you from glory to glory, faith to faith, and strength to strength.

As I read the above paragraph this morning in my Quiet Time, the Holy Spirit brought to my mind the dream I had where Charis and I were walking up a hill looking for her new house number. When we found it, it was a home with beautiful furniture in it. He showed me that that dream could also refer to my growing in "favor" with Him walking alongside me as my *charis* (favor), and bringing me to a new place, a new "home," which is beautiful to live in.

Here is the dream from 2-17-03:

DREAM OF WALKING UPHILL WITH CHARIS TO FIND HER NEW HOUSE NUMBER

I am walking uphill beside houses with Charis (a friend of mine) showing her the new house she gets to live in. I don't see Charis, but know she is there. I look at a house number and tell her that one isn't hers because hers is a NEW NUMBER. That seems to be important.

Charis and I are inside her house and look at a room prepared for her by her many friends. In it are things like couch, pictures, pillows, etc., which make it really pretty. These were in color but I don't remember a specific color.

Two days after this dream it was still in my memory, so I wrote it down.

Interpretation:

- New house means a new body to live in
- Special room fixed up by many - by the many who have prayed for her over the years for healing
- Pretty, colorful - from God
- Our participation in preparing this new house is with our prayers
- Charis is unseen means a spiritual house, a new house for her spirit to live in; it's on a spiritual dimension

A DREAM ABOUT LOOKING FOR MY KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM IN AN UNFAMILIAR SCHOOL BUILDING

I've had a similar dream to this several times in my adult lifetime - where I was to teach a kindergarten class and didn't know where the room was and wasn't familiar with the building.

What's the overall gist of this dream, Joan?

That I was coming up on a deadline and I was trying to prepare ahead for it but couldn't find the right place and materials needed. There were lots of people involved in this dream besides me, but I was the primary actor in it. I walked around, I looked, I went up stairs and went outside to try to find this place and materials. I encountered lots of people along the way. Many of them I didn't know. A few I did.

Is it my whole lifetime?

Yes. Your whole lifetime has been spent going TOWARD something that you haven't yet found. It is the place (and materials) of your work. This is coming very soon and you want to get ready. You encounter many people, and walk through many places in your lifetime, but still aren't there yet. But you are about to arrive there. It is in the building where classes are held for 5-6 graders - which represents mankind under grace and serving Me. There you will teach beginners in your own special room, marked just for you and your students.

This "classroom" is over the internet and your teaching materials are your books which you have prepared in service to Me to be used by Me. You don't find the room because it is not a physical place, but an internet place. And you didn't see your students because you don't know who is reading your books around the world. But you are still on that journey of your lifetime. And the final day for preparation is today, now.

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THE END TIMES

This week the Holy Spirit has been urging me to read the book called *Are We Living In The End Times* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (authors of the *Left Behind* series). As I read about the many, many signs of the end times given in the Bible, and saw how many have already happened or are right now happening, I felt we are right on the edge of the end time event called the Rapture (in which the Church is taken out of the world), and after that the Tribulation. The authors believe that, too, in this book, and the book is from 1999! How much closer are we now - 10 years closer.

I have been really concerned about the direction our country is being led since the last election - toward big, big government, lots of government control of everyone and everything, and lots of loss of personal freedoms. But, as I read the above book I see how this, too, is happening as steps toward the one world government prophesied for the tribulation. It will happen, and I cannot stop it. But that doesn't mean I have to agree with it.

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A DREAM ABOUT 5 FRENCH HORN PLAYERS IN BLUE SWEAT SUITS

In this dream I was in a building where I was preparing for a musical concert. I was new as the conductor in this place so people didn't know me. There was a group of musicians (5) who played together on French horns and wore blue sweat suits in this place. They weren't sure they wanted to perform in the concert coming up because they didn't know me. They seemed to be trying to decide whether to perform at the upcoming concert or not. I seemed to be waiting for them to choose and trying not to pressure them while they decided.

The focus of this dream didn't seem to be about me, it seemed to be about these 5 musicians who wore blue sweat suits and played French horns together. I awoke curious to find out what these five people represented. They seem to represent those who have on the spiritual clothing of righteousness and anointing. They represent those who worship God together due to playing French horns/instruments together. Their response to me was uncertainty about whether to play together in something I was organizing since they didn't know me.

Yesterday before going to bed I watched the first DVD by Perry Stone about the *Rapture Revelation*. I also just finished reading the book yesterday by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins called *Are We Living In the End Times?*

My thought is that these 5 horn players in blue sweat suits may symbolize Christians who are not quite sure of what to do right now in this season of the end times where we face dealing with hard events and situations (such as the current economic downturn) that are "new" to them...events that seem to be leading up to the Rapture and the Tribulation. Perhaps this is a call to prayer for the Christians living now in these uncertain times.

That's it, Joan. I want you to pray for those who belong to Me (worshippers who have the spiritual clothing of anointing on, carry French horns, and serve Me). Pray they come to know the times they are living in and the significance of what they choose to do with their anointed clothing and praise/worship instruments.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Last night I listened to Perry Stone's *Rapture Revelation* DVD #4 which focused on the Book of Remembrance and how that fit in with determining who would be taken in the Rapture and who would be left behind. He cited the Scripture in Malachi 3:16-4:2 which says:

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. "They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "In the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not...But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. (Malachi 3:16-4:2 NIV)

These are the things Perry said distinguished those who will be raptured (whose names are written in God's Book of Remembrance) according to this Scripture:

- They fear God
- They witness to others
- They pray to God
- They give tithes and offerings

Perry also said to pray as instructed in Luke 21:36

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36 NIV)

Perry says the Rapture is next in line on God's timetable as the next "feast or holy days" He taught the Israelites to celebrate. He says the spring feasts are already fulfilled: Passover (when Christ was crucified), Unleavened bread (when Christ was buried), First Fruits (when Christ was resurrected), and 50 days later Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit came and started the church). Next in line is the fall feast of Rosh Hashanah (the blowing of trumpets) which he believes will be fulfilled by the Rapture of the saints who belong to Him and are pure and set apart unto Him with their lives.

There is a great concern in me to warn my family about the closeness of the Rapture and the conditions one must meet to be ready. I think I am to write something about this for the next round robin family letter, and send a copy to Kim and John also.

1. I would like to tell them to read Tim Lahaye and Jerry Jenkin's book (*Are We Living In The End Times?*).

2. And I can offer to send them the DVDs by Perry Stone.
3. I can mention the book *Driven by Eternity* by John Bevere to read.
4. Also I can mention the book *Drawing Near* by John Bevere to read.
5. I can also mention the fiction book *Left Behind* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins.

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A DREAM ABOUT JUDGMENTS COMING

In this dream I saw things which seemed to represent judgments coming or already here. It was as if I could see them as something specific, like a picture or item. One seemed to cost a penny. That one was extra huge in size and scope. These were not things which I could change, only observe. They seemed to be arriving by mail.

Interpretation:

Perhaps the things coming by mail represent angels, as messengers, bringing the judgments. They were already determined. I did not do anything except observe what was taking place. Silver coins represent revelation knowledge. Money symbolizes power, provision, wealth, riches, favor or loss of it. Since this money was the smallest coin we have in our country, perhaps it represents the loss of favor or power. So a huge judgment is shown for those who have lost favor or power. Money can also represent spiritual riches like faith, wisdom, spiritual gifts, etc. So it may show almost a total lack of these. It can also symbolize the strength of man as opposed to trusting in God - a trust in human strength. This may then symbolize people trying to trust in the economy and the economy being almost worthless.

Lord, You told me to write this down even though it is extremely vague. So I tried to. What does it mean, Lord? And why did You give me this dream, if You did?

Did I give you this dream, Joan? Yes.

Does it mean something I want you to know? Yes.

Is it vague on purpose? Yes. Because the judgments it represents are still vague, even though you are starting to perceive them. This dream shows the judgment(s) have to do with money. They can be seen, but not clearly yet.

This money situation in your country and the world is a great shaking I am sending to shake loose all that can be shaken and to see what is left in/inside each person after that shaking. Those who stand on Me will still be standing firm, for I will hold them and support them and help them. Those who depend on the god of money will be devastated

and some may even seek Me as a result of it. K and JD may seek Me as a result of it. JR may seek Me as a result of it. Others may also.

I am "shaking out" the last of those who get the opportunity to come to Me before the Rapture. You and those who belong to Me, who are standing firm during this time, will be the witnesses who will shine like lights during this time. Be that witness for Me, Joan.

There may be many who will come to you and B and ask what keeps you strong during this shaking time. Then you can tell them about Me - that I am what gives you strength, and you can ask them if they want to know Me also. If so, then you can tell them how to ask Me into their hearts and how to follow Me each day for inner strength.

Tell them your hope is not in yourself, or money, or political leaders, or retirement funds, or any other worldly thing which can pass away at any time...that I am the everlasting strength they may put their trust and hope in.

And I will do a mighty work in each one who asks to know Me.

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A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING FOR A REUNION

<p>In this dream there was to be a reunion. I, along with some others, was making preparations for it. I was to work on the invitations. I also was to work on some lights for it. I was looking to see if I knew anyone who came.</p>
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Interpretation:

- Light: manifest, revealed, exposed, unveiled or uncovered, no longer hidden, to show forth
- Reunion: a gathering together of people who have something in common to recognize and celebrate
- Invitation: inviting others to come to an event

I feel this "reunion" is the gathering together in one place of the believers who honor and serve Christ and who are looking for His coming. Many people are anticipating this and working toward this - those who believe in it (the Rapture). It is my work and desire to reveal (light) this coming "reunion" to others, to tell about it so it is no longer hidden from their understanding. I am to work on inviting others.

Don't warn them; just tell them. Bring light and an invitation to them. I will help you word that invitation and light/revealing. We can work on it.

A DREAM ABOUT A REUNION AT JOYCE'S PLACE

In this dream I was at JH's home, and her apartment or house number was 36. I had B with me but K hadn't been home when I went there so she wasn't with us. While there I began to see my brothers and sisters arrive. It seemed it was the last day of school and they were somehow free therefore, to come, so JH or someone had called them and suggested they come over to her house. I was so surprised to see them and said something like "This can be the reunion for me" since I am not sure we will go to the family reunion this year. I then was trying to get to a phone to tell K to come over, so she could be there for the reunion too. I remember seeing BW and maybe LC, and realizing the others were coming.

Interpretation:

- 36: my birth year, God is drawing my attention to Him
- Last day of school: last day on this earth before the rapture or death
- Sister: self, spiritual sister, someone she reminds you of, the church, herself
- Reunion: a gathering of people with something in common

Perhaps this is a dream telling me that the "last day of school" is here and I will have a reunion with my brothers and sisters in the Lord soon. God is "drawing my attention" to that with the apartment number 36.

WHEN THE SPIRIT AND THE GLORY ARE NEEDED, THEY WILL COME.

(Quote from *A Godward Life* by John Piper, p. 25-27)

Today's Mercies For Today's Troubles

Meditation on Matthew 6:34

Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble (author's translation).

Part of saving faith is the assurance that you will have faith tomorrow. Trusting Christ today includes trusting him to give you tomorrow's trust when tomorrow comes. Often we feel today like our reservoir of strength is not going to last for another day. The fact is, it won't. Today's resources are for today, and part of those resources is the confidence that new resources will be given tomorrow.

The basis of this assurance is the wonderful teaching of the Bible that God assigns only as much trouble to each day as that day can bear. God will not let his children be tested in any given day beyond what his mercy for that day will sustain. That's what Paul means when he says, "No test has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tested beyond what you are able, but with the test will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13, author's translation).

The old Swedish hymn "Day by Day" is based on Deuteronomy 33:25: "As your days, so shall your strength be." It gives us the same assurance:

*Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.*

The "Father's wise bestowment" is the amount of trouble that we can bear each day - and no more:

*He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.*

With every day's measure of pain, he gives new mercies. This is the point of Lamentations 3:22-23, "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

God's mercies are new every morning because each day has enough mercy in it only for that day. This is why we tend to despair when we think that we may have to bear tomorrow's load on today's resources. God wants us to know that we won't. Today's mercies are for today's troubles. Tomorrow's mercies are for tomorrow's troubles.

Sometimes I wonder if we will have the mercy to stand in terrible testing. Yes, we will. Peter says, "If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you" (1 Peter 4:14). When the reviling comes, the Spirit of glory comes. It happened for Stephen as he was being stoned (Acts 7:55-60). It will happen for you. When the Spirit and the glory are needed, they will come.

The manna in the wilderness was given one day at a time. There was no storing up. That is the way we must depend on God's mercy. You do not receive today the strength to bear tomorrow's burdens. You are given mercies today for today's troubles. Tomorrow the mercies will be new. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9 RSV). "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will act!" (1 Thessalonians 5:24, author's translation).

TRUSTING IN FUTURE GRACE IS THE ENABLING STRENGTH OF OUR OBEDIENCE

(Quote from *A Godward Life: 120 Daily Readings* by John Piper, p. 37)

Obedience comes from trusting God for more grace - future grace - and thus magnifying the infinite resources of God's love and power. "I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10 RSV). The grace that enabled Paul to work hard in a life of obedience was the daily arrival of fresh supplies of grace. This is what faith trusts in - the continuing arrivals of grace. Faith looks to the promises like, I will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9), and in that confidence faith ventures, in obedience, to take the land... Trusting in future grace is the enabling strength of our obedience. The more we trust in future grace, the more we give God the opportunity in our lives to show the glory of his inexhaustible grace. So take a promise of future grace and do some radical act of obedience on it. God will be mightily honored.

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A DREAM ABOUT JESUS TAKING OFF OF ME THE LOAD OF MY PAST EXPERIENCES

A strange dream! In this dream I was standing outside on the sidewalk across the street from a place that seemed like it might be a school/college. I was with a couple of other people. I was looking at my mail, which was stacked on my arms in front of me. On top were several items (which I hadn't yet looked at) but which seemed like they might be pictures. An unknown lady came up beside me and took those "pictures" and put them with her stuff in her arms. I assumed she was stealing them, so I took her across the street to the college administration building (or whatever it was) and took her to the office of the authorities. She didn't seem to mind, and didn't resist. Others (all women) there acted like they knew her and weren't concerned about her taking my pictures. A lady began to question me about what had happened, almost (but not exactly) as if it was something I had done wrong instead of the other person. I awoke with a feeling of frustration about the injustice of it.

Interpretation:

I'm going through life and am in a place of learning. So perhaps I am supposed to "learn" something from this dream, from life. Along the way I seem to be using my own arms (strength) to carry the information (mail) I get and the memories/past experiences (pictures) I have. A stranger (an unknown woman), which could represent God's messenger/angel or the church, comes to me and takes those memories (pictures) off my strength (my arms) and puts them on her strength (her

arms). Since I thought she was stealing something that belonged to me, I took her before someone in authority to seek justice for what she had done. The authorities didn't pay attention to her but to me as if I needed to understand something or learn something, possibly about myself. Lord, what do You want me to learn or understand from this strange dream?

I want you to learn that I am taking all the things from your past, memories, and consciousness upon My arms, My strength now, at this time in your life.

Was that woman You?

No, but she represented My angel. Remember in the Old Testament when terms were used interchangeably for Me and for an angel? She represented Me, but came in the form of an angel in the dream. It would have been a whole different thing if she had been represented as a male.

What does it mean that You now are taking all my past memories and consciousness upon Your arms and Your strength?

It means I love you, and I carry you in My strength. It means your load is now light and your burden is now light to carry. It means I do everything to lighten your load in life. It means you do not have to EVER AGAIN blame yourself for anything you have ever done that you feel sad or sorry for, because I have taken it all upon Myself, and it is gone from you. You are now free and clean and pure before Me.

Is that right, Lord? That's what I want to be, Lord...clean and pure before You.

Yes, and I want you to forever see yourself as free and clean and pure in My eyes, before Me. No more condemnation for things done and missed opportunities.

Wow! Thank You, Lord. You mean that strange dream could mean that?

Yes, that is why it was so vivid in your mind when you woke up. It really was an important dream, even if you didn't immediately see why.

So You are doing good for me and I react by thinking You are stealing from me in my misunderstanding of what is going on?

Yes, and I want you to now understand. That's why I wanted you to interpret this dream.

Thank You, Lord. You are sooooo good to me! Thank You for giving me that dream!

You are in My Book of Remembrance, Joan, and you can "go out and leap like calves released from the stall" (Malachi 4:2 NIV). You are FREE of all those earthly burdens. They are Mine and I took them upon Myself. Isn't that wonderful?

Yes, yes, yes!

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AN URGENT MESSAGE

Here is a copy of the message from World Challenge, Inc. online
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An Urgent Message

An Earth-Shattering Calamity Is About To Happen

by David Wilkerson

March 7, 2009

I am compelled by the Holy Spirit to send out an urgent message to all on our mailing list, and to friends and to bishops we have met all over the world.

AN EARTH-SHATTERING CALAMITY IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. IT IS GOING TO BE SO FRIGHTENING, WE ARE ALL GOING TO TREMBLE — EVEN THE GODLIEST AMONG US.

For ten years I have been warning about a thousand fires coming to New York City. It will engulf the whole megaplex, including areas of New Jersey and Connecticut. Major cities all across America will experience riots and blazing fires — such as we saw in Watts, Los Angeles, years ago.

There will be riots and fires in cities worldwide. There will be looting — including Times Square, New York City.

What we are experiencing now is not a recession, not even a depression. We are under God's wrath. In Psalm 11 it is written, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (v. 3).

God is judging the raging sins of America and the nations. He is destroying the secular foundations.

The prophet Jeremiah pleaded with wicked Israel, "God is fashioning a calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh, turn back each of you from your evil way, and reform your ways and deeds. But they will say, It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart" (*Jeremiah 18:11–12*).

In Psalm 11:6, David warns, "Upon the wicked he will rain snares (coals of fire)...fire...burning wind...will be the portion of their cup." Why? David answered, "Because the Lord is righteous" (v. 7). This is a righteous judgment — just as in the judgments of Sodom and in Noah's generation.

WHAT SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS DO? WHAT ABOUT GOD'S PEOPLE?

First, I give you a practical word I received for my own direction. If possible lay in store a thirty-day supply of non-perishable food, toiletries and other essentials. In major cities, grocery stores are emptied in an hour at the sign of an impending disaster.

As for our spiritual reaction, we have but two options. This is outlined in Psalm 11. We “flee like a bird to a mountain.” Or, as David says, “He fixed his eyes on the Lord on his throne in heaven — his eyes beholding, his eyelids testing the sons of men” (v. 4). “In the Lord I take refuge” (v. 1).

I will say to my soul: No need to run...no need to hide. This is God's righteous work. I will behold our Lord on his throne, with his eye of tender, loving kindness watching over every step I take — trusting that he will deliver his people even through floods, fires, calamities, tests, trials of all kinds.

Note: I do not know when these things will come to pass, but I know it is not far off. I have unburdened my soul to you. Do with the message as you choose.

God bless and keep you.

In Christ,

DAVID WILKERSON

Monday, March 9, 2009

[A Further Word](#)

“If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?”

Recently I felt compelled to send out an URGENT message warning of an impending great calamity — such that will cause even God's elect to tremble.

One Bishop asked, “Is there no further word: How should the righteous respond to such a word?”

I can only answer by sharing what the Holy Spirit is speaking to my own heart and what I am to do. I shared that I was led in a practical way to lay aside a month's supply of food — because I have witnessed the panic in the wake of terrorism. That has to be a personal word for every individual.

This is what I hear the Holy Spirit speaking to my heart concerning my own spiritual response to impending calamity. It is simply this —**STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.**

“And Moses said to the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show you today...The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace” (Exodus 14:13-14).

This is the attitude of faith in the face of calamity. What could Israel do on the brink of the Red Sea? Pharaoh's army is pressing in, mountains are on both sides, and there is an impossible sea ahead. The flesh cries, “Do something!”

The flesh cries hopelessness. Can God's people dry up the sea? Level a mountain? Fight a great army without having weapons? They are in what appears to be a dreadful, frightening situation. God's people tremble — and in this hour of trembling comes a word from God. In essence:

“Stand still. Fear not. This is the hour of salvation. You are going to witness the pulling down of the foundations of a world power. But in the same hour, I will fight for you. Hold your peace — be still and see my works.”

Beloved, my warning is just one voice among many who are saying the same thing. We may all tremble for a season, but those who truly know God’s Word will be quickly comforted by the Holy Spirit. We will be baptized with a great peace — a supernatural quietness — which will be a tremendous witness to the fearful multitudes.

In Christ,

David Wilkerson

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009

WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL?

“And the word of the Lord came unto him [Elijah], saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan” (1 Kings 17: 2–3).

As Elijah looked ahead to the coming crisis, things must have looked absolutely hopeless to him. But God had a specific survival plan in mind for his faithful servant. He instructed the prophet, “Go east to the Jordan River, and there you will find Cherith, a little tributary that runs off. You can get all the drinking water you need from that brook. In addition, I’ve arranged for food to be delivered to you daily, by my courier ravens!”

How could any person, in a million years, ever dream up this kind of a plan for survival? How could Elijah ever have imagined he’d be sent to a hidden brook to find water to drink, when there was nothing but drought everywhere else in the land? How could he ever have thought a daily supply of bread would be brought to him by ravenous birds that ate everything they sank their beaks into?

Later, times got hard for Elijah, because the brook finally dried up. But God stepped in again, giving the prophet another fresh word of direction. He said, “Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee” (v. 9). Again, I have to ask—how could anyone ever think a poor widow woman, in the midst of a depression, could feed a man for days, weeks, months on end? But the fact is, God uses the most despised, insignificant things of the world for his glory. And he told Elijah, “If you’ll go to her and do what I tell you, you’ll survive. Listen to me—heed my direction—and you’ll make it through!”

The evidence is overwhelming: God—our adviser, counselor and survival expert—has a detailed plan for every one of his children, to help us face the worst of times!

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Wednesday, March 11, 2009

PERFECT PEACE

In the time of panic, God’s trusting people will be blessed with perfect peace.

The Lord declares, "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord: and I will heal him" (Isaiah 57:19). The Hebrew word for "peace" here is "perfect peace."

I believe that as we're surrounded by chaos and hysteria in the coming days, America is going to witness the greatest testimony of God's glory and power it has even seen. How? All of America will see that many of God's people possess his perfect peace! In that time the Lord is going to raise up a people who've been endowed with his absolute, perfect peace – peace that Christ himself now enjoys at the right hand of the Father. And we're going to live, move and breathe in that wonderful peace.

Scripture says God will keep all who trust him "...in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3). And right now, many of God's people are making this commitment to him: "I'm going to set my heart to seek God through everything, no matter what comes. I'm going to give him all that I have and all that I am. I believe his judgment is coming – so I'm going to prepare myself for him, as his bride!"

God first made his promise of perfect peace to those in Judah who were undergoing a great chastening of the Lord upon their land. God was bringing down all the high fortresses and walls, all the pomp and riches people leaned on, "...even to the dust" (Isaiah 25:12). Even the faithful remnant that still trusted in God were shaken to their very core. Yet during that time, God told Isaiah to reassure these faithful believers: "The Lord is going to keep you in perfect peace – if you simply trust him!" The prophet said, "Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us..." (26:12). In other words, God is going to set up in our hearts his very own peace. He wants to give us a peace that can't be shaken.

Likewise today, when panic strikes in America – when the ominous news begins to send shock waves of fear across the land, and hysteria mounts – God's people won't be able to avoid feeling the huge wave of human anxiety. That's right – I will feel it, you will feel it; all Christians are going to feel it. Such feelings are inevitable; it's simply human to have this kind of reaction to such terrible chaos. Yet, at the same time, God will put within us the resources needed to take immediate control of every fearful thought and bring it to the truth of Christ. And his Spirit will fill our very beings with his perfect peace!

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Thursday, March 12, 2009

FEAR NOT. FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON JESUS

We are to listen carefully to the warnings of the watchmen but are not to become obsessed with their warnings.

We are to be alerted and warned by prophetic messages, and we're to heed every one that's revealed and confirmed in Scripture. We're to gather all the knowledge we can about the coming storm, so we can prepare our hearts for whatever destruction it brings. But we are not to let fear or anxiety consume our thinking, dominate our minds, take hold of our hearts!

Darkness is certainly coming, and judgment is at our very door. But as God's people, we cannot allow any cloud of darkness to hide the light of his great promises of love and mercy toward his people. We are to be well informed by the Lord's words and prophets, but we are not to dwell on prophetic knowledge so much that it takes over our lives.

The devil would love for that to happen. He knows if he can't get you to doubt God's Word concerning his judgment, he'll take you to another extreme by driving you to a fearful obsession with perilous times. He'll try to rob you of all hope by consuming you with thoughts of foreboding.

The apostle Paul reassures us about such things with this instruction: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Paul is telling us, "You've heard all the warnings. Now, simply take heed to what God's Word reveals and to what his watchmen are saying. Then, finally, fix all your thoughts on Jesus and his goodness."

I have faithfully warned of a soon-to-come worldwide economic holocaust, and we already see this happening around the world. I have warned that Christians are going to suffer - that there will be great loss and hardship - and right now multitudes of precious saints all over the world are enduring unbelievable tribulation. But none of these things is the focus of all my energies and ministry. No, the deepest expression of my soul is to proclaim the love of God the father and the tender mercy of our savior Jesus.

So when I go to bed at night, I know that he alone is in control of all these things. I simply do what the prophet Isaiah did: he put his mind to rest by fully trusting in his Lord. He said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"(Isaiah 26:3).

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Friday, March 13, 2009

A PASTOR'S RESPONSE TO "AN URGENT WARNING"

It is the task of a true prophet to warn. We have recently heard such a clear warning of perilous days just ahead of us. The prophet is like a man who comes to warn a shepherd that ravenous wolves are approaching.

It then becomes the shepherd's task to appropriately discern the warning and to guide those in his care to a place of wisdom and security. I am not a prophet. I am a local pastor. I must ask myself what I am to do in light of hearing the warning from God. What should I say to those under my pastoral care?

First, I want my people to clearly hear the word. What is it saying and what is it not saying. Some have heard of fires and looting and their hearts are filled with fear. I am to assure my people that God is always completely in control. God is sovereign. Nothing takes place outside of his notice and counsel, and all things happen for his ultimate, highest glory. Even in the most troubling of times, our God knows exactly what he is doing.

Second, I want those I serve to know two things concerning God's wrath. First, some leaders in the church have sadly fallen into the deception that there is no such thing as the wrath of God. Roman 1:18 says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." Some act in ungodly ways, others are ungodly by their suppressing the truth of God's wrath. Some leaders reduce, ignore and even ridicule anyone who reminds them of the certainty of God's wrath. Romans 2:5 also tells us clearly that the wrath of God is toward those whose hearts are hard and impenitent. This leads to the second element of understanding God's wrath. It is never, ever, ever poured out on the children of God. In I John 2:2 "He is the propitiation for our sins." The word propitiation means "wrath quencher." What marvelous grace, what redemption! God's wrath at my rebellion and sin has been quenched on the Cross of Christ. Hard times come; rain falls even on the just but wrath does not.

Last, I am obligated to guide the flock given to me with loving-kindness and soberness. If a wolf or a storm is coming, I as a shepherd must know the conditions of my flock. Are any sitting on the fence? Warn them that this is no time for compromise or close affiliation with the world. Partying in the house of an Egyptian on the night of the Passover is definitely not a good idea. This is a time to stay close to the Chief Shepherd. This is also an opportunity for us to call out

to those outside the gate. Jesus is the Door and has opened his heart. His cry is that all flee from wrath to come. More than shrinking behind a double-locked door or fleeing to a rural farm, this is a call from Jesus to move your life into the sheepfold.

When a prophet comes with a message of warning, often people want the prophet to give them specific advice about what to do in response. At times, God gives the prophet a word, but more often it is up to the shepherd, and even more so, up to every man of God to take the word into account for his own family. Just as a pastor has stewardship of the church, a man of God is to give an account of his own family. When one comes to warn that wolves are coming, it is not always his responsibility to tell them what to do. We can hear from God. Joseph heard God say to store up food for the season to come (Genesis 41). Moses heard God say to receive gifts from the Egyptians for their journey (Exodus 12). We as well can hear from God for our situation. Sheep do hear the Shepherd's voice.

Jesus—in this hour, in this storm—will not only guide his people and comfort his flock but will also give them boldness, confidence and a heart to serve those troubled by the afflictions. A prophet once came to Paul and prophesied that if he went to Jerusalem he would be bound and put in prison. The prophet was faithful to give his word; it was up to Paul to hear from God how to deal with that warning. Paul, after hearing the prophecy, still decided to go to Jerusalem—willing to risk his life for the gospel (Acts 21). Some will hear and stay in a place of safety; others will hear and go to a place to serve. Some churches are positioned in cities that will need their spiritual strength and compassion. Perhaps the wisdom of Paul in Ephesians 5:15-18 speaks most to what we need, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”

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FIRST ESTABLISH A CLOSE LISTENING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

During the night while awake the Lord began telling me that He had been training me to become a private, hidden intercessor throughout my life. That is why I have had so much warfare trying to keep me from praying. I thought it meant praying out loud in front of a group of people, and that threatened me starting at church camp as a child when I felt pressured to do that...and again at CFO camp in the prayer groups. It is something He has been teaching me to overcome, but not to become a public pray-er, but a private one.

He said *first* I had to establish a close listening relationship with Him, then I needed to learn to pray what He guided me to pray. Therefore, what I used to try to do (pray from my own mind) didn't work well for me. Now I can expect this happening more and more, especially during the quiet night time hours. It was such a peaceful, wonderful, satisfying time with Him...like John Piper says we need to learn to be satisfied in Him.

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WHILE YOU ARE ASLEEP AND UNAWARE

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

In reading Bill Johnson's book today *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord* he said to review and pray and proclaim the prophetic words, visions, dreams, and Scriptures the Lord has given me, even if I don't understand it. As I read that I thought of Psalm 68:13 which I read a year or two ago and it was greatly quickened to me and drew my instant curiosity. I don't know exactly what it means, but perhaps it means His Dove (Holy Spirit) has silver and gold on Him and with Him for us - even while we are on earth and unaware (asleep).

He sure brought us a monetary blessing this last weekend when He gave us a used TV through D at B's workplace. D gave it to her if she would come and pick it up. And E brought his truck and helped carry it here for us. This after her TV went out recently. The new TV (for us) is bigger with a great picture. Thank You, Lord!!!

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OUR EXPECTATION OF GOD IS WHAT DETERMINES OUR LEVEL OF FAITH.

(Quotes from *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord* by Bill Johnson)

(p 108-116)

Testimonies reveal God's nature. This means that every story of every miracle or sign that God has ever performed is your story because you have become related to the God who made them happen.

The testimonies of God are the tools that equip us to walk in our purpose to demonstrate what He is like through the miraculous. First, they reveal the nature of God and how He does things--His ways. Secondly, this awareness of who God is creates an expectation in our hearts for God's ways to be manifested in our lives. The Hebrew root word for "testimony" means "do again." Every record of what God has done in generations past is a promise of what He will do again in our lives, because He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and is no respecter of persons...When we declare what God has done, power is released to make that testimony happen again in the lives of those who hear it.

Our expectation of God is what determines our level of faith. And we have to have faith in order to "keep His commandments." All of Christ's commands, from "heal the sick" to "love your neighbor"

are only possible to fulfill through the supernatural empowerment of His Spirit that comes through faith.

They [Israelites] possessed the testimonies of what God had done for their fathers that, if declared, would not only give them the courage to step out in faith but would release a prophetic anointing to repeat those acts. The problem was that they had forgotten them. Thus they lacked the strength and faith needed to face the battle.

Like Israel, the only thing that distinguishes believers from the rest of the world is the reality that God is active among us. When we lose sight of that, we are no different than anyone else--with one exception, we will experience more serious consequences because we are accountable for the revelation of God we've received in the testimonies. We rob people of their encounters with Him when we forget that the testimony matters to God.

What does it take to keep the testimony so we can stay out of the downward spiral and carry out our responsibility to represent God with power? It simply takes following the prescriptions that God gave His people in the first place. We are to establish a culture of the testimony in our personal lives, in our homes, and in our churches...We're to build memorials that remind us of what God has done and consider them regularly.

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THOUGHTS ON READING AND WRITING

(Quotes from *A Godward Life: 120 Daily Readings* by John Piper, pp. 58-59))

THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF THE WORD

I've been thinking again about the importance of reading and writing. There are several reasons I write. One of the most personally compelling is that I read. I mean, my main spiritual sustenance comes by the Holy Spirit from reading. Therefore reading is more important to me than eating. If I went blind, I would pay to have someone read to me. I would try to learn Braille. I would buy books on tape. I would rather go without food than go without books. Therefore, writing feels very life-giving to me, since I get so much of my own life from reading.

Combine this with what Paul says in Ephesians 3:3-4 (RSV): "By revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." The early church was established by apostolic writing as well as apostolic preaching. God chose to send his living Word into the world for thirty years, and his written Word into the world for two thousand years. Think of the assumption behind this divine decision. People in each generation would be dependent on those who read. Some people, if not all, would have to learn to read--and read well in order to be faithful to God.

So it has been for thousands of years. Generation after generation has read the insights of its writers. This is why fresh statements of old truth are always needed. Without them people will read error. Daniel Webster once said,

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. (Ernest Reisinger, "Every Christian a Publisher," Free Grace Broadcaster, no. 51, winter 1995: 17)

Millions of people are going to read. If they don't read contemporary Christian books, they are going to read contemporary secular books. They will read. It is amazing to watch people in an airport. In airports alone, at any given moment, there must be hundreds of thousands of people reading. **One of the things we Christians need to be committed to, besides reading, is giving away thoughtful books to those who might read them but would never buy them. (bold mine)**

The ripple effect is incalculable. Consider this illustration:

A book by Richard Sibbes, one of the choicest of the Puritan writers, was read by Richard Baxter, who was greatly blessed by it. Baxter then wrote A Call to the Unconverted which deeply influenced Philip Doddridge, who in turn wrote The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul. This brought the young William Wilberforce, subsequent English statesman and foe of slavery, to serious thoughts of eternity. Wilberforce wrote his Practical Book of Christianity which fired the soul of Leigh Richmond. Richmond, in turn, wrote The Dairyman's Daughter, a book that brought thousands to the Lord, helping Thomas Chalmers the great preacher, among others. (Ibid, 18.)

It seems to me that in a literate culture like ours, where most of us know how to read and where books are available, the biblical mandate is to keep on reading what will open the Holy Scriptures to you more and more, and to keep praying for Bible-saturated writers. There are many great old books to read, but each new generation needs its own writers to make the message fresh. Read and pray. And then obey.

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THE CLOSER YOU LISTEN, THE MORE UNDERSTANDING YOU WILL BE GIVEN

These are Scriptures the Lord drew my attention to today:

Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given--and you will receive even more. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. (Mark 4:24-25 NLT)

Cheer up, Zion! Don't be afraid! For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs. (Zephaniah 3:16-17 NLT)

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world but to save the world through him.

There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. (John 3:16-19 NLT)

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PRAYER IS TO SEEK AFTER ME - THE LORD

A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO GET PRAYER FOR SOME BLOOD TREATMENT

In this dream three people came to my house to pray for me - a man and two women. The prayer was for some blood work I had had treatment for and the treatment hadn't produced the test results wanted. I was trying to talk about what I needed prayer for, but one woman (who was new to me and I didn't seem to know her as I did the other two people) started talking, and kept talking. The man went somewhere for a bit and came back, and she was still talking. It seemed she had come to Missouri for swimming and was planning to go somewhere else later for some other sport. I was trying to tell them why I needed prayer.

After writing out this dream I felt such a need to draw apart and seek the Lord - that I needed to learn something. Then, as I did, the Lord had me open my Bible to Matthew 7:21. It said:

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

Oh Lord, does that fit me? Am I one who says to you "Lord, Lord," but will not enter the kingdom of heaven? Is this some kind of a warning for me? Or is it a call to pray for someone?

I want you to record all this, this morning, as it is very important, and you will want a record of it. I want to teach you something, and your dream is part of it. You hear My voice inside you, right?

Yes, Lord, I hear your voice inside, in my mind or heart or both.

Well, you talk to Me that way, and it is good, it is authentic. But some people talk to Me out loud, calling out in loud prayers: "Lord, Lord, we call on You to do this or do that, or bless this or bless that." Remember I said, "the kingdom of God is within?" Well, it is, and from "within" I want you to call on Me.

I know you're concerned now that you have done something wrong, but you haven't. You DO hear Me and call on Me rightly. In your dream you came together to share a prayer need and pray. But one person seemed to think you got together to talk and to listen to her. That's what many people think. You wanted to pray. She wanted to talk instead. She might go away thinking you all had called on the Lord because your stated purpose was to pray. But you didn't. There is a deep misunderstanding about what it is to call upon the Lord. And your dream depicted that. And you saw and understood that in the dream, and were disturbed by it.

How does that fit with the Scripture I gave you? It is just one illustration of how people "think" they are calling upon the Lord, and they are not. I'm not brought into the situation. Why did I give you that dream and the following Scripture? For you to pray (as John Bevere says) for the eyes of the blind to be opened - the eyes of those who "think" they have called upon Me, and the eyes of those who "think" they belong to Me and they don't. Pray this for Me.

Yes, Lord, I will pray right now. Is that why You gave me the Scripture? Am I ok with You and in my relationship with You?

Yes, this dream and Scripture was brought to you for prayer I want lifted up to Me. Will you do that? (Yes, you are ok with Me, so don't fret about that thought.)

Yes, Lord!

You're here, Joan, and you are in My presence - and THIS is the way I want prayer brought before Me - while "in My presence." Now that you are in My presence, THEN I can and will hear your prayer - whatever it is.

I lift before You, Lord, those who are blind but think they see. They pray words out loud to You, but haven't even made contact with You yet before praying those words. They think prayer is just words they speak from their own minds instead of whispers of the heart that is in contact with You.

I pray for You, Lord, to open their blind eyes and show/teach them how to come into this close, personal, intimate friendship like we have, (in which You lead me to pray the prayers You want prayed) - not looking to their own minds for words. Open their spiritual eyes, Lord, and their spiritual understanding. Bring them into a close intimate relationship with you. Help them know and understand that this even exists, and to seek after it. Take them the message of this, Lord. Bring them close to You, Lord.

And for those who think they belong to you, and really don't, shine the light of Your understanding into their hearts and minds and reveal to each of them how to call out to You rightly, and how to come into right relationship with You, Lord - a saving relationship, a true salvation. There may be many who are deceived, Lord. I pray for each one of them. Show them the way, Lord. You ARE the Way. Show them Yourself, Lord. Bring the truth to them. You ARE the Truth. Bring them into a life-giving, life-changing relationship with You, Lord. You ARE the Life.

I pray for all those who already belong to you, and for those who are really Yours (the elect) who have yet to come to You. I pray for them to find You - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are the only Way to the Father. Show them the Way, Lord. Teach them who You are and open their hearts to receive You inside of them.

I know You seek after us, or none of us would be saved. You seek after us until we "find" You. Thank You, Lord, for Your great love that seeks after us and brings us to salvation to be Your lovely Bride. Thank You that You are coming SOON to gather Your Bride unto Yourself - "that where You are, we may be with You" forever!

I pray this all in Your precious name, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Prayer is to seek after Me. If you pray with others, it is to seek after Me together. But it's still the same - seeking after Me until you come into My presence, then praying with Me. I am the great Intercessor. If you want to be like Me, then intercede as I do - only out of the heart of the Father, or My heart. Then it is true communication. It's not just empty, non-connecting words from the mind of man.

You were not taught this as a child or even as a young adult. You did not learn this until recently, as a mature adult. Now you want all to know what real prayer is. That's why I want you to pray for those who need this understanding. Yes, I hear your prayer for them. I will seek them, and I will teach them. You will know the results when you come up here to heaven with Me. And it WILL be soon, Joan, as you desire. You are thinking rightly on that. It will be VERY soon.

It won't be on Pentecost and it won't be on Easter. It won't be on Passover. It will be on Rosh Hashanah as you have been taught. The reason I can reveal that now is because it is so soon and the time just before the Rapture is here, now. So I am revealing more truth and understanding about the "end times" and "the day of the Lord" (tribulation) now.

Therefore I have many prayers that I want "prayed" by those who belong to Me. You are to do this by yourself, hidden in your prayer closet with Me. You are part of My end times ministry to be used for prayer and writing. I raised you up for this. This is your destiny and purpose.

Enjoy it and enjoy our times together. Do not fear the economic or other difficulties that are going on around you. This is the shaking I warned of. It must come. It must be here. It is part of the end time scenario. Just keep your focus on Me in ALL situations, for I know all about it and what you are to pray and do.

AS I WAS WITH MOSES, SO I WILL BE WITH YOU

I was reading today in Joshua 1:5, 7-9 where it says:

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life.

Then the Holy Spirit began to speak to me:

This is because I will ALWAYS BE WITH YOU. and STAND UP FOR YOU, and GIVE MY ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU, therefore no one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. You may FEEL afraid and fearful, but they still won't be able to stand up against you - BECAUSE I will take care of you, protect you, watch over you, and keep you safe from ALL evil and harm all the days of your life, Joan. I love you that much!

Thank You, Lord!!!!!!! I receive that "word" from You today, right now! I choose to call upon You all the days of my life here on earth for this protection and watch care. This is a display of Your glory and power, isn't it, Lord? You are doing this to show others who You are. Thank You for choosing me to display Your glory!

(Continuing on with the Scripture)

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you...

Be strong, and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

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THE KINGDOM WILL NOT BE A DEMOCRACY BUT A THEOCRACY

I know it talks a lot in the Bible about God's elect, and I have wondered what all that meant. I want to know and understand, so I ask You, God, to teach me.

I will, Joan. You will learn more about this as I lead you and teach you. Watch for it and expect it.

I went on John Piper's web site (www.DesiringGod.org) and found lots of sermons, and writings - all available for free. I downloaded and printed many articles on election, put them into a notebook, and spent days studying them. In this way, God has been teaching me what "election" means according to the Bible. I have never been taught this material before that I can remember, but have been intrigued by many Scriptures that mentioned election.

I have been so influenced by living in a democracy and thinking as it teaches, that I didn't know how to respond to those Scriptures about election.

But the Spirit says the Kingdom will not be a democracy but a theocracy. God decides everything and all is done His way...including who is "elected" to be part of that Kingdom.

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A REVELATION ABOUT PREDESTINATION AND ELECTION

This morning in Quiet Time I saw an impression of an eye. I have seen this many times before. I asked the Lord what it meant, and He said it symbolized a revelation I was receiving.

Today I received the revelation about predestination/election. He said those who were predestined to be His and receive salvation were put into certain families here on earth. In that family at least one of the parents of a predestined child was also a Christian and predestined to belong to Jesus. If that Christian parent marries another Christian (as He tells us to in the Scripture) then the child has a much easier way of becoming a Christian too, as he sees it modeled in both of his parents. But if there is only one of the parents who is Christian, then the predestined child may stray the way of the non-Christian and go through many difficulties before coming to the Lord.

In my family I believe both my parents were Christians, but Mom was a much stronger one and had stronger Christian parents than Dad did. I don't know if both Dad's parents were Christians or if either of them were.

In my situation, as married to J, he wasn't a Christian (even though I thought he was - I was deceived) and probably neither were either of his parents Christians (although they thought they were and acted the role of Christians). K and B were brought into our family because of me and my influence on them to Christianity. However, J was a negative influence on them and on me, therefore God needed to break us apart as a married couple, even though He is against divorce.

He reminds me that non-Christians (non-elect) are also born into non-elect families. Sometimes, perhaps after the 3rd or 4th generation, a person in a non-Christian family (like D) breaks loose from what they were born into and becomes a Christian, although it can be very difficult and they have to overcome many things. They are then sometimes rejected by their families - especially those in other belief systems like Muslims.

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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Last night B and I listened to a CD by Paul Keith Davis regarding the season of the Feast of Tabernacles that the Lord showed him is coming. It is a time when the Manifest Presence of the Lord comes to His people, His Bride, in fullness on the earth and reveals His glory as He brings in the final harvest (the "ingathering") just before He takes His Bride up to heaven in the Rapture. He said he thought the season of the awakening of people (the blowing of trumpets-Rosh Hashanah) was during the 1940-50's during the revival then. And that we are now in the season of atonement when the Lord is getting us cleansed and freed from all that would hinder His work in us. And that the celebration of the Feast of Booths is soon coming when He indwells us to the fullest extent He ever has. He calls it several names: the Feast of the Open Book, the Ingathering, the Harvest, the Feast of Tabernacles, and Booths.

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A PROMISE DREAM OF COMFORT, WARMTH, AND CLEANSING

*The three rooms/apartments refer to three places you get to live in, due to your death to self: a room of **comfort**, a room of **warmth**, and a room of **cleansing**. The rest of your life here on earth will be lived in these three rooms along with Me, because, due to Me, you died to your self and are now living for and with Me.*

This is a promise dream - a dream of what's yet to come for you on this earth. Be assured and comforted by this promise. You will have comfort, warmth, and cleansing all the days left of your life here on earth, Joan. It is a gift from Me - My gift to you. That is why I kept this dream in your mind and had you write it down, and had you wait for My revelation of what it meant.

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A MARK ON THE FOREHEAD

In my Quiet Time the Holy Spirit prompted me to read Ezekiel 9:11 which says:

Then the man in linen clothing, who carried the writer's case, reported back and said, "I have done as you commanded." (Ezekiel 9:11)

So, I read it and then read Ezekiel 8 and 9 and 10 to know how that verse fit into the rest of the story. It was a story of how God showed Ezekiel about many areas where people were sinning against Him. God had this man (angel) in linen clothing go around the city and mark the foreheads of all those who **"weep and sigh because of the detestable sins being committed in their city."** (Ezekiel 9:4)

He told me many sins were taking place in my country, America, and that He was marking the foreheads of all those who are against those detestable sins. He was marking His own people, and He would soon take them out of America and judge the rest who are left behind. This would be soon, like at least in the next few years.

Then my attention went to two other places in the Bible where God had His people marked on their foreheads: Revelation 7:2-4 and Revelation 14:1.

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea. "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. (Revelation 7:2-4)

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

He reminded me that He is the same now as He was then, and He still marks His own. And He reminded me that in Ezekiel 9:11 (which He gave me at the beginning of Quiet Time) the task was already done - past tense. And He says it is already done in America - He has already marked those who belong to Him on their foreheads.

This reminded me of a CD teaching by Paul Keith Davis (which B and I listened to last night) in which Paul Keith prayed for those whom the Lord was marking on their foreheads for His end time army to receive the fullness of the Spirit as Jesus did. The teaching series was titled "Sons of The Kingdom and The Seven Spirits of God." Paul Keith thinks this fullness of the Spirit will be poured out on God's servants before the Rapture of the Church and will bring in the world's greatest harvest. I read another teacher who thought this great out pouring of the Spirit would come after the Rapture of the Church, during the first part of the tribulation, and would reap a great harvest using the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 7:3-10 that seemed to harvest "a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language."

And, interestingly enough, the Antichrist will cause a mark to be put on the foreheads of all who belong to him - as Satan, once again, imitates what God does - only for false reasons, not for good.

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A PICTURE THROUGH A DREAM

I wanted to give you a "picture" of how I see you, My child. I see you as adorned, filled, and covered with My Spirit, with the Fear of The Lord, with spiritual clothes and with new life, having bought gold, being born again, and wearing My cross to show to the world that you belong to Me. This is how I see you. This is the picture I want you to carry with you in your imagination/memory which the picture represents.

I love you, My child, and I want to be close to you all the time, and I enjoy your companionship and presence with Me. We will continue this right up to the time to leave camp/earth life, and have an even closer relationship after you come to heaven with Me. This is to assure you of our relationship, and that it will never end. It is enduring like gold and it shows your will is adorned and surrounded by that symbol of gold and brown. And yes, I will give you a new "clasp" so it will stay in place and never be lost. Now you can rest in that. This is a beautiful, beautiful picture of who you are in Me...and a picture of your security in our relationship.

And I won't be farther away from You, Lord, in heaven than I am now - even though I am such a small and insignificant servant/friend of Yours (compared to so many great servants of Yours)?

You are not a small and insignificant person to Me, Joan. You are precious and important. And you will not be farther from Me in heaven than you are here on earth. In fact, you will be closer there than here because there won't be so many distractions to separate us.

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GOD'S PLAN IS A FAMILY PLAN

Roland Buck received visits from Gabriel over thirty times and Charles and Francis Hunter wrote a book about it called "Angels on Assignment." I got out my book and started to reread it this morning and wanted to send JH some quotes...because I felt God was using it to show me how to now pray for our family members and children. This is from chapter 1 called "Good news for you and your family."

(p.17) Do you know...

- That if even one member of your family is living for God, each individual member is highly favored?
- That a great host of angels has been assigned to bring these highly favored people to God?
- That they have orders to listen to no objections, but to hasten individuals to a point of choice?
- That if a person chooses the wrong way, the angels will begin the cycle all over again?

(p.22) God's plan is a family plan. All of the beautiful ties of home and family are eternal, and you are going to have joy such as you have never dreamed of when you get to heaven. Gabriel spoke to me over and over again about the importance of families to God, and that we can trust him, even though we cannot comprehend how he can accomplish a family relationship in heaven.

(p. 23) Many Christians have been praying for the unsaved loved ones in their families. When the angel brought me the message that their prayers had already been answered, I thought, "Does this mean they are already ALL saved?" "No, God does not mean he will violate the free right of choice he has given, but it means that he is going to do everything necessary to bring people to the point where it will be easy for them to make the choice to serve him.

(p. 24) Since God has said that your prayers are already answered, those who have laid their loved ones before him in sincerity and in faith can stop praying right now! The angel said they can start praising God right now. He is on the job, and has released the forces to bring about circumstances which would make it hard for these people to resist God.

(p. 28) If you have been praying for a family member who does not know the Lord, and have sincerely laid them on the altar, stop pestering them! Quit preaching at them! They're getting enough pushing and pulling right now from the angels, and the Holy Spirit is doing a thorough job of preaching to them...

In Numbers 10:35 we read that when the cloud moved, and the ark and the people were ready to move ahead, Moses said, "Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered." God showed him when to say it...then the angelic hosts of heaven swung into action and swooped out across the area where Moses and the Israelites would be traveling, clearing the way of all enemies, whether spiritual or physical. (He suggests we say this too for our unsaved loved ones).

(p. 29) There's an army at work right now. Wherever men and women honestly lay their loved ones out before God, those names are written on a very special list.

(p. 32) As the Spirit draws and calls people, they often refuse to listen, and strenuously object, but the angels don't listen. They have orders to bring people to a point of either accepting or rejecting Jesus. If they refuse, the angels start the cycle over again, and again, and again as directed by the Spirit....And if they refuse again, the angels will start once more. Angels do not get discouraged.

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THE GREATEST THING I CAN DO

Today the Lord told me that having my daily times with Him is the greatest thing I can do. During that time I minister to Him even though, to me, it seems like I am doing it for me. He says if I do

other things with my time, it will be for lesser reward than spending my time with Him daily. He planned and purposed for this for me, and prepared me for this. So, I am to accept that from Him.

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WAGON IN THE WHEAT FIRST

The Lord said:

The beginning of the month of grace for My people

Then He said:

Wagon in the wheat first.

I wrote that down and pondered the meaning. I envision the wagon being used to carry the harvested crop of wheat from the field (world) back to the barn (home/heaven) to be kept stored there. I believe that harvesting of the wheat and returning it to heaven will take place soon. Perhaps it will take place before or after the things John Paul Jackson and Paul Keith Davis are saying will happen.

Then He began to give me more to write. He said:

You (you and Beth) will not need to go through the hard stuff - like losing job, losing home, lack of food and water, sickness, loss of life, violence, lawlessness (as robbery etc.). But you will see many who do (that's what is meant by seeing ten thousand fall at your right side in Psalm 91), and I will use you (plural) to help others, comfort others, minister My Gospel to them, and disciple them. I will be with you wherever you go. Always. Always. I will never leave you or forsake you. I will always be with you - because I love you. Love does this, Joan. Love is faithful and kind and good, and that's why I'm doing this for you. For you belong to Me forever, and I take care of My own!

Lord, what do you mean by *The beginning of the month of grace for My people?*

I will tell you, Joan. It means this month, May 09, is the 5th month of the year and 5 stands for grace right now for My people. I will draw them close to Me this month and cause them to seek Me and find Me as they seek Me with all their hearts. Those who belong to Me will come to Me, will draw closer to Me during this month - no matter where they are in the world. This will be a month of blessing My people, of giving them extra favor and showing them My "face" meaning letting My light shine on them all of these days. Then they will shine as lights in the world to others to represent Me there.

WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS AND ON THE EARTH

Last night B and I listened to a DVD by Mark Biltz which JH sent us. In it Mark, who is a Jewish Christian, taught about some astounding information which he learned when he looked on public web sites to see when solar and lunar eclipses would take place. He did this because in Joel 2:30-31 it says regarding the Lord's return:

I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. (Joel 2:30-31)

Mark said the sun turning to darkness could refer to a solar eclipse and the moon to blood could refer to a lunar eclipse. So, he looked up when these will take place between 2011 and 2020 - then he calculated what those dates would be on the Jewish calendar of 360 days a year. This is what he found out and presented on this DVD. He said he is not giving a "warning" but is urging people to "watch" as he thinks Jesus will return on Yom Kippur, the day of atonement and it could be that year due to the "signs" in the sun and moon.

B describes it in this email to Paul Keith Davis.

From: BR
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 9:43 PM
To: 'Shanee Lemos'
Subject: Lunar & Solar Eclipses in 2014 and 2015

Shanee,

I just watched an amazing DVD teaching from Mark Biltz. It was recorded at some church or synagogue sometime in early 2008. I don't know any further details of the setting. I believe Mark Biltz was a guest on the Sid Roth show sometime during the past few months, so he does have some national/international exposure already.

Mark shared some details he gathered by researching the solar and lunar eclipse cycles and comparing their dates to the Hebrew calendar, particularly for the 2011-2020 decade. He found some amazing patterns of the dates for the eclipses! I'm retyping a summary below that he showed in his presentation. He said that he got the information off public websites, so it can't be a violation of any copyrights for me to email it to you.

If you think this is interesting, please consider sharing it with Paul Keith Davis. Based on some of his recent teachings in his series on the Feast of Tabernacles, I think he would be very interested in these details. In fact, I believe Paul Keith even mentioned something about lunar eclipses relating to the Feasts, so perhaps he already has this information. But if he does not, I believe he would be interested in knowing this.

Thanks!

B R

Year 2014 in the secular world calendar

Total lunar eclipse on Hebrew date Nisan 14, Feast of Passover

Total lunar eclipse on Hebrew date Tishri 14, Erev Sukkot, Feast of Tabernacles

Hebrew year 5775, which begins in 2014 and continues into 2015, is a Shemittah year (7th year in a cycle). It is also the 7th Shemittah year (49 years), after which a Jubilee year follows (50th year). This would be 2015-2016.

The year of Jubilee is proclaimed/announced on Yom Kippur.

Year 2015 in the secular world calendar

Total solar eclipse on Hebrew date Nisan 1, Rosh Chodesh (the beginning of the Hebrew religious year)

Total lunar eclipse on Nisan 15, Feast of Unleavened Bread

Partial solar eclipse on Tishri 1, First Day of Rosh HaShana (the beginning of the Hebrew civil year)

Yom Kippur in 2015 is exactly to the day, 49 biblical years (the right number of days) from June 7, 1967,

when Jerusalem was reunified under control of the Jewish nation. This was also the first year of a new cycle of Shemittah years (7 cycles of 7 years).

Total lunar eclipse on Tishri 15, Erev Sukkot, Feast of Tabernacles

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PRAYER WARRIORS

by Francis Frangipane

Jesus told a parable to show that men ought to pray at all times and not lose heart (see Luke 18:1-8). In other words, if you are not praying, you will lose heart. Most of the things I pray for I have to persevere and pray *through* to get the answer. God desires to see something deeper come out of my prayer time than just answered prayers. He wants me to become like Jesus, so he arranges battles that are character-forming. Not only will they ultimately change the world around me, but they'll change me first. This is what all true prayer warriors have discovered.

When we picture a prayer warrior, we usually see a great-aunt or grandmother. I think that every family has one. You never find them looking into a crystal ball to know the future for little Johnny---they are at the throne of God creating Johnny's future in prayer. They are not wondering if Mary is going to make it; they are praying her through to victory. They do not have time to lament Harry's drinking problem; they are storming heaven to see him delivered.

Prayer warriors are the most frightening, powerful, demon-chasing, world-moving beings on earth. In truth, they act like children of God! If they were to gaze at a crystal ball, it would explode! They look at astrological predictions and rebuke them. They never wonder about the future because they are too busy creating it through their faith in God.

Prayer warriors are positioned by God to pray for their families. I remember when my Dad came to the Lord. For ten years we would intellectually clash about God during our visits. Finally, on one trip he arrived at our home "armed" with an argument against God. He said, "If there really is a God, why doesn't He always answer prayer?" He was secure in his position, and I was tired of the argument. I went into another room for a few minutes and prayed, "Lord, you've got to give me an answer."

When I returned I could see my Dad felt he won this round. I love my dad very, very much, but I said, "Dad, forget all the people that you think didn't get answers to prayer---you yourself are an answer to prayer! You are alive today because our entire family daily prays for you." (He was very overweight and smoked a pack of cigarettes daily). Then I continued, "But let's experiment. You say God doesn't answer prayer; we say He does. So, for one week we won't pray for you, and we'll see what happens."

I can't remember ever seeing my dad turn so pale. He looked over at my Mom and said, "Hon, tell the boy not to do that." Then, with beads of sweat forming on his forehead, he said to me, "Okay. What do I have to do to keep you praying for me?"

In three minutes, he went from not believing in prayer to begging us to keep praying for him. I said, "Dad, the only way I'll keep praying for you is if you pray right now and give your life to Christ," and my dad at that moment received Christ. The Lord answered my prayer.

Prayer anchors us in God's strength for our battles. Each of us knows prayer works: we are saved because someone else prayed for us! Thus, looking at the miracle of our own conversion, we gain confidence in God's help to transform others.

Luke 21:36 tells us to be "praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Every time the Bible talks about standing before God, it is speaking of a position of anointed authority and commissioning. Elijah stood before God as did Gabriel. It speaks of one who stands before God as an attendant to the Almighty. When they decree God's Word, it comes to pass.

Jesus said, "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). Under that banner, we pray and believe God. The Holy Spirit ever lives to make intercession. All we need to do is open our hearts to Him and prayer is going to come forth.

Look at the terrible issues of our world right now. Every need we see is where God wants us to release, through prayer, His future for that situation. God shows us what is wrong so we can pray for things to be made right. Why waste energy criticizing what's wrong when our prayers can change it!

The Lord our God in the midst of us is mighty. Our weapons are mighty to pulling down strongholds. Stop thinking of yourself as unable to pray. That's a lie out of hell. You are a prayer warrior!

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SPEAK MY NAME WHENEVER YOU NEED HELP

I want you to know the time for you left on this earth is very short so plan accordingly.

What does that mean?

I'll show you. Listen carefully (Proverbs 8:34) and early each morning before you make your day's plans. I want to be in charge of those plans...24 hours a day from now on. I'll show you when to go and when to stay. Today I want you to write May's bills in your

checkbook and see what's left. Then go to HyVee, bank, and Price Chopper and get what you need/desire. I will be with you.

I love you, Joan, and I am right next to you all the time. You can talk to Me all the time, and you can speak My Name whenever you need help and I'll help you. Remember this - My Name.

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A DREAM ABOUT HAVING A THICK STACK OF DOLLARS

I remember two scenes from dreaming during the night. In one scene I had a lot of paper money and some sheets of paper with it with marks on the paper seemingly telling information about the money, who gave it, etc. I wanted to go through it and record the information. Then I felt I could deal with the cash. But I seemed to not be at home but to be on a trip, so I didn't get the chance to privately do this yet. I seemed to want to keep it hidden until I could get by myself. I remember holding a thick bunch of dollar bills, about 3-4 inches thick.

Money: power; provision; wealth; natural talents and skills; spiritual riches; authority

My thought is that this money represents my skills, talents, spiritual riches, provision and authority. I have a lot of it, but with it comes instructions (on the paper sheets) which I need to read and apply to the use of that "money." To learn the instructions I need to be hidden away in a private place by myself and seek the Lord. Then He will instruct me in what He wants me to do each day.

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ONE HEARTBEAT AWAY

As I finished reading the book *One Heartbeat Away* by Mark Cahill today I was so impressed with the message it presented, and how it was presented. I felt quite drawn by the Holy Spirit to buy 7 copies and send them to the following people. Then I began thinking what I might write in a note to accompany the book, and so I wrote this:

Dear _____

I discovered this book recently, and bought it to read. When I read it, I thought of you and how I wanted to share the message of this book with you. So I bought this copy of *One Heartbeat Away* to send to you, because the message it gives is so important to your eternal life and where you will spend it. My desire is for you to spend it in heaven. So I hope you will read this book and decide for yourself where you want to spend eternity.

In His name,
Joan

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IF I CAN HELP EVEN ONE PERSON ESCAPE HELL

Today is National Prayer Day. I woke up this morning and praised God for my salvation and all those who contributed to my salvation - #1 being Jesus Christ! I am so thankful, Jesus, that You died for me and that you, Holy Spirit, brought me the message of salvation so I could be saved from hell and be prepared to go to Heaven when I die.

I just finished reading the book *One Heartbeat Away* by Mark Cahill yesterday, and it so good at explaining the Gospel and how to receive Christ into your life. I recommend that book very highly. Mark is an evangelist at heart and talks about salvation to many people as he travels about the earth. I want to do that better! If I can help even one person escape hell, I would be happy about that!

Thank You, Lord, for saving me. I pray for the salvation of all my brothers and sisters and their families, and for B, K, J, and J and his wife. Holy Spirit, please share the salvation message with them and guide them to receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord if they haven't done that already. And for all who have, I pray You keep them enduring to the end.

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PUZZLES IN YOUR DREAMS

A DREAM ABOUT BEING IN A CHURCH BUILDING BEING PREPARED FOR EASTER SUNDAY (RESURRECTION DAY)

<p>In one scene I was inside a church where it was almost Easter Sunday. The church was not familiar, but it seemed like it might have been West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. The room, which seemed like the sanctuary, seemed to be absolutely plain, undecorated.</p>
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Then I saw some very large evergreen tree being brought in and put together in an upper balcony-like area in the front of the sanctuary. Then I saw people being carried in on some device they could sit on. They were to be put onto the tree to decorate it. This device they rode on was white - sort of like a sled (only just thin white pieces of something) and each was attached to the next one in a long line. Women sat on this and were riding it into the sanctuary, and then they would be put on the tree for decoration.

Then I saw the adults were about ready to have a huge banquet around tables in the sanctuary. They were walking around and mingling. I saw lots of people doing this and it seemed like I should know their names because they seemed somewhat familiar, but I didn't identify any of them.

I went out into the hallway and saw an area where the children were gathering for their special dinner. They each had brought some gift to place on the tables there. These gifts were all wrapped like Christmas gifts, even though this seemed like an Easter celebration.

As I was writing out the dream, the Holy Spirit spoke into my mind:

I have a creative mind that will never run out of interesting ways to bring you dreams for you to figure out. I know you like doing puzzles, and I give you puzzles in your dreams to figure out/work. I enjoy this, and you enjoy this.

Interpretation:

- Church building: Church, congregation, may represent my own church
- West Creighton: the church of my childhood where I made my profession of faith in Jesus and was baptized.
- Sanctuary: the place of worship, the dwelling place of God, God's household
- Evergreen tree: eternal life
- Device people are being carried on: the Rapture where people are "carried" into heaven
- Decoration for tree: believers carried into heaven decorate eternity
- Banquet: having plenty and being well satisfied with needs, abundance, joy and blessings, celebrating victory
- Hallway: place of transition, direction
- Children: oneself or themselves, gift from God, something new birthing
- Christmas gifts: season of rejoicing, spiritual gifts, a surprise

This dream symbolizes the church coming into heaven at the Rapture, being carried there by the Lord and then they decorated eternity and were on display forever by God. They will have a wonderful abundant dinner which includes multiple blessings as well as food and there will be surprise gifts and new things birthed there.

A DREAM ABOUT SEEKING TO COMPOSE A SONG TO THE LORD

In this dream I was desiring to write a song to the Lord. I would walk on the sidewalk down a street and think about this song, and desire it, and seek for it to come into my mind so I could write it down. I knew it was to have a beautiful soaring melody and accompaniment that enhanced its beauty of sound even more. I wanted to be ready to write it down as soon as it came to me at any time. I woke up knowing I should write down this dream.

Interpretation:

A song can refer to: worship and praise; a new song; to be filled with joy, to rejoicing, to thanksgiving, to warfare intercession; or an overflow of the redeemed. One may sing in - victory, when imprisoned, in praise, or in the worship of God.

This dream shows the desire in my heart to worship the Lord, praise Him, give Him thanksgiving, and to intercede before Him. But for all of this I seek Him to do it through me as I walk along life's pathway. It may also refer to my great expectation to go to Heaven and be released to do this to an even greater fulfillment.

A DREAM ABOUT WASHING BABY BOTTLES AND TOWELS FOR MY BOSS

In this dream I was working for a woman boss. She was leaving for the day to go out and play golf or something. While she was gone I was going to clean some baby bottles for her that had old moldy stuff in it and was thinking about how to do that best. I planned to empty out the moldy water, then wash them with hot soapy water, then pour boiling water in to disinfect them. I also saw there were many white towels that were dirty, so I planned to wash them also.

In another event, I saw a small tree that was pulled up out of the ground just slightly and I tried to move it so it's roots were back in the ground and it could stand up ok.

Interpretation:

- Baby bottles: supply of livelihood and life for babies
- Baby: new, beginning, new idea, new work, new ministry
- Washing: cleansing from sin and the filth of this world

- Boss: a higher authority
- Play golf: worship, spiritual warfare
- Tree: leader

This dream seems to show me working for my woman boss who is the Holy Spirit. She is planning to go away and deal with worship and spiritual warfare, I am to stay and cleanse that which is used to supply life and livelihood for others, especially babies. That could refer to cleansing a new work or ministry or idea. It might include lessening the difficulties in it. I am to cleanse this work from sin and the filth of this world. I also work to help put a person or leader back into the place where his/her roots can grow in the ground. What do You think, Lord?

I think this is right and good. Let Me add that I am your boss, and you are doing this for Me. I am in charge of worship, and while I am taking care of that, you are helping Me by getting some things cleansed and put back in their proper place for growth. You are My assistant on the earth. You handle these things primarily by prayer, talking to Me, and discussing them with Me (as you did in the dream).

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AN ABSENCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

In my Quiet Time I was reading the book by John Bevere called *Thus Saith The Lord?*. On page 34 I felt it possibly applied to CTC and why B and I both feel something has changed there in the last year or so. Here is what John says:

(page 34)

Telling the people what they want to hear at the expense of what they need to hear weakens the church. It causes people to seek the gifts and manifestations to the neglect of pursuing the character of God.

The prophetic ministry God is raising up in these latter days will be after the order of John the Baptist. Their ministries will trumpet the same call and warning as his. These prophets will call for change; their primary mission will be turning the hearts of God's people back to their Father. Their messages will be accompanied by strong conviction. Often the words might not seem "nice." Their preaching will hit the hardened areas of our hearts as a hammer smashing upon a rock. They will command, rebuke, correct, and exhort with all authority, yet it all will flow from a heart filled with love for God and His people.

Their words will cut some right to the heart, acting as a sword that will pierce through the soul so that the motives of the heart might be revealed. Those who possess hearts filled with gain and greed will lash out against their words. Those who love the truth will find their hearts ablaze with the same passion.

These prophets will not seek the accolades or rewards of man. They will only desire to handle faithfully the truth that sets men free. They will not be bought, for they already know their Rewarder. Power, popularity, or money will not influence their words.

They are the Elijah prophets who will speak as the oracles of God. Alight with holy fire, their words will act as skillfully guided missiles targeting the hearts of men. Their styles and intensities may differ, yet they will all follow the same orders.

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The lampstand represented the church (Rev. 2:5). To remove it from its place was to remove it from His presence. If they did not repent they would keep having their services, prayer meetings, prophetic conferences, and so on, yet His holy presence would have departed.

In the book John asked the Lord what is Your Word for the Church. He was given a Scripture for it. So today I asked Him to give me a Scripture for our church and what has been happening there for the last year or so. He gave me 9:11, and then He said Ezekiel. When I turned there it was the same Scripture He had drawn to my attention one day last month. It says:

Then the man in linen with the writing kit at his side brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded." (Ezekiel 9:11)

911 immediately drew my attention to the terrorist attacks on that day in 2001. So, it might be this is a warning about what has been happening at our church. The story in Ezekiel 9 and 10 is about how the people had left the Lord. So God had the man in linen mark on the foreheads all those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it (Jerusalem). Those not marked were killed. Then Ezekiel watched while God gave him a vision of God's Presence leaving the temple. Therefore, I wonder if that is the message He is giving me - that God's Presence has left our church. It seems to me to fit what we have been experiencing - an absence of God's Presence. I think that is it. That is why we have been thinking about leaving because there isn't life there anymore. I'm not sure why.

Pastor told us last Sunday that he asked the Lord why there wasn't any increase in the church. God pointed out three things:

1. **He** - God was the One who brought increase
2. **You** - (meaning Pastor). He will be seeking what the Lord means by that.
3. **The congregation** - Then he went on to tell us that we need to attend faithfully and on time, that we need to tithe (then he wouldn't have to work another job to make ends meet), serve in the church, and honor and respect our leaders.

It felt like we were being scolded and it left me feeling rather numb. I plan to keep seeking what B and I should do about this if anything. I want to attend a church where God's presence and life is there.

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THOUGHTS ON THE BRIDE DURING THE TRIBULATION TIME

This morning during Quiet Time I was pondering what would take place in our lives (the lives of the Bride that was raptured) during the 7 years we were in heaven while the tribulation was taking place on earth. I realize from Scripture that we will stand before Jesus for a judgment time where

we will be given rewards for those things we did for Him. There also is to be a marriage supper of the Lamb.

I rather imagine we will be shown our rank of authority and what we are to do during the Millenium when we rule and reign with Him. Perhaps we will be trained further in how to do that. And perhaps we will get acquainted with all the other Christians with whom we will work, under Jesus' rule, during the Millennium.

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A DREAM ABOUT PUTTING ARTIFICIAL FRUIT IN WITH REAL FRUIT

In this dream I remember someone put artificial fruit (i.e. a plastic banana) in with the real fruit. This seemed to be happening in some church.

That's all I remember about this dream except I know there was more. It seems like this is a warning dream to watch out for the artificial fruit someone tries to show or talk about.

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THE MAN IN LINEN

Then the man in linen with the writing kit at his side brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded." (Ezekiel 9:11)

You are that man in linen, Joan. Linen represents being clothed in purity. The priests were clothed in linen when they ministered to Me. The saints are clothed in linen when they return with Me to the earth at My second coming. Linen stands for purity. They are clothed in white linen for purity.

Remember, the pure in heart see God. You, like this man, stand before Me, listen to My commands, and carry them out. Then you can say, as he says, "I have done as you commanded."

You have a writing kit at your side all the time - your computer and note pads ready to write what I lead you to write - like this writing right now which I am leading you to write. You are My "man with a writing kit." I have chosen you for this and prepared you for this. You are called, and appointed, by Me, for being My writer.

Notice he marked the foreheads of certain people. I will have you do that for Me too - someday, perhaps in the millenium, perhaps before then. You'll see, if I want this. In other words, you will receive instructions from Me and do as I instruct you. Remember: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8). That's why I gave you that Scripture so often as I was preparing you for this purpose/destiny. Will you accept that?

Yes, Lord, I will accept that.

Good. Keep that in your mind and heart from now on - that you are called and appointed to be My "man in linen with the writing kit at his side."

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A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING TO TEACH CHILDREN SITTING ON THE FLOOR USING A CHRISTMAS THEME

In this dream three of us were preparing to teach children using the theme of Christmas. The other two people were preparing props, etc to use, and I was to teach them using what they prepared. When the children were there sitting on the floor and I was about to start teaching them, the other two people brought in an artificial Christmas tree to give a greater sense that this event was built around the theme of Christ.

My first impression of the interpretation of this is that the "other two" represent Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They get things ready, and get young children ready, but I am to use what they did to teach others. I think that is what they are doing as they prepare young Christians to learn from me - through the writings they are having me do. Christmas indicates this is a gift, and it indicates this is about the "birth" of Jesus into their lives. The teaching session is for all those they draw to my writings to learn from them through me. The children sitting on the floor indicates they are young in their relationship with the Lord, but also they are humble and waiting to receive from Him.

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CARRYING SEED TO SOW

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. (Psalm 126:6 NIV)

The Lord impresses me this morning that I can go out carrying seed to sow as an intercessor, and can then return with songs of joy (both now and when I get to heaven) carrying sheaves with me.

Lord, You say I am an intercessor.

Yes, that's why I had you ask for that when Che Ahn asked you what gift you wanted - AND I had Lou Engle pray for that for you. You now have that gift in a much bolder and greater way than you used to - before that event. Now I want to use you to help bring in the final harvest on the earth before the Rapture. That is a short time span, but very, very important and intense.

I want you to keep yourself separate unto Me during this whole time and pray as I lead you DAILY and NIGHTLY. I will lead you to pray for the great army I am raising up for just this special time and place. Read again Rick Joyner's vision book about that army. I don't want you to go out as the army does, but I want you in the service along with that army as an intercessor. An army needs those who help supply for their needs. I will show you what needs to pray for and when. Be alert day and night for My calling unto you to come apart, and respond quickly, for it might be a matter of great importance. You won't know that, but are to just trust Me on this.

Ok, Lord. I choose to set myself apart unto You every day and every night from this day on until the Rapture to pray as you lead me. I believe that is my part in this great end time ministry You are raising up - the ministry that Paul Keith Davis and Bill Johnson and Rick Joyner are talking about.

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DURING THE NIGHT

During the night I awoke and the Lord began to speak to me. I wrote down the conversation and will record it here for my journal.

(2:36 a.m.) The new move of God.

I pondered this awhile, and then He said:

(3:00 a.m.) You can either be taken up here soon or I can heal you of all that you need healing from, make you a new person physically and spiritually, and raise you up to be a part of My end time army to go forth in My Name as a Harvester which you heard Paul Keith [Davis] speak about. The choice is yours. That's your choice, Joan. Which do you truly want? I will put the desire in you for whichever one you choose. Choose carefully.

I want to want to be a Harvester, Lord. I want to want to have great courage, to be bold, and go forth in Your Name, Lord. I want to not miss this opportunity to serve You, and to be used by You. But I cannot do it unless You change me inside, Lord. Right now it scares me to even think about doing this - BUT I KNOW YOU CAN CHANGE ME! I know You put in my heart and desire many years ago in reading Jeremiah to "tear down, destroy, overthrow, and also to plant and build up." I know that You called me, as Jeremiah, even though just a child, to go where You send me and speak what You tell me to speak.

If I have to stay on earth for seven more years or so, and if that is Your desire for me, Lord, then I say "yes" to that for You. "I know in whom I have believed" and am convinced You can take even a scared child like me and change me into a courageous warrior for You if You will to do so. Without such a change supernaturally I cannot do it, Lord. You know me.

Yes, I know you, Joan, and that's why I am offering you this opportunity. It will bring Me great glory to use you because it will be ALL of Me and none of you. And it WILL bring you great reward, both on earth (in the Millenium) and in heaven.

So - that is my choice: if You want to use me, and if You want to change me to do that, since You know me and know I have nothing to give unless You produce it in me, then I choose to do Your will, O Lord. You know how much I desire to leave earth now, this coming Rosh Hashanah, and come to heaven and be with You. You know my true heart AND You can change me. Thy will be done, Lord God. Thy will be done.

Then I WILL change you, Joan, and I will choose MY BEST for you. Yes, I know your heart; I gave you that heart and I prepared it from before you were born to love Me and serve Me - so I will choose where you can serve Me best, right now in these days. You will be pleased and content and happy whichever way I choose - since you have made Me truly your Lord and let Me choose what I do with the life I have given you.

"If you love, you will obey Me." Now I know you love Me more than yourself since you will give up for Me what you truly want in your flesh (to come up here) for whatever I choose for you.

I will let you know My ultimate choice, Joan, as you keep following Me and loving Me as you do right now.

(3:52) Ok, Lord, the choice is Yours.

(3:56) Then I will change you - to desire to do My will at all times. That's all you need to know right now. My "will" will be discovered as you live it out day by day. I'll only let you know as far ahead as I want you to know. Is that ok with you?

Yes, Lord, that's ok with me.

Thank You for wanting me to be Yours, and paying the penalty for my sins, and keeping me in Your watch care every day of my life. I owe You everything...my life, my love, my all. I want to

please You and serve you all the days of my life - now, during the Millenium, in Heaven, and through all eternity. You are my Joy, my Righteousness, my Peace, forever.

(4:05) Then it's settled. I have chosen - and you will know only as you live day to day. You are Mine - forever. I will give you all the joy you want, and all the righteousness you want, and all the peace you want.

And you can rest knowing that whatever I bring you - it is My very best for you - whether I choose to bring you up here to Heaven on Rosh Hashanah, or some other time, or change you so you can be one of My Harvesters. You may pray this way - that My will be done in your life - knowing it means all that.

(As I rubbed my toes that have only partial feeling in them)

And I will heal your feet too - either by bringing you to Heaven totally healed, OR by healing you and keeping you on earth awhile longer to serve Me there.

Ok, Lord, I'm Yours. I pray that way that You just said.

(4:20) You have made the right choice, Joan, to let the choice be Mine - I am pleased with you.

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THE COMING THREATS

This came by email today:

The Coming Threats to the United States of America

Maurice Sklar

Jun 4, 2009

Dear Friends,

We have been lulled into a deception that somehow, America is now safe from terrorism. Once again, today the LORD warned me about what is coming upon America in the near future. We have turned away from God as a nation. The Laodicean church is in a dangerous and lukewarm state. We have openly embraced abortion and homosexuality and voted to make these a part of our laws. In our foreign policy, President Obama is now actively opposing Israel and is radically committed to dividing Jerusalem and giving the Palestinians their "state", which would amount to little more than another terrorist base for Iran and the Arab Islamic terrorists. President Obama has gone to the Middle East and refused to visit our greatest friend and ally in the region, Israel. He is actively siding against Israel in all our dealings with them. This is so serious! Never has an

American president been so brazen and anti-Semitic against Israel. Just as I wrote after his election: President Obama is political judgment upon America.

Still we go on pretending that everything is just fine. After all, most of us haven't faced any real hardships yet. We have been emboldened by not being attacked by terrorists since 9/11. The fact is, God has had great, GREAT, mercy on us by continuing to foil and shield us from the hundreds of threats that have been attempted since that time. However, this will NOT last forever. Even the most secular and pragmatic of social scientists tell us, it's only a short matter of time until some terrorists get through to America.

I'm warning the Bride of Messiah that we must continue to pray, pray, PRAY!!!! But even the most fervent of intercession will only postpone what is coming. I have the unhappy (for me) job of having to report to you what is coming imminently on the horizon in the world. But, I have seen also great hope! With these terrible events will also come the greatest revival for America that she has ever experienced. With the next major judgment will come an Awakening and repentance that has not been seen for 150 years. Even our government will repent and fall on their faces before Almighty God for a short space of time. We have become selfish, fat, lazy, decadent, arrogant, idolatrous, and asleep in the United States. God is about to awaken us all and shake this land until we humble ourselves and repent. He will then save many millions that are now lost in darkness and would come to Him in no other way.

The LORD says, look at Billy Graham and Oral Roberts. They represent the last call of grace to America in the realms of salvation and healing for the times of the Gentiles (the Church Age). They have lived on and on into their nineties now. When they pass, this will signal the start of the Grand Finale. Great judgments, great revival and the harvest of the nations - billions of souls forced into the great winepress of the wrath of God! As the birth pangs of the coming Kingdom of God get more and more intense and frequent, so will America's third and last Great Awakening burst forth from the Bride. God will pour His glory into our nation. As this happens, God will gather all men to Himself and truly "sift out the hearts of men before His judgment seat." There is no stopping it. Our theology can't. We can't confess it away with God's promises. This is the last hour of the time of grace. We can be kept safe in only the secret place of God. It is our land of Goshen - our only refuge - when these judgments really start.

Our focus is extremely important. What are you looking at? Yeshua said that men's hearts would fail them for fear of looking upon those things that are coming on the earth. We must focus instead on Yeshua and His soon return. Look up, for our redemption draws nigh! We must stay in the Word of God and eat it night and day. We must set our affections on things above and not on the lusts and distractions of our present time. We must be diligent to guard our hearts from idols. We must keep our lamps burning brightly waiting for our coming Bridegroom in this midnight hour. Love not the world or the things in the world. Come into the Bridal chamber. It is the only Ark of safety in this present hour. Beware of deception!! These are the warnings that the Holy Spirit is giving to us!

Stay on your knees in fervent prayer! Double your time with God now if you can. Only time with Him will prepare our hearts for the Messiah's soon appearing for His Bride. Repent!! Get the sin out of your lives before it is too late. Forsake ALL and follow the LORD with ALL your hearts, beloved!

These are the threats facing America at this time:

- The terrorist shield that was in place during Bush's presidency is no longer there. The next attacks aimed at us are threatening cities and not just buildings. There are many porous

openings in the spirit now. **If the churches in each city and region do not repent and pray, terrorism could enter and kill many thousands.**

- The nuclear and biological threshold has also been breached. That is, the covering of God's protection upon the earth against nuclear and biological weapons has been partially removed. (It will be fully removed only in the Tribulation period.) This will be demonstrated soon overseas and will also come to the U.S in the form of terrorist bombings and "limited" nuclear war in the Middle East. God has reserved these terrible weapons of fire and pestilence for the final judgment upon the nations that reject Him.
- Spiritual deception on a scale never before seen. There is an invasion of witchcraft and lust that will surpass any other generation soon to hit America. Homosexuality will go from militant to violent. Just as it was in the time of Sodom, what has been restrained and only done in secret will be completely out in the open. The sexually perverted will also become filled with a spirit of murder and violence. Every kind of sexual perversion will become accepted and encouraged. Satanic worship will be allowed even in the pulpits of some churches that once preached the gospel. Persecution of true bible believers will be widespread and rampant. Multitudes of Laodicean "Christians" will fall away as they continue to depart from the truth and avoid these persecutions.
- Huge storms, sudden weather changes, earthquakes, volcanic activity, and shifts in the Gulf Stream will cause great destruction and disease here in America and throughout the earth.
- In the midst of this, God's last and greatest REVIVAL is coming! Many hundreds of millions will be brought to the Lord. America will hit her knees at the first of these shakings. With each calamity will come a greater and greater outpouring of glory and grace that will harvest many.
- Just as in Egypt, when the plagues first began, they were on a level that the magicians could duplicate them. In the same way, the modern world will be able to "explain away" the first of these, as they already have. The Israelites also experienced the beginning plagues. The Bride who is still in the earth will see the beginnings of these last judgments also. As the plagues continued in Egypt, however, God separated Israel from Egypt in the land of Goshen. They were protected from them. In the same way, the overcoming church (the Bride of Messiah) will be protected and removed from the final global judgments recorded in the book of Revelation. We will come into a short time of unprecedented revival. Then, when the Great Commission is finally fulfilled, we who remain will be caught up in a moment to be with the Lord for His glorious Wedding Supper that is now being prepared.
- America will then be judged by fire from God directly or from nuclear devastation. In a vision in 1985, I saw America completely incinerated from coast to coast. If this was a true vision from God, then it will come to pass before the coming Messianic Kingdom.

May the Lord bless and keep you in holiness, without which no one will see the Lord!

Watching and praying in our Messiah,

Maurice Sklar

HOW DO I LIVE IN THESE DAYS?

Heavenly Father, HOW do I live in these days knowing what the Prophets say is soon coming?

- David Wilkerson sees cities on fire.
- So does Maurice Sklar.
- Perry Stone sees a great crisis coming partly due to oil problems and believes "the fullness of the Gentiles" time is here.
- Rick Joyner sees a great pandemic due to flu. He also says that in 1-2 years the value of our money will be nothing and then we'll need to use the barter system.
- John Kilpatrick sees a huge earthquake down the middle of our country, supernatural signs in the skies, and sees our country being judged for not supporting Israel rightly. He thinks this will begin this summer (which means in this month of June, 2009) and continuing for three years.
- Paul Keith Davis sees the great harvest is soon and we are being prepared to help in that harvest. He mentions 7 years possibly before the Lord's return.
- Many on TBN (like Hal Lindsay and Benny Hinn) believe we could be raptured at any moment and the tribulation will begin.

These are only the ones I know of. Jesus warned us of these things. It seems that we are in the very last hour before the Tribulation begins, or else already in the beginning stages of it.

How are we to live now, Lord?

If I were to give the best answer I know, I'd say we must live each moment and each day acutely aware that catastrophe could happen at any moment. Therefore I must not waste any moments. I must seek You every moment of every day as to what You would have me to do to serve You and love others. I must "pray without ceasing" as Paul said. Then I must be obedient to whatever You show me and tell me to help Your Kingdom to come and Your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. This will call for me to stay "in Your Presence" constantly in a close listening and intimate relationship.

The crises will bring about great shaking in the lives of people, and they may be ready to seek You, Lord, for answers about how to live in the midst of all that's happening. So I want to be ready to follow Your guidance in how to minister to each person you desire me to minister to.

Now prepare to listen to Me, Joan. I do not want you to live in fear. I DO want you to live in expectation that all the signs and warnings I personally gave you in My Word are now coming true.

I want you to listen to the Prophets and what I show them to share with others. I want you to know that I will ALWAYS be with you and that with God all things are possible.

For you personally I want you to know that I will take care of you every day of your life. And I want you to know that I will show you what to do to serve Me each day. Just stay in My Presence and seek Me daily - moment by moment. I will never leave you or forsake you. I love you with an EVERLASTING love that will not change.

I knew you would live in this time, these end days, and have been preparing you for them all of your life. This is your destiny - to live these days. You came to earth for that very purpose. "And the last shall be first, and the first shall be last." You will soon know what this means. "I desire mercy rather than sacrifice." Keep mercy in your heart toward all others, no matter who they are, and as you and they go through these days.

Remember I made you a "listener" and many will need a loving listener to help them process what is happening - and you can help them see it from My perspective. That's one reason you have desired to read so many books on the end time events. You are loving Me by being obedient to Me, therefore you are "loving God and loving others" during this time just as I showed you years ago at CBC. (3:03 a.m.)

I am not going to give you prophetic pictures to share with others because I have not called you to a ministry to a large number of people (as I did those names you mentioned). But I will give you information about what to expect through them. So keep checking their web sites regularly: Benny Hinn, Hal Lindsay, Paul Keith Davis, Rick Joyner, Joel Rosenberg, David Wilkerson, Maurice Sklar, Perry Stone, John Kilpatrick, etc. List their web sites here.

www.PerryStone.org (Voice of Evangelism)
www.DavidWilkerson.org (World Challenge)
www.HalLindsay.org
www.WhiteDoveMinistries.org (Paul Keith Davis)
www.MorningStar.org (Rick Joyner)
www.JoelRosenberg.org
www.JohnKilpatrick.org
www.BennyHinn.org
www.Streamsministries.com (John Paul Jackson)

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KEEP FOCUSED ON ME EVERY DAY

I had a dream about playing handbells and taking a break. I asked the Lord about the dream.

I gave you this dream to alert you to the fact that it's nearly time to "perform" what I have been teaching you to do - show forth My Spirit, My Presence, to the people in a needy world who are watching the Church during what is to soon come. Be ready, moment by moment, day by day, and stay under My authority and instruction as you go through this time of change.

The Prophets are leading the way to sound forth this "change" first, then you use the prophetic ability in you to continue the message of sounding the bells to the waiting world who will be watching you when the change comes. They may come to you (the Church) and watch to see what you do and say, your works and service.

Don't "take a break, Joan. Keep tightly focused on Me and what I am doing and saying - EVERY DAY. Each day will be important to be alert and ready for My instructions. People will be watching you and coming to you and learning from you how to respond to the big change that takes place. It will be a time to draw extra close to Me and to speak (like bells) for Me. The bells "sound forth" to others and catch their attention. You will be doing that for Me.

Daily put My Words to you on your blue flashdrive so it is kept in case your computer doesn't function. Then you won't lose it. And weekly do your backup flashdrive too.

I read in Exodus 28:33-34:

Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, [Aaron's high priest robe] with gold bells between them. The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe. Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the Lord and when he comes out, so that he will not die. (Exodus 28:33-34)

In the Scofield footnote it says about these bells: "Pomegranates, symbol of fruitfulness, were embroidered on the skirt of the robe in blue, purple, and scarlet, alternated with golden bells, a **symbol of testimony**, which gave a sound as the high priest went in and out of the sanctuary.

So the bells in the dream above can also be a symbol of testimony as to who we are (the Church) and what we are doing.

In Psalm 127:2 it says:

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat--for he grants sleep to those he loves. (Psalm 127:2)

In the footnote it says an alternate reading for "he grants sleep to those he loves" is "for while they sleep he provides for those he loves."

This fits with what B and I were discussing last night - that in our storing up food, etc. toward the coming crises, we know that God can multiply whatever we have to make it enough - even as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish and fed the 5000. It also fits with the Scripture about how God sends a dove with wings of silver and feathers of gold even while we sleep among the campfires... a Scripture He has brought to my attention several times.

PROPHETIC VISION AND DREAM

FROM MY JOURNAL 5-8-09

From website: www.JohnKilpatrick.org

Prophetic Vision and Dream

Pastor Kilpatrick wants to share with his partners and friends the following vision and dream he had in April and May 2008. He has never posted a vision or dream on the internet, but after talking with some close friends, intercessors, as well as those in prophetic ministry he has agreed to do so. His intentions are not to alarm the Church or the public, but to forewarn us to pray concerning what he has seen. At this time, we do not have the full revelation or meaning of this vision and dream, but know that the Lord is trying to warn us and prepare us for the days ahead. Please help us pray to the Lord concerning this matter.

Sunday, April 27, 2008 - Vision

As I was approaching the Daphne Civic Center for Sunday morning service at Church of His Presence, I had a vision which lasted for about two or three seconds. In this vision, I saw the ground buckling before me. It was so real that I actually moved aside to avoid what I was seeing. I knew immediately that it was an earthquake, and the thought crossed my mind that the damages of this earthquake could have the potential to exceed those of Hurricane Katrina of 2005. Please understand that I am not saying that the Lord told me this. It merely crossed my mind.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - Dream

I awoke trembling and shaking at 5:00 in the morning after having a startling dream. This was one of the three most profound dreams that I have ever had during the ministry the LORD has called me to. I feel that this dream is an addendum to the vision I had on April 27, 2008. In this dream I saw the words *wind* and *water*. I only saw the words but did not actually see any wind or water damage. I then found myself overlooking a river which instantly became so wide that I could no longer see either of its banks. The dream then shifted, and I was with one of my parishioners running through what appeared to be an old abandoned schoolhouse. This empty building began to shake. The shaking was so violent and severe that it was like the bucking of a wild horse tossing us around. My teeth were clapping so hard from the impact that I tried to clench them to prevent this from happening. In this dream I knew I was experiencing a massive earthquake. The sounds were so catastrophic that the thought crossed my mind that the devastation could likely exceed Hurricane Katrina of 2005. I did not see the devastation behind me; I only heard it. In all of my life I have never heard such catastrophic sounds. These were the scariest sounds I have ever heard. The dream then shifted once more and concluded with two names on what appeared to be an old Spanish map. One name read Indianola and the other Europa. When I awoke, I was shaking as if I had chills and fever. I could not stop trembling. All through the day I felt as if I had just had the dream 10 minutes ago.

This dream so shook me that my wife and I immediately went to the internet to do some research. I also contacted some close friends in the ministry and reliable intercessors concerning this dream.

What we found was startling. There are towns called Indianola, IL, Europa, MO, and Indianola, MS. These towns run in a line from North to South with Europa, MO being near the middle of them. The Mississippi River runs between them with Europa, MO being by the epicenter of the New Madrid fault. After seeing this, I believe the dream could be concerning a devastating earthquake on the New Madrid fault. Many reputable friends in ministry have felt that this dream was not to be interpreted as a spiritual dream because they felt that it has literal implications. Even now, two days later the intensity of this dream is the same.

I do not want to come across as an alarmist concerning what I saw. I also don't want to put fear in the public or the Body of Christ. However, I cannot help but feel that God gave me this as warning to prepare us for the days ahead and to pray concerning this matter. Please know that I did not see any time frame as to when this may happen. Please pray with me concerning this vision and dream. If you have any comments, you can send them to watch@churchofhispresence.org.

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THIRD GREAT AWAKENING

Yesterday and again today my attention was drawn to the clock when it said: 9:11. I believe this is the Lord's way of reminding me that a 911 event is soon coming. He is having me pray in tongues about that since I don't know what and when it will happen and who will be affected by it.

This morning I spent time just conversing with the Lord. He assured me that He is the same "in me" as He was when on earth during His incarnation...the same power, the same authority, etc. He reminded me in my Scripture reading that He can multiply loaves and fish if we need that done to feed us. He said America was starting into its "Third Great Awakening."

First He used Americans to take the gospel around the world to other countries and reap a harvest there. Now He will reap a harvest in America, and then take all of us out in the Rapture. That will be about 1/2 of all Americans, and will render the country useless as far as military or other power to affect the rest of the world - it won't be a threat to them anymore.

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A DREAM ABOUT DRIVING A POLICE CAR AND GETTING FOOD AND FIRST AID TO GIVE OUT DURING THE HARVEST TIME COMING

<p>I was riding a passenger bus east along Hwy 30 to Franke Rd (the stop near my childhood home) and exited the bus there. I was coming there after being away for awhile. At that</p>
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corner there was a police car sitting, so I went over to that car and talked with the policeman. He said I could drive his car, so I did. I then seemed to be at a church where EC was the secretary. It seemed like I was getting ready for something, some event, like maybe my wedding, and we were getting things prepared for that. I told her not to reveal the place (hotel) where we were staying the wedding night so people wouldn't go there and play tricks on the bride and groom (like tie the bed sheets in knots). She put a first aid kit and some food on a plate for me.

Interpretation:

- Bus (passenger): Large group ministry
- Passenger: self, church member, family member
- Car: life, person, ministry, personal ministry or vocation
- Police: authority (natural or spiritual), protection, angels; spiritual authority of the church (pastor or elder)
- East: beginning, birth, first
- Highway: way, the Christian faith, truth, way of life, Christ
- 30: Begin ministry, maturity for ministry
- Church building: church, congregation, may represent one's own Church
- EC secretary at CBC, my old church years ago
- Wedding: covenant; the church as the Bride of Christ; agreement; joined
- First aid kit: materials used to help heal wounds
- Food: work of God
- Plate: vessel; that which you eat off of

Did You give me this dream, Lord?

Yes.

Do You want me to interpret it? Or do You want to interpret it for me?

Both. I want you to first interpret it as best you can, then ask Me to also.

This symbolizes that I am part of a large group ministry, the Bride of Christ ministry, and matured and ready for it. I was "away for awhile" during the years it took me to be born, grow up, learn the ways of the Lord, and develop a close relationship with Him. This may represent "going home" to be in Heaven with Him for the wedding (Marriage Supper of the Lamb) in a "hidden place" where no one can find us (hotel room). The Bride is given authority to do ministry (police car) and then given food and a first aid kit to carry with us - for the feeding and healing of those we minister to after the wedding (perhaps in the Millennium). Could it mean something like this, Lord?

Yes, this is good. There is much more depth of meaning than you even thought of. I will explain more now.

You have been on a long journey, Joan. You have experienced a lot and learned a lot on that journey (your time on earth)...something you could not have learned any other way

but here on earth. You have been on this journey with lots of other people (My Church) along the way. Now it is time to bring you "home" to be with Me in a much deeper and more authoritative way. I am now giving you your authority (police car) and your food (on plate) and your healing supplies (ability to bring healing to others and bind up their wounds). You and I are going to continue to meet in a hidden place (the Secret Place) at night and day to keep sustaining our close relationship. This is hidden from others and only known to you and Me. We come there privately each time we enter that special secret place of intimacy we have developed over the years. It is known to us alone and others are not allowed there. I have a private place like this for each person who really belongs to Me.

Yes, this will all take place in the Millenium after the wedding of the Lamb and His Bride, but this has a double meaning. This food and healing and large authoritative ministry will also take place now, upon this earth, during the great harvest - which arrives soon. The "shaking" has begun with My people and soon with the whole natural earth and people there. You have had preliminary shaking events already (9-11, economy, natural disasters, etc.) but that is only the beginning. Much more is yet to come, and you are now ready to minister with Me and with My Church in what is to yet come. It will begin soon, very soon, with that earthquake that John Kilpatrick saw and reported on. When that happens you will know the very end of the end times (for the Church) has arrived. You will now know your instructions: minister to the people the gospel, the good news, as they will be ready to listen and receive in a new and urgent way.

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

Do not fear. I will have it all in My control. I will give you specific instructions and counsel you as to whom to talk to, and I will give you the words to say when you need them. I will also protect you in a supernatural way during this whole "harvest" time. I will also watch over and minister to and protect your loved ones whom you pray for regularly: your brothers and sisters and children and former husband. I will keep "showing you the way to go." All you are to do is "follow Me." You and I will be complete partners in this time and in these events. So do not fear. Know that I know all that is happening and I am really in control, even though, to the world, it will seem as if things are out of control. It will be... out of THEIR control. But it will be in MINE.

And this will be a key thing, Joan, that all this shaking will be in My control. I will shake those whom I will shake, and I will protect those whom I will protect. It is in My control and for the good of My Kingdom work in people's lives. So do not lament when you see various people shaken. I have a specific purpose for it, and you can pray for that purpose.

THE SHAKING

The shaking will begin, and it will continue all summer. When I told John Kilpatrick to "prepare against the summer" I meant it was something you will be contenting/fighting/working against all summer. You will not join the summer events as a participant. You will work against all the things the Evil One will try to do during the summer. And I want your prayers to enable Me to use these events for My glory and My Kingdom purposes.

To do that I will need your prayers, and the prayers of My other intercessors. Keep praying AS I LEAD YOU, not as your human fleshly heart would like to pray (for relief, for help, for stopping the shaking). Pray JUST the way I lead you to pray - each day, every day, and every night when I awake you to pray. It will be a "summer of contending" for My mighty works to be accomplished. It is MY summer - coming just before the fall Rosh Hashanah. It will be the SUMMER OF THE GREAT HARVEST along with the GREAT SHAKING events. These events will be of Me, and they will be to shake all those loose/free from the world who are to come to Me. Then they will listen to My gospel and turn to Me. Pray for ALL WHO ARE TO COME TO ME TO DO SO!

There will not only be the earthquake you heard about from John Kilpatrick. There will be earthquakes in the western US also. And there will be mighty storms in various places in the US. And there will be alarming events in the economy to frighten people and shake their dependence on money.

As for you and B - you can keep adding food and water and medicines to your stash, even past the 2-month time frame. Make it now a 3-month time frame. This is a key time, a critical time frame. Keep preparing for it. I will show you what to buy and what not to buy. See what is on special each week and take advantage of that...especially those foods that will store for 3 months ok.

I love you, Joan, and I love B and I WILL care for you and keep you in peace so you can then minister to others for Me, in My Name.

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THE COMING PERFECT STORM

(This is copied from www.streamsministry.com written by John Paul Jackson)

THE COMING PERFECT STORM (Prophetic Bulletin)

PROPHETIC BULLETIN August 2008 (original print date)

I originally wrote this Prophetic Bulletin for the Streams Ministries Partners at the beginning of August. At the urging of my Board, I am now making it a public Prophetic Bulletin. When I first wrote it, little did I know the events that were soon to happen concerning Todd Bentley, the Gulf Hurricanes, Russia's invasion of Georgia, the trains that would collide near Los Angeles, Sarah Palin's nomination and the stir that would cause, or September 15's Stock Market plunge. All of these are early elements of what the Lord called "The Coming Perfect Storm."

THE COMING PERFECT STORM

by John Paul Jackson

For those of you who have followed this ministry, you have heard me say more than once during the past eight years that from 2009 or 2010, things will become very difficult. I have been praying and hoping that what I am about to write may be averted. However, I am now concerned that without prophetic people speaking up, we will not play our redemptive part in bringing change for the good.

FIVE ELEMENTS OF THE BREWING PERFECT STORM

As in the movie *The Perfect Storm*, the storm I see coming to the United States is a combination of more than one element, and when the elements unite, the storm becomes exponentially more dangerous. However, unlike the movie, this storm is not just a storm of merging weather patterns. This storm is worse; it involves five different elements: religion, politics, economics, war and geo-physical events.

At times these five elements will be so intertwined that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to distinguish which events are driving a particular manifestation of the storm. Massive problems in these five areas will come often, or in combination, and sometimes repeatedly. Each element has potentially several events that will have national and international ripple effects. Some ripples will be worse than others, depending on where you live and how you make your living. Different areas of the United States will experience different severities. Some will experience more economic elements, others more geo-physical elements; some will experience all elements. Remember, it is the combination and the rapidity that will make the storm problematic.

Also, this does not mean all five elements will hit at the most devastating levels. For example, on a scale of 1–10 with 10 being the worst, one element may strike at a six while another strikes at an eight. It is the particular combinations of elements — the proximity of each element as well as the intensity of each element — that will make this storm so difficult and seem to last so long. This storm will not be short-lived; it will come in waves, one after another.

WHY IS THE STORM COMING?

This storm is coming because the Church (the Body of Christ) is no longer the backbone of this nation. From our inception, the Christian faith has been the plumb line of decisions made at all levels of life. The Christian founding of this nation is what makes it different from every other nation, other than perhaps Israel. Other nations may have become Christian in their focus, but none were initially formed with Christianity as the core of its DNA.

The Church is to make known God's manifold wisdom to the world and the powers of the air (Ephesians 2:2). This demonstration to the heavens is not accomplished by speaking to those powers but through righteous living. How we live opens or closes doors for Satan to legally afflict us and even rule over us via leaders who do not know the ways of God. From Adam and Eve through today, the actions of humankind have given room for the enemy to strike and attack us. The only legal way the enemy has access to us is when the hand of God lifts from us, resulting in a space between Him and us. This space increases as we distance ourselves from Him and His ways.

Anytime there is an increased distance between God and humanity, it leaves room for attack to come and for principalities and powers of the air (rulers of darkness) to take up residence. The longer dark powers reside over an area, the more the people begin to call right wrong and wrong right. Here in the United States, leaders arise from the people; in other words, as the people believe and think, so do the leaders who rise from their ranks. Eventually, the lines between right and wrong, as well as the holy and profane, become blurred. The way to God through Jesus and the Cross is no longer seen as an absolute. In fact, absolutes become touted as "intolerance" first in the world and then even within the Church. Yes, there are exceptions to this thinking within the Church, but through compromise, the absolutes of Heaven and eternity are clearly evaporating.

GOD CAN FASHION A DISASTER

We are living in the days of Ezekiel and Jeremiah, who prophesied that God can bring disaster on a nation if that nation continually chooses to walk according to its own plans. God spoke this to Jeremiah:

"The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

"Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good."'"

And they said, "... We will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart." — Jeremiah 18:7–12

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE COMING?

What are some of the things/consequences that will come? In time, water will be more expensive than oil, and cities will evacuate thousands because there is not enough water to meet their needs. (As Amos 4:7 says, "I

made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city.”) Earthquakes will strike not only coastal areas but devastate the Midwest as well. Israel will bomb Iran, and anti-Semitism will escalate as fuel costs soar. A dirty bomb will explode in a coastal city. There will be thunderstorms with huge hail, 24 inches of rain in 24 hours, three feet of snow in six hours, record-setting tornadoes with winds of more than 350 miles per hour and tornadoes in unusual places. There will be an unexpected blight that will hit various hybrid seed crops and weaken the yield. In addition, drought and devastation from storms will dramatically cut into various harvests and the national food storage will deplete.

“Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”’” — Jeremiah 18:11

FOUR THINGS THE CHURCH MUST DO

First, the Church must return to knowing God and His ways rather than just knowing about God. We have replaced power with programs, revelation with administration and the Father’s heart with organizational skills.

Second, the Church must learn how to contend for the faith again. We are weak, and we fall away so easily when crisis is not at hand. We have not been tested, and we have lost our resolve. We understand little of the adversary’s plans. We do not know how to debate our faith without becoming angry, and thus we have so few strong, clear, godly voices in political arenas. We have lost our witness — the witness that convicts others and strongly testifies that God is still God and is very, very real. We have lost the witness that demonstrates that God is a personal God in a very impersonal world, the witness that says, “What I do proves God exists.”

Third, the Church must return to the love of God’s Word and the belief that it is infallible and inerrant. This would include the conviction, understanding and knowledge that God is absolute, and there is only one way to know Him: through Jesus the Messiah. We need a new revelation that God’s power is unlimited, His knowledge is unending, His presence is with us always and He never changes. We have made God far too small, and our lives prove it.

Fourth, we will need to declare sacred and solemn assemblies of repentance and corporate fasting in many parts of this nation — a time set aside for rending our hearts before God.

“Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him — A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD.” — Joel 2:12–17

CRISIS IS THE FRUIT OF FOLLOWING THE WRONG GOD

God allows calamities to happen in order to draw us to Himself. What does that mean? It means that God allows us to reap the fruit of that which we serve. Walking in God's ways brings blessings and fullness of life, while walking in the ways of the "god of this world" will bring the fruit of the god of this world: decay, destruction, deterioration and death. We make our choice, then the choice makes us. Sadly, we are developing a history of wrong choices.

Throughout Scripture, when crises hit the people of God, they turned their hearts to Him, and He heard and took action.

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. — Jeremiah 29:12–13

May the people of the United States seek the Lord ... and find Him. Remember, we still have the promise that if we turn from our wicked ways, God will heal our land.

Serving God and His Kingdom,

John Paul Jackson,
August 2008

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MY WEAPONS OF WARFARE IN THESE TIMES

What should I declare over myself and my loved ones every day?

- The blood of Jesus
- The protection of God's angels
- The Word of God/Scriptures
- The Name of Jesus

(Psalm 23)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

When fear images come to mind, counter them with declarations of God's watch care, especially Psalm 32:8.

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

(2 Tim. 1:7) For God did not give us a spirit of fear (timidity), but of power, of love, and a sound mind (self-discipline).

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

(Isaiah 54:17) No weapon forged against you will prevail.

(Habakkuk 2:4) And the righteous shall live by faith.

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

(Isaiah 30:15) In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.

(Ephesians 6:10-18) Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

The daily prayer

Heavenly Father,

I plead the blood of Jesus over B, K, J, and me, and all my brothers and sisters and their extended families, and all of my prayer bundle.

I plead the blood of Jesus over us and our homes, our workplaces, every place we are and every place we go, and all of our travel, and over our possessions and vehicles.

I ask You to give your angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways and protect us from all evil and harm. I ask for safe travel for all of us wherever we go.

I ask You to bless and cleanse all that we eat, drink, breathe, and all that touches our bodies, and to use it for good and keep it from doing us harm.

I ask You to bring us all to salvation if we are not saved, and for those who are saved, for You to keep us enduring to the end.

Lord: put Your angel-guarded locks on the doors and windows of wherever we are (car, house, work, stores, church, etc.)

There is good, better, and best, Joan, and My best for you is to lean on Me, trust in Me, for I am God All Mighty. I will take care of you any hour of the day or night, anywhere, and I can watch over you even while you are sleeping.

My angels can stop bullets and strong cruel men and even mobs. My angels can stop airplanes and cars and boats and even missiles - stop them from harming you. They can even stop storms like I did on the Sea of Galilee. You can speak the words, like "peace, be still" and My angels will carry it out.

You have My authority, Joan, residing in you.

I have taught you to hear My instructions - for such a time as this.

I love you, and you are My Bride, and I will never leave you or forsake you. I will multiply your food and drink as needed. And I can cleanse them daily.

The prayer you have been praying daily is a good prayer.

If you are confronted by evil men/people, I will instruct you at that time what to do - as you continue to pray to Me and depend on Me day after day.

Trusting in Me is the greatest thing you can do in these times, Joan, and daily renewing that trust is essential. When fears come, renew that trust (out loud). You will soon know it by heart as you do the daily prayer now.