HOW TO LIVE IN THESE DAYS

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INTRODUCTION

In this year 2008 great shaking has begun in our country, and even in the world. The shaking is primarily coming right now in the economy. Many people are losing their jobs. Many are losing their houses. Many are losing some of their retirement funds and savings. The stock market jumps up and down by big swings daily. Some businesses are going bankrupt. Some banks are faltering near collapse and some collapse or are bought out by other banks. It is a scary time to be living. This is also happening in other countries and the leaders of these countries are looking for ways to stabilize things. People are looking for leaders who can help. What can we do! Where can we turn for help?

This is a book taken from my journal writings during these days. I am looking to God Almighty for my help and guidance and comfort during these days. Since I have given my life to Him through Jesus Christ my Lord, I seek Him daily for this. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God as He told us when He was here on earth. He went to the cross willingly to die as a sacrifice for my sins. He had no sin in Himself; He was pure and without sin. So He was the perfect sacrifice for my sins. Since He took them on Himself and died in my place, I can be forgiven for my sins through Him. All I need to do is to believe what He did for me; then repent of all my sins, ask Jesus to forgive me for those sins, and ask Him to come and live inside me and be my Savior and Lord. He will do that!

Since I have Jesus living inside me I seek His presence daily and seek His guidance in how to live in these days. He gives me His amazing peace to walk through these days in quiet rest and trust in Him. I will put in this book some of the dreams, thoughts, impressions, and guidance He has given me. Perhaps some of what I write here will also speak to you and comfort you as you walk through the difficult days in your own life. There is nothing and no one else that is stable during these days. Jesus is our Rock and our Fortress.

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

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January 1, 2008

On the first day of 2008 the Lord gave me the word to "wait patiently for the Lord's timing." I was to start off the year with patient endurance. One that day I recorded in my journal the Scripture from Hebrews 10:35-38a:

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. (Hebrews 10:35-38a NLT)

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Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest. (Psalm 126:5-6 NLT)

(Writing in Italics indicates things given me from the Holy Spirit)

As this relates to prayer, Joan, it shows that prayer is like a planting time of planting seeds in the Spiritual realm. There is a time of planting, a time of watering that seed and cultivating it, and a time of harvesting it. You are still in the planting and watering time with many of your prayer projects. But keep planting and watering - as the harvest will come with your patient endurance.

Trust Me that the soil of My Kingdom realm is good soil to plant in, just as the soil of the earth is good soil to plant in (with the right nutrients, etc.) and the growth toward harvest will happen, even if you cannot see it happening. It is inside and invisible, but real. My Word is like the nutrients you add to the planting of your prayers. They (My Words) help keep the prayer answers growing daily.

The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

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January 4, 2008

Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Tim. 3:12 NLT)

(Writing in Italics indicates things given me from the Holy Spirit)

And you have already suffered persecution, Joan, and even lost your marriage. You were persecuted financially, verbally, and socially. But I was with you and walked with you

through it all. I never left you or forsook you. And I never will either. There may be more persecution to come for you and for others, but I will certainly be with you during all of it. You can then walk through it in victory, as overcomers.

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Tim. 3:14-17 NLT).

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January 5, 2008

Now I will tell you new things, secrets you have not yet heard. They are brand new, not things from the past. So you cannot say, "We knew that all the time." (Isaiah 48:6b-7 NLT)

This is what the Lord says - your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow. Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea." (Isaiah 48:17-18 NLT)

Judgment = a revelation of wickedness and good. Judgment of the church - revealing what is truly in the heart of the people who call themselves Christian.

The Lord will now tell me new things, things that are brand new, not things from the past. He has said this into my thoughts recently too…that my next book will be about new things, things that will happen in the future, and not ideas/things from my past writings. This Scripture says that too. I believe this Scripture today is a confirmation of what the Holy Spirit spoke to me.

And the second Scripture reminds me that if I want peace and righteousness in my daily life, then I am to **"listen to God who teaches me what is good for me and leads me along the paths I should follow."** Then I will have peace like a river and righteousness rolling over me. So I am being reminded to listen to what the Lord says and follow His commands, then I will have peace and righteousness.

As I took my shower this morning, the Holy Spirit taught me something which I want to put here in my journal. The idea was this: that the angels of God go wherever God's Presence is, and they work there. So when I have the blood of Jesus on me, the angels of God can come and work with me and on me and for me due to Jesus' blood and Presence being there. That is why I am to plead the blood of Jesus over my prayer bundle (my prayer bundle is a group of people I pray for) each day (see the prayer below). Then the angels of God can go there and work there. Also they can work where we pray for them to work, where we pray for God to come. That is why we are to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

When we pray **"thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,"** His angels can come into the earth and work there.

The Lord has said He would teach me "new things." I see this revelation as one of those new things. Thank You, Lord!

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I plead the blood of Jesus over my "prayer bundle" each day. My "prayer bundle" has in it: myself and my children, my brothers and sisters and their families, my church family, various friends, leaders of various ministries, all who now are Christians, all who are yet to become Christians, the workplaces of my children, and some Christian TV ministries. I speak aloud to God that I plead the blood of Jesus over these people; over our homes, workplaces, vehicles and possessions; over every place we are and every place we go; and over all our travel. I ask the Lord to give His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways; to guide us and protect us from all evil and harm; and to give us safe travel wherever we go. I ask Him to bless all that we eat, drink, and breathe, and all that touches our bodies, to use it for good and keep it from doing harm to us. I pray this in Jesus' name.

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January 7, 2008

This is the Scripture which Pastor Alan used in his sermon yesterday. I felt I was to put it in today's notes.

Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed. (2 Chronicles 20:20 NLT)

He emphasized that if you believe in the Lord, and if you have faith in Him, you will be able to stand firm and you will be upheld. He also emphasized that if you believe in His prophets, and have faith in His prophets, you will succeed and be successful. This is what I pray today for all my prayer bundle. I will print this and put it in my prayer notebook.

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January 9, 2008

(Writing in Italics indicates things given me from the Holy Spirit)

I want you to know that I want you to sit in front of this computer each day that you can, and ask Me if there is anything I want to speak to you and have you write…from now on. Will you do that for Me?

I said yes to Him.

I want you to read your Bible now and see what I tell you about My Words.

For the time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. (2 Tim. 4:3-4 NLT)

You're seeing a lot of that, Joan. Know that the time is NOW that Paul talked about.

But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. (2 Tim. 4:5 NLT)

Know that this is for you, Joan, and all My people now. Keep a clear mind in every situation. What is a clear mind? It is a mind focused/stayed on Me and My Word. When difficulties come, focus on Me and My Word - looking for what I want to tell you in that situation.

…Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom…And now the prize awaits me - the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. (2 Tim. 4:1, 8 NLT)

So the judging and award giving are done on the day of Your return, when You appear to set up Your Kingdom.

Yes, that is right. Until then My people, who have previously died, will be waiting in heaven for the prizes and awards that belong to them. You either wait for your rewards here on earth until the Rapture, when I appear to My own and bring them up to be with Me, or you wait in heaven along with all the others who belong to Me.

Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tim. 4:18 NLT)

This safety and deliverance is SPIRITUAL. The physical body may be killed, as Paul's was, but he was still delivered safely into My heavenly Kingdom. He is there now. You will see him someday - the day of your Rapture - for he will be there to greet all those who read and believed his words and followed after him, and you are one.

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The following is quoted from a book I was writing in 2007. I put this in my January, 2008 journal to remind me of it again…

I copied this from my newest book *(Journal of a Listener to God, part 1, #123)* because I wanted to be reminded again today about what it said (which was in 2004 or before). It said:

> *123. Remember the vision I gave you at camp where you watched Me as I blessed the people? I gave you the ability to "gaze upon Me" then, and forever after then. That was a message to you that you would be given the ability to "gaze upon Me" even as your pastor had visions of what I had ahead for him in his life. You, My child, can know that is what I have ahead for you - more and more - to see Me, to watch what I am doing, to know My Presence is near, to know I am watching you and am aware of you. And, you can know from this vision that My angels are always standing guard over you and beside you through all the stages of your life - to the very end of your earth life. Know this.*

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

> *I have been with you all through the writing of this book. It is My book now. I will take care of it. I will prosper it. I will take the next steps that need to be done. You just listen to Me and follow My directions. You don't need to ask anyone about printing unless I guide you to.*
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> *I want you to think again about that bubble I put you in (in a vision). That is also a prophetic picture of where I will keep you throughout your days. You will see around you what is happening, but you will be encapsulated, protected, unharmed by it. Do you receive that?*

Yes, Lord, I receive that!

> *You are now in the main stream of where I want you to be to finish out your time on earth. You will stay here in Lee's Summit for the rest of your days. This is our best time - right now. You can be on earth typing, and still be with Me, walking with Me, listening to Me, in the heavenly spiritual realm. Then you can record what I say as we go. That is ok. That is what I want.*
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> *I am so much greater than what you can think or imagine. And what I do is so much greater than what you think or imagine. I want you to now spend lots of time with Me, before this computer, recording what I teach you, tell you, and show you. Do you understand?*

Yes, Lord, I understand.

We're going up. You've had dreams about going up ramps and stairs. Those were prophetic dreams showing what I was going to do with you - take you "up" with Me. Remember the dream about Charis and you going up? Charis means gifting. This is a gifting I am giving you - to go up to a "new number" and new place with Me...and it is a beautiful place, a place of rest, a place of light and color. So that dream shows what I am now doing and will continue to do all the rest of your days on earth.

And it is ok to be working at the computer as we go. I want you to. I want you to record what I tell you and show you. That is my plan for you, and I have been teaching you this way for many years of your life. It is a good way. It is My way for you right now. Do not seek to find someone else's way, but just to find My way for you.

I have a unique way with each person. You do not need to find Todd Bentley's way, or Paul Keith Davis' way, but your own way with Me. You will like it and it is uniquely designed to fulfill you...the way I made you.

Think of Me as being Charis beside you, going up together to our special room of light and color and rest. You see, it is not someone else's number you stop at, but just your own - a special number just for you. You and I can move along in the spiritual realm. I will show you what I want you to "see" and "hear", but mostly I just want you to spend the time with Me. Then you are "available."

I love you, My child. I love spending time with you. I gave My life for you, so you know how much I care about you. And don't think you have to "get somewhere" to have a successful time with Me. Let Me decide each day where we will go and what we will do, ok?

Ok, Lord.

There are lots of things you are "saved from" and lots of things you are "saved to." Let's get more into what you are "saved to." You are" saved to" be with Me and walk with Me daily "in the garden." Come to My garden, My child, and walk with Me. This is the way we will walk each day after you set yourself apart unto Me. Give Me your mornings each day M-F for our "walks" together. Then you can read and listen to study materials in the afternoons.

Do you think I would refuse to give you the money to be free from a job so we could walk together each day? No, I won't refuse you that money. Ask Me for it.

(I asked Him for it.)

And I say "yes" to you. This is My idea. It is an easy way to live ONLY if I bring it about. You do not need to go out and get the money. I will bring it to you. Just trust in Me to provide. This is another experiment (test) in trusting Me.

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4 NIV)

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January 10, 2008

"If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must influence them; do not let them influence you!" (Jeremiah 15:19 NLT)

As I read Jeremiah chapter 15 today where it tells of the famine, war, and destruction God was sending to Judah because of their sins, I wondered how much this applied to America and what God might be bringing there due to her many sins. He said:

> *It does apply to America, but only after I rapture out My people. Then the sins of the many left will bring the reaping of the consequences of their sins against Me. And their sins ARE against Me. I gave them this wonderful country as a blessing, just as I gave Israel her promised land as a blessing. But there were those in America who did not appreciate Me for what I gave them, or bless Me, or worship Me. They have each turned to their own ways instead of seeking Me and following Me. Therefore I have allowed time, enough time, for them to repent and turn to Me. If they do not, then they will reap the consequences of their sins that they have sown. What you sow, you reap…for I am a just God. If you sow good, you will reap good; if you sow bad, you will reap bad. The timing is important here, for it will come at My perfect time.*
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> *You will escape this, Joan, and all who belong to Me will escape this (the coming night). I will not pour out My wrath on those who love Me. They may go through some difficulties, but not My wrath. It is not yet "wrath time." But it WILL come. It is not too far away by earth's time. Do not fear, Joan, for you and your loved ones who love Me will not have to endure that.*

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. (2 Tim. 4:3-4 NLT)

Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. (2 Tim. 4:5b NLT)

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January 11, 2008

This is the day the <u>Lord has made.</u> Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 NIV)

I made you very sensitive, Joan - sensitive to Me and therefore very sensitive to all the discord that you know is in the world. The only way to live in such a world is to take it one day at a time and totally depend on Me for each one.

I made you able to live during this time period I had you born into, Joan. You are able to live in the now - 2008. And I am able also - to enable you each day. Trust Me for this. Call on Me for this, Joan.

And no matter what comes, I am able to enable you to live through it - as I walk with you through each day.

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January 14, 2008

I have been having pain in my back that seems to be in the muscles - like a strained muscle. Today the Holy Spirit said that I have been exposed to the flu and my body is fighting it. He says I am to give myself aspirin therapy for four days, four times a day or every four hours. That may also help relieve the pain in my left upper arm that feels like arthritis. These are Scriptures I am reading today:

I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives. This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God - who does not lie - promised them before the world began. And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. (Titus 1:1-3 NLT)

Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. (Titus 1:15-16 NLT)

Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created…I will quietly keep my mind on your laws…your commands have no limit. (Psalm 119:89-90, 95-96 NLT)

I love you, My child, and I want you to write that down. Today you don't feel too good because you are fighting disease. That is one of the trials and tribulations earth people have to deal with - because of sin in the world. I didn't have to because I was sinless. But you are not sinless, so you have to periodically deal with disease. I will help you - as I am Jehovah Rophe, the God who heals you. I will either heal you directly, or I will tell you what to do to get healed (like Naaman who came to Elisha and was told to wash in the Jordan River seven times). I love you so much I want to display who I am in you and through you. And you are willingly asking and letting Me do that.

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January 17, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT PACKING TO GO HOME

The setting of the dream was at a camp or at college. We were packing to go home A woman painted a flag/cloth picture for me to take home. It was a picture of herself. I fixed it onto a magnetic holder like on a refrigerator to display it. Some young man came and kissed me goodbye. Some woman had a birthday and was going to celebrate it. The woman was Joan H., the wife of Jake H.. We talked about her being Jake's wife. She spells her name the same as I do, so maybe she represents me.

Interpretation: Since the setting was in a place of learning, then I think I am to learn something from this dream. Packing to go home possibly refers to packing to return to Heaven - which is my real home. It is almost time to go back there and I am getting ready. The flag picture was a picture of an unknown person, but she represented the Holy Spirit. She gave me a flag or banner showing what I looked like (herself) that would be waved before others. The Holy Spirit's picture is formed in me. The refrigerator represents my heart, the place where I store things. So I fastened that picture onto my heart and stored it there. The woman named Joan H. represents me also, as our names are spelled the same. She was celebrating her birthday. I think that refers to my entering Heaven as a day of my birth into the Heavenly realm, like my earthly birthday represents the day of my birth into the earthly realm. Being Jake's wife represents being Jesus' wife - which I am.

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January 18, 2008

I am now reading the book by Bob Sorge: *The Fire of Delayed Answers.* I was so blessed by this book that I want to put some quotes here to remember and re-read. I feel these quotes may apply to this year. I will put all the quotes in a different font to make them easily identified.

> Sometimes God delays the answers to our prayers in order to produce a greater maturity and fruitfulness in us. (Introduction)
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> If you are ever to mature into greater dimensions of fruitfulness in the kingdom of God, then you must commit yourself to understanding how God uses delay to refine His chosen ones.
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> It's a beautiful thing when we invoke this refining fire in our lives, but it's also a very serious thing. If you're willing to embrace His fire, then prepare yourself for some pain. Christ calls us to the cross because we'll never become like Him apart from pain.
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> God's first priority in our lives is to make us fruitful - it is not first and foremost to make us comfortable.
>
> In His infinite grace, God personalizes some troubles with our name on them, in order to help us toward His design for our lives.

The focus of this book is to explore the reasons *why* He sometimes delays His answers.

When God begins to reveal His purposes to our searching hearts, and we begin to understand His ways, it helps to keep us from crawling off the altar. We find grace to persevere in tribulation because we understand that the present pain will produce a future harvest (see Hebrews 12:10).

Nothing sinful can survive the fire of God's immediate presence. (13)

God is a holy fire, and He burns away impurities from our lives so that we might stand completely purified in His presence. (13)

I can't come closer to you, Joan, unless you become purer. My fiery presence would destroy you if I did. I can only come as close as your sinful nature will allow Me. Remember "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Jesus is both a Refiner and an Assayer. We see Jesus functioning as Assayer when He confronted the Pharisees. He weighed and judged their hearts and then dealt with them accordingly. Jesus still does the same thing with us today. He examines our hearts, evaluates our true spiritual condition, and then brings His fire to effect a greater purity and usefulness. (14)

God's fire resides among His people…God is intensely passionate over Zion (His Church), so He has placed His fiery residence in the midst of His chosen ones. Which means if you live in Zion, you will get away with nothing. God's fire will burn in your life. [It] accomplishes three things among God's people: 1. It forces the hypocrite to a decision (Isa. 33:14); 2. It purges the sincere from sin (Isa. 6:6-7); 3. And it inflames the heart with fresh passions for the Son of God (Acts 2:3-4). The Lord will never remove this fire from Zion. We live in a furnace of holy fire. (14-15)

God intends for His fire to so envelop the local church that hypocrites will not be able to stay, and the devout will not be able to remain unchanged. (15)

When the heat is first turned up in our lives, initially we feel like the Lord has abandoned us. But as we persevere in faithfulness, we'll begin to see more and more how close Jesus has been to us all along. (15)

When Jesus visits us, His face is always preceded by His fire. He knows we won't be prepared for His face until we've been purified by His fire. (15)

The fire is His assurance that you are being drawn into a place of greater intimacy and knowledge of God!

There are two ways we receive from God. Some things are given to us, and some things are bought. Given: eternal life, Holy Spirit, peace, joy, etc. (15)

There are certain things in the Kingdom, however, that are not given; they must be bought. Gold refined in the fire (Rev. 3:18) = purified faith and refined character (Christlikeness) (15-16)

Notice this gold is bought. We do not earn or deserve it, but we do pay a price for it - great personal pain. This gold is bought in the fire and is attained only as we persevere and endure through the fiery trials that God sends us…when the crisis explodes, God wants us to

- fix our focus on Him,
- find Him in the adversity, and
- discover the Spirit's pathway to renewed victory. (16)

God is the one who must give us the opportunity to have our faith tested. It is all of His initiative…He alone knows when we are ready. (16)

When the time of testing comes, you have a choice:

- You can give up
- You can go for the gold (press into the Lord more than ever)

Yes, it deals with your divorce and raising the children practically alone; it deals with your financial crises which I directly led you into (2 times), and it deals with the physical difficulties you had between 1990 and 1997 predominantly.

Yes, God delivers us from all affliction, but sometimes He delays His provision in order to try us by fire. The delay itself is a fire ordained by God to produce a deep work in our hearts. God has a design for our deliverance, but He also has a purpose for the fiery delay. Make no mistake, delayed answers are a fire. When you're in crisis and have His promise of deliverance, but there's no change in sight, the heat can become very hot indeed! His purpose in the delay is to strengthen our faith, kindle our love to new depths of passion and maturity, and impart the heart and character of Christ to us - all in order to make us a more useful vessel. (18)

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January 19, 2008

Today is the day for primary voting in S. Carolina (Republicans) and Nevada. It might be a deciding day for some candidates. My prayer today is that the Lord's desire and will for the next President of America be carried out today - the step towards that goal that needs to take place today.

You're amazing, Lord, amazing! That this individual relationship and attention you give each one of your children here on earth, you also do in heaven. Don Piper (author of the book *90 Minutes in Heaven*) spoke on PTL show on TBN yesterday that he heard multiple praise songs worshiping you while in heaven, all at the same time, and there was no clashing or dissonance. He said he could hear each song separately and distinctly all at the same time. He still has that sound in his memory after returning to earth. To me that indicates that you hear each of us separately and distinctly, all at the same time, here on earth, and you also will relate to us individually that way in heaven too. Amazing! And You say to me as I think about this:

on earth as it is in heaven - that's what Your kingdom is like.

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

And you will help people want it, Joan, through your writings. I will use them for My purposes, like I did with C. (as you heard from Beth).

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January 20, 2008

Saturate yourself in My Word:

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5 NIV)

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

I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled. (Jeremiah 1:12 NIV)

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

By standing firm you will gain life. (Luke 21:19)

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

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

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January 21, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some did receive Him.

Now I am finishing what I started then. It is near the end of this age - the age of grace in which people can receive forgiveness of sins by My grace, freely given. I'll not tell you what's coming, but it will be different. You are blessed to live in this particular age, Joan. I wanted you to live in it, and to be here right at the end of this age of grace. Soon I will take out My Spirit/My Bride/My people, and this age will be finished. Then will come the transition time (the tribulation) to the next age - which you call the millennium. It will be good, but it will be different. You are here now, not later, so you can learn to rule and reign with Me later - that is My plan for you. You chose this time to live in, and I chose it for you to live in. You are Mine, and I treasure you, Joan.

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

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

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January 23, 2008

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

from Gaza. Oh, how badly they (and this world) need You, Lord! The world is so messed up! It is so wicked! It seems that Your judgment must be soon due to all the wickedness.

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

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

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I read this today from 12-12-04 at CTC and wanted to copy it into today's journal because I want to be reminded of it again.

Carol K. told us: "Declare over yourself the prophetic words the Lord has given you. There is power in our spoken words. You either speak life or death. God said, 'Let there be ___.'" And Walter W. told us: "You establish the road ahead of you with the words you speak."

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January 24, 2008

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

Lou Engle said the secrets of God come from gazing on Him, and that is what I was doing this morning--gazing on Him after thanksgiving and praise time worshiping Him. This is a secret of God He revealed to me today.

I receive it from Him. Thank You, Lord!

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January 25, 2008

Today a surprising and unusual thing happened. The icemaker on Beth's refrigerator had quit working about 1-2 weeks ago. We noticed it as our supply of ice ran out. So we put ice cube trays into the freezer and have been using ice cubes from them for 1-2 weeks. Someone mentioned to Beth that she should pray about it and speak to the icemaker to work. She did that last night and I agreed with her. This morning it still wasn't working, so I spoke to it again and told it to work properly in Jesus' name and authority.

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

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

I want you to learn that I am King, Commander, and Lord of everything - even an icemaker. I can take care of every need you have, Joan, and every need Beth has as you keep your lives rightly aligned with Me. I hear your prayers when you are clean and pure before Me and listen to Me and follow My ways. I wanted to show you and have you understand that there are many ways I can bless you and take care of you - AND provide for your needs. This is certainly one way. Remember this, and share this with others as I lead you to. Do not share it unless I lead you to. There are some people I do not want you to share this with.

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February 2, 2008

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

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

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. (James 4:8 RSV)

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February 5, 2008

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

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February 17, 2008

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

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

You are My prophetic writer, Joan. A prophetic writer listens to Me, the voice of the Spirit, calling from inside - and responds to it. Why would I pick a Sunday? Because that's what I choose. It's My choice. Just focus on Me.

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

Yes, Lord, it's ok.

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

Ok, Lord.

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

I want you to know that right now America is in great peril, great danger. Pray against the Islamic threat that is forming and growing against America. They know they can't really take out Israel without crippling America first so it won't come to Israel's aid. Pray against them. I want you off to yourself during this time, this morning, so you won't be distracted by anything and so you will hear Me clearly and pray as I lead you. I will be doing this (setting you apart) more and more often as the attempts to attack America and Israel increase.

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

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February 18, 2008

I had a dream about trying to meet with the registrar at college to find out what courses I was signed up for…and what courses I still needed to take. After writing out the dream and talking to the Lord to find out what it meant He said:

I am the registrar, Joan, the one who decides which courses you are to take and when you have finished taking all that you need to finish your prescribed degree course. I want you to know your "course" on this earth is almost finished. I don't want you to know what is yet left for you to learn, experience, do, and be tested on. That's why you didn't find Me in the dream. You know I exist, but you don't know where to contact Me about this matter.

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

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February 20, 2008

This idea has been starting to form in my mind the last couple of days: that a book I may write in the future would be a devotional book. Today as I read in *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge, I read some of his section regarding praying the Scriptures. I have found myself doing that in my own times of reading of Scripture. As I read a section (i.e. about King David, or Jeremiah, or Esther) I learn things about how they related to God, how He related to them, and what God is like, and I pray about these ideas in my own life. Perhaps someday I am to write these ideas in a book. For now, I think I am to put the ideas in my journal and copy them into a possible book to be put together sometime in the future. Bill said he saw at least 12 books over Beth and me. I am currently working on #10 (*Journal of a Listener to God*), and #11 is *Stories of Miracles and Revival.* So perhaps #12 will be a daily devotional of some sort. If this idea is from God, He will continue to affirm it to me and give me the ideas He wants in the book. I'm just writing this down today to indicate the possible start of it.

You don't need to put dates in this devotional book. Just put a title (taken from the Scripture and/or prayer) for each section. Then put the Scripture used. Then put the prayer that rose up in your heart that you prayed to Me. That's a good beginning as to how to do this book. It will come into form (outward form) day by day as you read My Word and use it to pray to Me. I will put the prayers and ideas in you one by one in a daily time together. When I indicate I want that prayer or idea in the "devotional book" come and write it in your journal and in the book folder.

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

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

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February 21, 2008

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

1. Lessons plans: I have to teach without this preparation

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

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

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

> *Yes, My child, I will. Your summary description is right on. It summarizes quite nicely what is coming up soon in your life. It can refer to two areas: your books and the C. ministry I have for you. Only I can get you to either one of these, and only I can provide the necessary plans. You just follow Me - the same direction I have given you many times in the past - follow Me. This might be frustrating to you at times because you like to "know" and "be prepared," but not this time. Only I know who, when, where, how, etc. This time it is entirely by faith and following Me. So, know this is coming, soon, and I will lead the way and make all the necessary plans. Your task is just to follow Me day by day.*

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How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head. (Psalm 133:1-2)

Lord, I pray for harmony today with all my family - my biological brothers and sisters and their families. And I pray for harmony with all my brothers and sisters in Christ who belong to You - to the family of God. Thank You for the peace and harmony in our relationships here on earth. And thank you even more for all the peace and harmony we will have together in heaven when we come to live with You.

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I read this Scripture which speaks to me today about my desire to know what is coming and when it will come. **John 14:3 When everything is ready, I will come to get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.** That fits with my waiting on news about when and whether I am

to move. When it is the right time Jesus will provide the means of moving AND He will go there with me. He will go "ahead of me." Thank You, Lord!

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February 22, 2008

When I awoke this morning and rested a bit before getting up, ideas began to come into my mind regarding how I might set up the DAILY DEVOTIONAL book (later titled *Praying the Scriptures*) which the Lord is guiding me to write. I wrote down the ideas and began the book.

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February 25, 2008

As I reviewed many dreams I've had regarding *time*, I began to notice that many of those dreams dealt with clocks or watches either stopping or their hands falling off. The thought occurred to me that these dreams might be showing that I cannot know "the time" or "times" and so I cannot put correct times in my writings.

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February 27, 2008

I awoke and looked at the clock. It said 12:23. The Holy Spirit said:

> *Things are "in order" for the judgement.*

This meant to me that the "2's" in the clock time (12:23) referred to the "judgement" and the "1-2-3" referred to being "in order."

Later, as I was proofreading part 2 of the *Journal of a Listener to God* the Holy Spirit said:

> *You can take all the Scriptures in your book of Scriptures and put them in the DAILY DEVOTIONAL, then I will give you the prayers I would like prayed with those Scriptures. You don't need to 'make up' those prayers - I will give them to you supernaturally. Then those prayers will be supernaturally powerful. You will learn from this and others will too. I will teach you a lot through writing this next book - the DAILY DEVOTIONAL. I will also give you the name for this new book when it is the right time. You will name (title) each devotional scripture/prayer.*
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> *You see, I teach you, and then I use those same teachings to help multitudes of others - because you are My writer, you write for Me, and only Me. Not for a publisher, or an editor, or anyone else, only Me.*

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March 3, 2008

This is a quote from Bob Sorge's book *Secrets of the Secret Place* page 72 - for possibly being in the introduction to the *Daily Devotional*.

> **This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8 NKJV)**
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> What does it mean to meditate in God's word? It means to slow way down the reading pace, and to contemplate every word and phrase, looking for deeper and fuller meanings. We uncover various layers of rich understanding as we go deeper and deeper. Meditation is the art of digging out the most that we can from each and every word. The written word of God is revealed by the Living Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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I had a dream about crickets and a blue jay in my room.

In this dream I opened the door of my room (perhaps in a dorm) and saw lots of little creatures in it. I specifically saw a cricket pushing 2 fountain pens (one yellow and a darker color) under the bed. I noted that I needed to look under that bed to see what all had been pushed under it. I also saw a blue jay making a nest in a statue-like clothes display frame (just the top portion from the shoulders up). Then the blue jay was pulling on this clothes frame with its beak (pulling on the blue clothes or cloth on it) and backing up to pull it over toward the right.

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

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

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

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

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

> *Yes, it is a warning dream, Joan, that outside invaders have been sent against you to try to upset our communion together and the writing of books coming from that. Notice last week how much time it took out of "our time" for you to take care of your car problem? It took away your peace and it took away lots of writing time. Those were "invaders" into your "bedroom" of intimacy and the writing that comes from it. I want you to rebuke those invaders and block them (by placing My blood between them and you) from coming again. Do it now.*

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March 5, 2008

The date can be written 3-5-8. It is a reminder of (3) God's will and timing received by His (5) grace, and by this I have (8) new beginnings.

> *I want to open our dialogue for today, to share/communicate back and forth, no matter what you are doing or when. I want us to share your day - a day I gave you - together.*

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March 6, 2008

God really blessed me again yesterday as He led me to go to the Salvation Army Family Store to look around. I found a pair of black soft-walk sandals with adjustable straps and the toes out - just what I wanted for this coming spring and summer. I really like the soft-walk insoles to cushion my feet. I also got a lavender flowered short-sleeved cotton blouse, a kacki tan pair of capri pants light weight for summer, and a book of stories by Jack Canfield. Altogether these cost 4.55, imagine! The clerk rang them up at really low prices (and I got 50% off the clothes), so I watched God show me favor in that! Thank You, Lord!

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March 7, 2008

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

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

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

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

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March 8, 2008

Today I turn 72 years old! God has blessed me mightily during these 72 years I've lived on this earth. Thank You, Lord!

When I went downstairs this morning there was a card and gift from Beth. The card was especially touching as it talked about how I was the center of her world as she grew up, and that I still am. I had a birthday card from Kim and John that popped open to make a stand up cake. A card came also from Lois and one from Joyce. The one from Joyce was the sweetest sister card I have ever seen. I feel greatly remembered and blessed!

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March 10, 2008

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

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March 13, 2008

Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. (James 5:14-15 NLT)

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

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A DREAM ABOUT A WOMAN DISAPPEARING AND I YELLED "HEY"!

In this dream I was sitting by myself at the front of a room and other people, mostly women, were seated in rows in front of me. One woman in the back row stood up and started to talk. Then, as she spoke, she just disappeared! Right after she disappeared I could then see a tiny puff of her head, but not the rest of her. I jumped up and yelled "hey!" in great surprise, and looked around to see if others saw what I had seen. They didn't act like they had seen it.

I wonder if this pertains to the Rapture.

Yes, it pertains to the Rapture. You were an observer in the dream and were able to see and recognize what this was. Others didn't see or recognize it. You are looking for it. Others aren't. That's why there is a reward for those who watch for My appearing. That doesn't mean you won't be in the Rapture yourself, because you will. But this dream is to alert you to its coming soon. It is an alerting dream.

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March 14, 2008

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

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

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

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

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March 15, 2008

Proverbs 2:1-11 NLT

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

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

> *And that is true whether the times are economically good of bad. You still need to come to Me and find the wisdom I have for you to go through those times. I know what's coming, and I know how you can live rightly through those times.*
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> *Do you believe that? (That wise choices will watch over you and understanding will keep you safe?) It will if you "listen to what I say, and treasure My commands." That is the key to walking through hard times and good times: to listen to what I say and treasure My commands. Note what I grant you if you do: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, common sense, shield, guard, protect, understand what is right, find the right way to go.*

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

> *Then what do you need to do in bad times as well as good times? LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY AND BE OBEDIENT TO IT. I can and will show you the way to go. I will give you wisdom, common sense, understanding, protection, guidance, and show you the right way to go. I will do it - not you. Look to Me, not to yourself or the world. I KNOW the way to*

go and you don't. I KNOW what will work and you don't. I KNOW how to keep you alive and well and safe and you don't. So wouldn't it be wise to look to Me for that?

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

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I had a dream which seemed to show that in my past a negative interference came which pulled the truth into hiding. However the truth became bigger so it couldn't be hidden anymore.

This is what I want you to know about this dream: I gave you the dream. It is from Me. I wanted you to see and recognize that the "truth" had been hidden from you as a child about the love of a father and mother as it is in the heart of God. Your parents did the best they could, and I love them both. But you did not learn the truth from them (totally) about who I am and what I am like. A negative interference kept you from learning that from them.

But at some point in your life I did not allow the truth to keep being hidden from you. The truth is now in the open regarding your past and regarding your present and future. The truth is that you are loved by Me, and you can speak out your thoughts and feelings to Me and I will understand and accept you that way. It is ok. In fact, I want you to speak out your thoughts and ideas to Me. I want us to communicate completely openly. And that is the truth! I love you, and this is the way I want our relationship to be…open and sharing freely with each other.

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March 16, 2008 Palm Sunday

I had a dream where it seemed like Jesus' shining (His glory) was being increased by pouring more of His shining into some people. This dream involved church people. The dream seemed to give notice that Jesus' shining glory will be poured into His people during this season. Perhaps this is a dream showing me something that is coming soon.

As I awoke and thought about the dream, I was excited about this "outshining" soon to be poured into people. It seemed like the "shining" would be poured into pipes in my back - like the liquid sacrifices were poured down the "horns" on the four corners of the altar of sacrifice in Jewish worship.

Everything that's centered on Me and offered to Me is worship: prayers, singing, playing instruments, giving offerings, reciting My Word, speaking praise and thanksgiving.

Focusing your attention on Me is worship. Yes, My "shining" glory is and will be poured out more and more now and from now on.

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March 17, 2008

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

Possible Sequence of Key Prophetic Events

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

Anticipated Prophetic Events

- The Russian-Islamic alliance will attack Israel but will be defeated supernaturally.
- Israel will build the Third Temple and resume the ancient Temple worship.
- The ten nations (see Daniel 2:40-45) in Europe and surrounding Mediterranean nations will unite, forming the revived Roman Empire.
- A world dictator, the Antichrist, will rise to power over the revived Roman Empire and extend his global rule through military victories and peace treaties.
- The Antichrist will sign a seven-year security treaty with Israel (see Daniel 9:24-27)
- Halfway through the seven years, the Antichrist will stop the daily Temple sacrifice (see Daniel 12:11). The Antichrist will violate the Holy of Holies of the Third Temple.
- Someone will assassinate the Antichrist; then he will rise from the dead and claim to be god, demanding worship as such. He will introduce the Mark of the Beast system.
- The Antichrist's forces will attack righteous Jews and Gentiles who refuse to worship him.
- Nations from Asia ("kings of the east") will lead a revolt against the Antichrist, raising a 200 million troop army and crossing Asia to engage in a massive military confrontation with the western military forces of the Antichrist.
- The battle of Armageddon will occur seven years after the Antichrist signs the treaty with Israel.
- Jesus Christ will defeat both armies to save Israel. He will enter through the sealed Eastern Gate of the Temple Mount into the rebuilt Temple. He will cleanse the sanctuary.
- Christ will establish His millennial kingdom from the throne of David in Jerusalem. Gentile nations will send representatives to the Temple to acknowledge their eternal allegiance to Christ (see Zechariah 14:16).

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March 20, 2008

First day of spring! Yeah!

Beth shared this morning that she believes God is leading her to go to Africa next summer for 2 weeks with the Steve Trullenger group. It would cost $4200 besides preparation expenses. I am praying for God to confirm this to her in several ways.

1. She had a dream on March 10 with Heidi Baker and Denise - both of whom have been in Africa.
2. She has prophetic words from an IHOP prophetic session showing her with brown-skinned people, not black-skinned.
3. She felt God prompting her to pray for raising the dead when she was at a visitation for someone who had died.

I am asking God to speak to me regarding this as to whether this is from Him.

John 5:32 NLT But someone else is also testifying about me, and I assure you that everything he [she] says about me is true.

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March 24, 2008

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

Today I listened to Steve Trullinger's CDs regarding believing. After listening to CD #1, the Holy Spirit spoke:

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

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

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

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

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

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March 25, 2008

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

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

You will get to disciple many - just as your heart desires. And don't worry how you will do this, for I will show you the way. You will be having small groups meet as you have imagined in your mind. Beth will be having small groups too - for there will be much individual discipling to do. The Alpha materials will be helpful. But mostly you will just use the Bible, read it, talk about it, talk about how to live the Christian life, and pray for each other.

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

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

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

Unmasking Unbelief part 1 (CD#2)

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

Mark 9:14-24 Help my unbelief.

Rebellion gives nourishment to unbelief.

His prayer on CD: "Father, please help us tonight to cooperate with You in unmasking unbelief in our lives. Father, would you search our hearts and minds and uncover the unbelief that lurks there masquerading as other things that divert us from the truth. Father, would you let Your Word act as a two-edged sword tonight, powerful to judge the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Help us take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ and turn away from the rebellion that gives nourishment to unbelief. May we truly be Your disciples, Jesus, so that we will know the truth and it WILL set us free. Holy Spirit, lead us into all truth according to the promise of Jesus. In HIS precious name we pray. Amen."

Distinction between various forms of unbelief:

Gross unbelief - it's obvious

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

A model of belief

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

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

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

Doubt versus belief:

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

Doubt: what is it?

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

Unbelief is outright rebellion, refusal to believe.

Example:

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

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

Difference between belief and faith

Faith is:

- KJV Hebrews 11:1 substance, evidence
- NIV sure, certain
- NASB assurance, conviction
- AMPC assurance/conformation, title deed, proof, conviction of their reality, perceiving as real fact what is not perceived by the senses.

Faith is being convinced that it's real.

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

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

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

Faith is a mechanism; it's an enablement.

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

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March 26, 2008

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

Unmasking Unbelief part 2 (CD#3)

Faith is an enablement leading to a choice to believe, it enables you to make the choice to believe. It's a mechanism, a process leading to a choice to believe - the engine that gets you to belief. You use that engine to get you from unbelief to belief. And that pleases God.

- Belief demands risk. Have to be willing to be vulnerable, to trust, to be dependent on God. It's risky to get it. Once you're there, once you're in that place of belief, the risk is gone. During the process of going from unbelief, through faith, to belief is risky.
- Unbelief plays it safe. It will prefer self-reliance, self-defense, and control.
- Unbelief shuns adventure because of fear.
- Fear is the husband of unbelief. They're wedded together.
- Fear is a mask for unbelief. Behind fear is unbelief. If you go back to that mask of fear, there is unbelief behind it.
- Refusal to receive the fullness of God's love allows fear to remain in you, and that masks unbelief. (1 John 4:18)
- It's a choice we make to refuse to receive God's full love, then fear comes/stays in.
- Faith is the assurance that allows us to move from unbelief up to belief.
- Belief describes a place of standing/unmovable/unshakable. Faith is what got you there. (Eph. 6) Because you believe God is going to do the rest. You have to have faith take you there.

Subtle masked unbelief:

- The big "if": If it be Thy will, Lord, heal this person. Why doesn't it happen? One reason is rebellion. His "if" (condition) is much better than our "if." Follow the condition that brings the promise.
- Anxiety/fear: We don't believe God will protect us, etc.

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

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

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

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

The Lord said to me:

Fear of the dark was fear you wouldn't be protected from evil. You thought evil lurked in the dark, and it would hurt you/get you when you went into the dark. I won't tell you the reasons why, but that is the unbelief that is in you and has been in you since you were a little child. Some of that fear was born into you, and some of it was transferred by (the eyes of) your Mom, your Dad, and your siblings (and others like teachers, etc). Remember how it affected children when they saw their parents' fear when an earthquake came? Remember when you saw fear in G's eyes when your weather alarm went off? You watched your parents be fearful of not having enough financial provision, and it transferred into you too. You watched them be fearful and not taking adventures, not going places, not reaching out to other people, and you took on that same fear. You saw them fearful of health issues, like heart pain and stroke.

Now, by faith, you can believe in My Word when I say I will never leave you or forsake you, when I say I will heal all your diseases, when I say all these things will be given unto you if you put My kingdom first, etc. I have given you My Word for everything you'll ever

need, Joan. All you must do is, by faith, take the risk to come to belief. You have done a lot of that in many times, ways, and areas. Now there is more of that to do - regarding fear.

Prayer by Steve:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Father, help me learn how to do this whenever unbelief is unmasked in my life. Holy Spirit, I believe that You are faithful to help me. I believe, God, in Your great and precious promises. They are yes and amen in my life. So, now, Father, fill me with Your Holy Ghost. Fill those places

that have just been vacated because unbelief has gone. Fill those places with Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. Fill me tonight, Father, with Your Holy Spirit. Thank You, God. Fill us up, Father. More. Fill to overflowing, and let joy arise in us because of this freedom. Let joy arise, Father.

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

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

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

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

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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March 27, 2008

Today I reread the whole teaching notes and prayers from Steve Trullinger. Then I went to my bookcase to try to find the book by Francis Frangipane called *The Place of Immunity.* I didn't find it, but I did find a book by Beth Moore called *Believing God* which I had not yet read. It fits with what God is teaching me right now about going beyond doubt and fear through faith to belief. So I think I am to now read this book.

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

I'm not sure what this verse means, but He gave it to me today, so I'm writing it down and waiting to see how it is fulfilled. I believe this messenger (for me) is the Holy Spirit.

He is revealing to me that some of the "messengers" He has sent ahead of me are the authors of books and CD's (like Steve Trullinger) who learn something, communicate it by book, CD, talks, etc. and they prepare the way before me to learn that, to go there too. There are SO MANY who

have gone before me and are sharing their revelations with me. Thank You, God, for sending these messengers ahead of me to prepare the way before me. I am so blessed by You through them.

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March 28, 2008

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

> "One of the primary functions of the secret place is to be fed afresh each day in His Word." (p. 117)
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> **But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:2-3 NKJV)**
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> "As we meditate and feed in the Word of God, we are like trees that produce fruit because we have nutrients flowing into us." (p. 119)
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> **Jesus said, "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14 NKJV)**
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> "The Holy Spirit is like the water that helps us swallow the manna of the word. Feeding in the Word must always be complemented with drinking of the Spirit." (p. 119)
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> **None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. (Hebrews 8:11 NKJV)**
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> "God wants to lead you into a hidden place in Him where you develop your own unique connection with Him, and you come to know Him totally independently of everyone else. He wants you to develop your own secret history of communing with Him and knowing Him. No man is to teach you how to find this knowing relationship with God; the Holy Spirit Himself will be your teacher." (p. 119)

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March 29, 2008

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

This song was in my mind this morning as I was getting up and dressed…starting with "Silently now I wait for Thee." The thought is that He wants me to spend some Quiet Time this morning

waiting silently before Him, ready to see what He wants to reveal to me. So that is my plan for beginning my QT.

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March 31, 2008

These quotes from *Secrets of the Secret Place* by Bob Sorge ministered to me today:

> P. 128-131
> The secret place is a time machine, transporting us from our time zone to His. Here we step into the eternal and begin to view all of life from the perspective of the Ageless One who is without beginning or ending of days…
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> The closer you get to God, the more you realize He's in no hurry…
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> Once we press through and cross the boredom threshold, we open to the joys and adventures of waiting on God…
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> To wait successfully, we must come to derive more fulfillment by being with Him than by working for Him. When being with Him fully satisfies us, we can wait for as long as necessary - just as long as He stays with us…
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> **But to give you the fullness of what He has planned for your life, He will use the season of waiting to prepare you as a vessel, and also to prepare circumstances around your life so that you will be able to step forward into the proper sphere when His release comes to you**. He's waiting so that He can crown you with an even greater blessing…
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> Even though you may wait on God for many years, there is a day coming when God will change everything in a moment of time! He may take seemingly forever to get around to it, but once God moves, He can change everything in a day.

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I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:1 BSB3-14 NIV)

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

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

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

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

Today I am beginning to see **why** I don't need to fear when my enemies come against me - it is because I have asked the Lord that I may dwell in His house. Then, in the day of trouble, He will keep me safe in His dwelling. He will hide me; he will set me high upon a rock. He will exalt me above the enemies who surround me. The place of safety is "dwelling in His house" This is a promise that I am to believe exists - by faith. Lord, I choose to believe this promise from You, by faith. You are my light and my salvation. You are the stronghold of my life. So fear, be gone! Do not come near me. For I dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Thank You, Lord, for Your protection and Your presence.

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April 2, 2008

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

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

(Luke 12:51-53 NIV) "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Does that pertain to this person, Lord?

> *Yes, that pertains to her. She has made her decisions regarding what she chooses to believe and she doesn't want to have you discuss something different with her. She also has "Moses and the Prophets" which she can read and listen to.*
>
> *I want you to realize that while I was on earth, I didn't go around trying to "convince" people to believe in Me, but I just spoke what the Father told Me to speak, and trusted Him to bring to Me all those He did that to. I want you to also know that My Father draws*

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

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April 3, 2008

Quote from *Secrets of the secret place* by Bob Sorge, p 138:

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

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

(8-15-07)
It's time now for a great spiritual break through.

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

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

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

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

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

My peace is with you. When My peace is with you,

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

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April 8, 2008

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

He reminded me of what J told me about how the Spirit told her she wasn't a Christian (as an adult) when she thought she was. She went on to a complete commitment. I went on to a complete commitment too. But perhaps a friend of mine didn't go on to a complete commitment like in the parable of the sower and the seeds. In the third illustration Jesus says: **"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and *the desire for other things,* so no fruit is produced. (Mark 4:18-19 NLT)**

In this illustration Jesus says that there are four ways the seed (Word of God) is received:
1. The seed sown is taken away by Satan.
2. The seed is received with joy, but it doesn't last long. They fall away due to problems.
3. The message is crowded out by worries, lure of wealth, or the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.
4. The seed is heard, accepted, and then produces a harvest of much more than was planted.

There are many "pre-Christians" in this world, Joan, who "think" they are full Christians, but are not. They never have yet made that complete, full commitment to Me as Lord as well as Savior. They need to be discipled until they make that complete commitment. Then they are equipped to seek Me on their own. Until then, they are still in one of the first 3 categories you mentioned above: (1) seed taken away, (2) they fall away, or (3) there is no fruit and they seek other things.

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April 10, 2008

Today the Holy Spirit spoke to me regarding Beth's trip to Africa. He said she will learn a lot quickly during that trip due to the pressures she will be under. He will take care of her and bring

her back safely - as well as keep me safely during the time she is gone. Steve is a good teacher and mentor and she will learn a lot from him. The time is short so He must work quickly.

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April 12, 2008

Just rest in our relationship. It's just right for you and Me. It is quiet and peaceful - just as you like it and just what ministers to you. Rest in that. You don't have to seek "more" but you may if you like. I always have "more." It will be that way even in Eternity. I will always have "more." I will always be "more." You will never exhaust Me or grow tired of Me. I am the Eternal More. And, yes, you are with Me right now, and My presence is sufficient for you. It satisfies your every longing.

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April 21, 2008

I had a dream about people praying for us as children.

In a dream during the night I was talking with some family member, like maybe Julie. We (several of us) were discussing praying for a little child, and Julie made the comment that no one prayed for her when she was a little child. And I said something like they may well have prayed for her, but she just didn't know it and wasn't told about it. It seemed like a revelation to all of us what I was speaking. I awoke with the idea of this being a revelation to Julie and to us.

Interpretation: I felt this was a revelation to me that we just don't know who all prayed for us when we were born or even before we were born. The people who come to my mind are Gene and Elizabeth from my home church. They seemed like the kind of people who might have done that. I think they contributed to my going to church camp as a child. They may have also invested in prayers for me. Thank You, Lord, for all who invested in prayers of good for me.

The idea in my mind is the effectiveness of those random prayers I feel I want to make for various people (some of them people I don't even know) as I go through life.

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

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April 25, 2008

Beth felt today that she should go to Lakeland, FL to the revival there led by Todd Bentley. I agreed with her, so she arranged for her flight. She will visit Joyce and Edd and stay with them. We also got email from Jean who is going there and she asked for monetary help for her trip. We also heard that Debbie is going, and Pastors Joe and Alan.

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April 28, 2008

Today the Lord is giving me ideas on how He wants me to write and format my book called: *Stories of Miracles and Revival*. That's because the Revival is starting now and the stories will soon be ready to be written. I am to make this book just stories and the Holy Spirit showed me today to pattern the format after the books: *Chicken Soup For The Soul…*very simple with a title for each story…no teachings in between as I once thought about. He may give me some Scriptures to put in places, but maybe not. I am to do a Contents section like the Chicken Soup series does also. So I am going to work on that more today as well as continuing to proof-read the *Daily Devotional (Praying the Scriptures in the Secret Place).*

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May 5, 2008

Yesterday at church just as it ended, my back suddenly gave me deep heavy pressure pain in the lower back. It reminded me of the time in the past when my back felt similar after lifting and moving many heavy boxes. That put me in bed taking muscle relaxants for 1-2 weeks off and on. So I am wondering if I've put strain on my back. Also I wonder if this isn't a spiritual attack in a weak area of my body. Beth, Lee, Cassie, and Paula all prayed for my back, and Beth prayed several times more, and I prayed too. This morning it is much better! PTL!

Then this morning I had symptoms of an infection, so I started drinking cranberry juice and lots of liquids. It is better now as I write. Another attack!

We had such a phenomenal worship service at CTC yesterday as Pastor Alan told us about the Lakeland, FL revival and how they received the impartation to carry it back and pass it on to others. He had those who had gone form a fire tunnel and those who wanted to receive the fire to walk through it. It was wonderful! I got very hot before and during it from the heat generated. I was so hoping Pastor would do something like this so we could have the anointing of fire and revival placed upon us to take out to the places we go. That's one way this revival is traveling and growing. It is also growing and traveling by Internet and God TV to places all around the world instantaneously! Praise God, this is the great harvest! When all have come to Him who will come, then He will rapture His Church into heaven to be with Him - and then the tribulation will come.

Today in Quiet Time He told me to write the stories for the latest book *(Stories of Miracles and Revival)* in individual Word files, then put them into the actual book later as He leads me. So I will work on that today.

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May 8, 2008

STORY OF A GRADUAL HEALING

The Healing Of Joan's Back

This is a story of a gradual healing. Some healings come instantly and some come gradually. This back problem began on Sunday morning when I very suddenly felt a heavy painful sensation in my lower back. We were in church at the time and the church service had just ended. I told my daughter, Beth, about it so she took me over to Lee to have him pray for me. Lee is the leader of the Heartland Healing Room ministry which is headquartered in our church and serves the community praying for needs of people who come there. Lee prayed for me and then he had Beth pray for me since Beth had been trained to do that and she served in the Healing Room also. Beth continued to pray for me and she had Cassie join her in praying too. Cassie had previously gone on an African mission trip where they prayed for others to be healed. As I was leaving church to return home to rest my back, Paula wanted to pray for my back also, so she did.

My back gradually got better, a little bit at a time. I rested my back often over the next three days, and Beth prayed again and again for it. I also gave it the prayer strategy I call "Praying the Word" over it. This is where I pray Scripture promises from the Bible that speak of healing. I have a book written by Ruth Shinness called *Prayer Strategy Resource Book* in which she has printed Scripture promises on various topics (i.e. Healing, Praise, Children, Fear not, Love, Work, etc.) and she has written out a prayer based on those Scripture promises. I turned to the pages on Healing, and began to pray those Scriptures over my back. I would pick up the book and pray a new Scripture listed on the Healing pages several times throughout the day, so my back continued to be covered with personal prayer and Scriptural promises.

By Wednesday night I felt totally free of the back pain! This was a marvelous work of the Lord done gradually on my back. None of us did the healing. We called on the Lord, and He did the healing! He fulfilled His Word! Praise Him!!!

Joan Royer
May 8, 2008

The book *Prayer Strategy Resource Book* by Ruth Shinness can be gotten from her web site: www.prayerstrategy.com or she can be contacted at Ruth Shinness, 2539E. 450 N, Anderson, IN 46012-9518. Also by email at PrayerStrategy@juno.com or by phone at 765-643-0612.

Here are some samples from her book. The bold print is her prayer and the regular print is the Scripture.

I rejoice, for Your Word has healed me and delivered me from destruction. Psalm 107:20 KJV He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

We are confessing our sins to one another and praying for each other, so now we can live together whole and healed. James 5:16 MSG Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

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May 19, 2008

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

> *And you found that treasure in 1971 through the books you read and the tapes you listened to. You asked Me what to do about it, and I told you to go to CFO camp. I knew that was one thing you could do to follow Me and be away from home. It would be ok. Then, you made a complete commitment to Me at CFO and gained more of My Kingdom. From then on you have kept gaining more and more of My Kingdom…first by putting Me ahead of your husband, then your finances, and then even your children. It has been first in your life ever since then in 1971. I am now your everything…your all in all. You "sold all that you had" and "bought that field." I am that field. I am the Kingdom of Heaven, Joan. You gave up all to purchase Me, and I gave up all to purchase you.*

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

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

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

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

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV)

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

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12 NIV)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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May 24, 2008

As I was reading the Scripture Psalm 139:14-18 NIV

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

The Spirit began to enable me to see that He knew about me before I was even born, and He knew what I would think and do. He reminded me that recently He taught me that I didn't have to agonize

over any decision to find an answer - I just had to come to Him, ask Him to show me the answer, and He would do that for me.

He indicated He wanted me to care about whether people went to heaven or hell, and He had put that "caring" in me. And He would activate that "caring" at the times He wants me to show that to others.

But, right now, He wants me to place ____ in His hands and let Him take care of them. He knows my concern. He knows exactly what they think, whether they belong to Him or not, and how much longer they have to live on this earth. He knew before they were born whether they would come to Him or not. So I place them in His hands right now, today. I ask Him to bring them to salvation before they leave this earth. I ask Him to save them eternally. He asks me if I trust Him…and I do. So I place them in His hands for salvation. I ask Him to send the truth to them in time for salvation and to prepare their souls to receive that truth.

And I also place in His care all my brothers and sisters and their extended families. I pray He brings each of them to salvation. I also ask Him to renew, restore, and revive K and J. These are all my close relatives I am praying for today (and have prayed for many many times).

> *Then I will bring them as close as I can to salvation, Joan. I will not make the decision for them, but I will do all that's necessary for them to make the decision to belong to Me. So now, whenever you get anxious about their salvation, remember this and give them over into My hands again. "Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your heart AND MIND, in Christ Jesus."*

And now I am to declare this.

So, in the name of Jesus, I declare that God will draw to Himself and bring the truth about salvation to these loved ones of mine, with an understanding of the consequences of that decision. That's all He can do, and that's all I can do. The decisions are theirs. I declare this ALL in the name of Jesus. Amen.

> *Now - they are in My hands, Joan. Trust Me with them. Will you? Put them in My hands again and again if you need to, whenever the anxiety comes. It isn't abdicating your duty to give them over to Me. It is performing your duty to them, for I am the only One who can save them. AND I WILL DO ALL THAT I CAN.*

Thank You, God!

One of the secrets of God is that I can do nothing by myself. "Without Him I can do nothing."

Another secret: He taught me that I didn't have to agonize over any decision to find an answer - I just had to come to Him, ask Him to show me the answer, and He would do that for me.

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June 7, 2008

Today as I was reading in Proverbs 19, these two verses caught my attention:

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord - and he will repay you! (Proverbs 19:17 NLT)

Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life. (Proverbs 19:20)

To add to The Secrets of God book:

What we sow we reap.
Give and it will be given unto you.
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

> "We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. 'No man can come to me,' said the Lord, 'except the Father which hath sent me draw him' and it is by this prevenient *drawing* that God takes from us every vestige of credit for the act of coming. **The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him**…On our part there must be positive reciprocation if this secret drawing of God is to eventuate in identifiable experience of the Divine." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pp. 11-12)
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> "I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. **Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted."** (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 17)
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> "When the Lord divided Canaan among the tribes of Israel, Levi received no share of the land. God said to him simply, 'I am thy part and thine inheritance,' and by those words made him richer than all his brethren, richer than all the kings and rajas who have ever lived in the world. And there is a spiritual principle here, a principle still valid for every priest of the Most High God. **The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One**….having the Source of all things he has in One all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight. Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 19)
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> "Now he was a man wholly surrendered (after giving up Isaac), a man utterly obedient, a man who possessed nothing…I have said that Abraham possessed nothing. Yet was not this poor man rich? Everything he had owned before was his still to enjoy: sheep, camels, herds and goods of every sort. He had also his wife and his friends, and best of all he had his son Isaac safe by his side. **He had everything, *but he possessed nothing.* There is the spiritual secret.** There is the sweet theology of the heart which can be learned only in the school of renunciation." (*The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer, pg. 27)

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

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

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June 10, 2008

I had a dream about searching for my purse which was in the Pastor's car. The purse represents my treasure, and the Pastor refers to Jesus. The car is my ministry which is really His ministry through me. To find my purse I needed to position myself in the light to see well. Food was the "treasure" in my purse. In the dream I was called by a new name: Kara/Cara.

What does the name mean? Cara means beloved, chosen. Scripture is **Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 25:34 NKJV)** Kara means pure, cherished. Scripture is **For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. (Psalm 36:9 NKJV)**

My interpretation: Jesus was the Pastor who was to teach us. I had come to the meeting in His car, i.e. His ministry. My purse, my identity, my heart were "in" His ministry. I could eat from that purse the food I needed. I needed to be sure to place myself in His light so I could learn well and see well. We were to come as small children in our hearts and maybe even have some fun (toys) in the meeting. Jesus told me (by calling me Cara/Kara) that I was beloved, chosen, pure, and cherished. I was blessed of My Father and inheriting the kingdom; He is my fountain of life and my Light.

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June 13, 2008

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

My sister decided to join the group so I stood with her waiting to introduce her to the conductor and tell him she wanted to sing with the group also. It was the last night one could join the group.

The conductor was talking to someone saying there were 32 in the group, and I planned to tell him she would bring the number to 33.

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

Singing numbers may symbolize counting something or the timing of something - in this case it may represent counting down until the Rapture when we, the worshippers, would do our worship in heaven.

I am reminded of a previous dream (many years ago) when I was part of an orchestra playing under Jesus' direction when the music sheet before me had 9 numbers on it instead of musical notes.

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

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

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

> *Yes, this is good. You have discerned the basic/main idea of the God-given dream…and it IS God-given. The time is short for people to decide to join Me, worship Me, be My Bride/My Church. Numbers indicate timing in this dream…and you were worshipping regarding My timing for the finalizing of who is part of My Church. It's the last "day" or time to join it. You join it by worshipping Me with your whole heart - setting yourself apart unto Me, letting Me be your Conductor/Director, singing along with Me.*
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> *The time is here, Joan, and it is now, when the choice must be made to follow Me. Soon "the darkness will come during which no man can work." It is still "day," but not for long. It is the "last day."*
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> ***Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you! (Matthew 25:34b NLT)***

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June 19, 2008

For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land." She went away

and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. (1 Kings 17:14-16 NIV)

This morning as I was reading 1 Kings 17:14-16 the Spirit began telling me that He would do that for me too - that whatever I have stored in the house to eat, drink, etc. **will be added to or multiplied or replaced as I need it** to live (and to share with others in need as He leads me). He has recently been leading me to spend extra money to store up food, medicines, water, paper products, and cleaning supplies to have on hand in case a shortage comes due to economic difficulties our country is dealing with right now (due to high gas prices causing many things to increase in price)

As I read through some of my Scripture notebook regarding Prosperity, I read Job 22:28 and decreed the above promise from the Lord.

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways. (Job 22:28 KJV)

So now I am believing that "it shall be established unto me" and that it is already established unto me.

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June 22, 2008

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

My interpretation: In the first part of the dream I was in my dorm room at college. I think this means I was on earth which is my place of learning while here. There was a fire coming close to my dorm. This fire represents revival coming close to this earth, setting things on fire as it comes. Preparing my things to leave may refer to getting ready for the Rapture.

I saw out the window that the fire was quite close and then I saw something thick (like applesauce) going past the window. It represented to me something to keep the fire from getting to my dorm, but it also kept me enclosed inside the building. This is a revelation (window) showing me that I am being enclosed in the cloud of protection of God so the things being burned will not hurt me or take away my place of safety. It could also represent the covering of my window of revelation so I don't see what's happening with the fire.

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2. In the second part of the dream series I was packing my dorm room stuff into two large suitcase-like containers. One was especially long and was lying open.

Interpretation: none at this time

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

Interpretation: Ben, Shirley and I represent Christians. We were on an area of land with water near it. The water represents humanity/people. Ben walked through a shallow section of water to go up a hill, and came back. This may represent walking among the people of the world with spirituality all around him - led by his beliefs. I went through the same section of shallow water which means the same thing. The hillside may refer to a place or time of loftiness spiritually. When I was coming back from the hillside (this may mean revelation after being in the Lord's presence), I noticed a section of land with a house on it. A house can refer to me, my church, a person or family, a dwelling place, or possibly the mind. It was over to my left and was sticking up out of the water. This could refer to having attention drawn to it out of all the water (people) area. The land below the house was eroded away so it looked like it was sitting on a pedestal. This could refer to the foundation holding the house is eroding away and growing less stable. When I drew a picture, the shape of the land the house was on reminded me of the shape of an atomic bomb explosion cloud with water all around that little island-like area. This may refer to a house/place being bombed (?). It was isolated from other lands by the water. I wonder if this might refer to Israel since it is almost completely surrounded by the waters of the Islam nations. Since this is something I "saw" as I came down from the hill, it may represent a revelation about some people or place which the Lord is showing me.

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

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I revisited the dream again on 8-20-08, as led by the Spirit, for more interpretation. At that time the Holy Spirit asked me a series of questions about the symbols in the dreams:

> *What does the fire represent?*

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

What does the applesauce represent?

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

What do the suitcases represent?

Suitcases may represent a place to store things you need to have with you during a journey. It reminds me today (8-20-08) of the food storage Beth and I are doing to be prepared for some difficult time coming prophesied by Rick Joyner and Perry Stone. The large size of the suitcase would fit with that.

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

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

What does Ben represent?

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

What does going up a hill represent?

I think it represents coming apart with Jesus to draw closer to Him and hear Him. The Holy Spirit says I come to the hill of the Lord every day for instructions.

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

Does it represent me, Lord?

Yes, it represents you set up high above the turbulent waters of the world below you. It is like being on an island by yourself away from what is going on around you. This represents the place I have set you apart to live during this coming time (from now on). You can come apart unto Me and climb the hill to reach Me daily, then come back down, but live above the "fray" in the world - for there will be much "fray" going on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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June 23, 2008

Today Lisa and I went with Beth to the KC airport for her flight from there to Detroit. She only had a 40 minute layover in Detroit before leaving for Amsterdam, and I was concerned that wasn't enough time (so was Beth). Then the airline told her that her flight was going to be 15 min. late, and we were more concerned. Then the airline paged her and transferred her to a different flight since hers to Detroit was going to be delayed more than 15 minutes - maybe 30 minutes or so. So they put her on an earlier flight to Minneapolis, and then on a flight to Amsterdam from there. That meant she wouldn't meet up with her Mission Team until Amsterdam. We were both thankful she would be able to make that flight ok, and not miss her Detroit connection.

In the evening I watched the Lakeland outpouring where there was a commissioning service for Todd Bentley to show support and unity with him from many others in Christian leadership: Che Ahn, John Arnott, Rick Joyner, Bill Johnson, Stacy and Wes Campbell, and many others. It was very exciting and had many prophetic words regarding Todd and the Florida outpouring.

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June 14, 2008

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

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

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

"And enemy did this," he replied.

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

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

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

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

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

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June 27, 2008

Wow! Lord! You have given me your peace and comfort each day and each night since Beth left and I've been living alone. You are so good to me! Thank You!

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June 28, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A PINE TREE CUT OFF ABOVE THE ROOTS

In this dream I saw a pine tree which had been cut off through the trunk above the ground. There were two pieces: (1) from the roots up including the base/bottom of the tree trunk,

and (2) from the base of the trunk up to the tip of this small pine tree. The roots and bottom of the trunk were big and wide (about 2 ft. in diameter) like an old tree would be. I saw this wide expanse of wood where the tree was cut off. But the top part of the tree was small (its trunk about 1/2 inch in diameter, and about 2 ft. high) like a much younger tree. I saw this small pencil-thin trunk of the young tree sticking down below the evergreen branches. When I found it, I wanted to replant each part to see if the top part would grow roots and live, and to see if the bottom part would grow a new top section and live. I looked around the outside of the house near me at possibilities of places to plant the tree parts, but didn't yet get them planted before I awoke. The house didn't seem like it was mine because I thought I needed to ask the woman who lived there if it was ok to plant the parts of the tree in the places I picked.

Interpretation: My first thoughts are that this root and base of a big old tree may symbolize the Church (or its leaders) with its old root system, old ways of thinking, stubborn, unbelief, wanting things to stay the same as they were. The new small section of the tree may symbolize the new, fresh, new life, revival that is going on now (in Lakeland, FL) which was completely cut off from the old. In the dream I can see that these two parts cannot live together anymore, and I desire to help each part to grow and be replanted in soil.

The unknown woman (the owner of the house) might then represent God, God's messenger/angel, or the church since it was her house and property. The house could symbolize the Church. This could be a dream showing me that the old and the new parts of the Church are cut apart forever and don't fit together anymore. But I wanted both to be replanted so they could grow. I didn't get an answer from the woman in the dream as to where to replant them. Since I have been watching the Lakeland, FL revival each night before I go to bed, I think this dream might relate to that.

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

Yes, you are close, and yes, there is something more I want to tell you.

Think of this tree as being formerly one tree, not separated. Something cut the two parts of the tree trunk apart. It wasn't a break, but it was a clean cut, like a knife or sword cut it apart. That knife or sword could be the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

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

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

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July 4, 2008

Text message from Beth in Uganda: Great day! Many set free today, July 4th. No time to talk. Neck & shoulder pain better, but not quite gone. Prison visit tomorrow. Have enough energy. Thx for praying!

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July 6, 2008

Text message from Beth in Uganda: Very good day. 1000+ healed! My testimony went well. Leave for Kampala 2:30 am CDT tomorrow. Hope it's cooler and drier there. Terribly humid now. Trying to sleep.

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July 7, 2008

Text message from Beth in Uganda: Doing much better. Only one more episode after my earlier message. I asked some of the team to pray for me too. I'll email tonight or tomorrow.

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

- Everything He is, is inside me, all His power, authority, provision, protection, wisdom, understanding, health, and healing. They are all in my spirit because He is inside me in my spirit. I can call it forth in Jesus' name at any time.
- He owns everything: all gold, silver, copper, etc. like being a millionaire or billionaire. To a millionaire spending the amount to stay at the retirement home would be a tiny amount. I am to see this amount from His perspective, knowing He has the cattle on a thousand hills. I am not to see it from my previous poverty perspective.

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July 9, 2008

Today is the day Beth returns from Uganda. She is right now on her flight from Amsterdam to Detroit where she will catch the final flight from Detroit to KC. Robyn and I will go to the KCI airport and pick her up around 1:10 p.m. Yeah!

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On the news this morning Iran tested ballistic missile rockets that could reach as far as Israel. It could be a response to Israel's doing flight maneuvers recently demonstrating they could send planes as far as Iran to bomb it. The showing of forces and possible intent seems to have gone to a higher level. Eventually I imagine the actual encounter between the two countries will happen in what is referred to as "World War 3." I don't know if this will take place before or after the rapture.

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Some notes I've made during the last couple of weeks that I want to put in my journal:

> Dr. David Jeremiah: "Sometimes God uses pain to do what only suffering can accomplish. Example: Paul's thorn in the flesh.

Andrew Wommack: (www.awmi.net) Order his book *Spirit, Soul and Body* (#T 318) $9.00 or any amount. Andrew Wommack Ministry, P O Box 3333, Colorado Springs, CO 80934 (719-635-1111) Also order free booklet "God Wants You Well" from web site. As I have listened to AW teach on Daystar at 7:30 a.m. M-F, I've learned much about Spirit, Soul and Body. I found that his web site has many years (2000-2008) of programs in archives that I can listen to. It also has many articles I can read and print out. It's like having a whole library available which I want to use. Thank You, God, for this wealth!

A new movie coming out in September by the makers of *Facing The Giants* with an all volunteer cast (and Kirk Cameron as the male lead) is called "Fireproof". It is about marriage. Their first movie was called "Flywheel". I might see if it is available to rent.

Last night from 10-11:00 p.m. on TBN I watched a special during the PTL time slot by Perry Stone. He was teaching at The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL. It was titled "Temple and Tomb" It gave much very interesting information from his studies which I would like to hear again. I want to try to find this in the archives at www.perrystone.org or www.tbn.org. If I can find it, I want to tell Joyce about it too.

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July 14, 2008

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

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV)

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

> (p. 104-105)

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

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

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

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

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July 16, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A FLY IN FRONT OF MY RIGHT EYE

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

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

He brought to my attention that it was in front of my right eye, not my left eye. **Eyes** symbolize vision, omniscience, knowledge, sight, insight, foresight.

Right symbolizes natural, authority, the power of God revealed through flesh (i.e. Christ or the Church)

Interpretation: So it shows something Satanic trying to block the vision or insight or revelation shown through the power of God revealed through flesh.

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

What do I call it, Lord?

You call it exactly what I just called it.

I did that and He said,

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

Thank You, God!!!

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July 17, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT INTERCESSION AND DUANE

I was walking through a narrow hallway and ran into Duane. We hugged awhile. We seemed to be cooperating on some intercession project which involved using the telephone. The message was that the phone lines were down at that time.

There was something in the dream regarding my sitting in a car along the street outside the home of some leader and praying for that leader. It seemed to be effective. I seemed to be telling others in the choir about this.

Duane and I, who were both singing in the choir, had been pressured into singing a duet together by the music director. Neither of us sought that out, nor did we want to do that, but were pushed into doing it, so we did.

There was also something about praying for the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit was depicted as two blade-like things inside someone's chest that we or I prayed for.

Interpretation:
My first impression upon waking up is that these dreams are about intercession, especially since Duane is a well-known intercessor in my church. Walking down a hallway refers to going through a transition. Hugging Duane in this hallway means we will be cooperating or working together on an intercession project during this transition time. The phone lines being down may mean the message or intercession was not getting through to the place where we were sending it.

Sitting in a car along the street and praying: this refers to me having a ministry (car) along life's way (street) of intercession for others, maybe especially those in authority (especially for the Presidential candidates since John McCain will be in KC today). The dream is encouraging me that this is being effective.

Singing in the choir together refers to worshipping together - those at CTC and those belonging to Jesus. This depicts us being pushed by the worship leader (Jesus) into interceding together (singing together with Duane). We did it due to the pressure put upon us.

There was also intercession for the fruit of the Spirit to be formed and increased in the heart (chest) of other people. We prayed for double (two blades) the fruit.

This dream sequence is a call to prayer and an encouragement to keep praying. We need to seek God for the hindrance to the prayer shown here.

This is the time for you to "embrace" intercession…your highest intercession. It must take you through the time of transition that you and the world are in now. It must be coupled together (duet) with worship. It must be for the leadership of your country, and for the fruit of the Spirit to be doubled in My people's hearts. As the fruit of My Spirit is doubled in My people's lives, they will reach out to others with more love and compassion - thereby winning them to Me.

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

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

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

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Later in meditation the Holy Spirit spoke to me regarding my going to the retirement home. He said I'm there to serve them, not to profit for myself. I am to be as Beth was in Africa - there to serve the people. I am to love, edify, encourage, and pray for the people there.

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July 18, 2008

Today I talked to the Lord asking if I was doing what He wanted me to, since it sometimes doesn't seem as if I am doing much for Him with the time I have. He reminded me that the intercession I do is what He wants me to do, AND that I am helping Him by being here for Beth. I am to help

keep a sense of stability in her home to help her deal with the traumatic things she sometimes has to live through (like today having someone on her work team fired).

And I help by bringing her attention to things which are good for her to read or hear or know (like the recent book *Praying The Bible* by Wesley and Stacey Campbell). He reminded me that I said I wanted to stay on this earth as long as I am helpful to my daughters, and I am still helpful to Beth…especially helping her readjust when she returned from Africa, was sick for days, needed someone to get meds for her, cook for her, etc. So that is the sacrifice I am to make to do what He wants me to do right now…the sacrifice being that I sometimes feel like I'm not doing enough in His kingdom work.

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

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

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July 20, 2008

A quote which I heard during a teaching (I don't know who was doing it - Maybe Andrew Wommack): "Faith is voice-activated." We have to operate as God operates - speak it into being.

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July 23, 2008

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

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

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

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

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July 25, 2008

I am restless today, Lord.

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

Why, Lord?

You don't need to know why. Just accept the fact that they are. I can use restless days to My glory also. Dedicate your day to Me, no matter HOW you feel.

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

OK, this is good.

Each person is to have a "one-of-a-kind," unique relationship with Me. She [Terri] has her way and you have your way, and each way is right for you. I DON'T WANT you to be like her or her to be like you. You may tell Terri that if the occasion comes.

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

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

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

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

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

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July 28, 2008

I had a dream, which I was discussing with the Lord, and He said:

I gave you this dream. So what does it mean, Joan? It means that the revival celebration is very close and you are inviting your close friends to come and participate. Ben and Shirley represent people who are very interested in this, but have other commitments that might keep them away during the celebration time. I'm not saying what they are doing is bad, but it's just not what you are doing and what you have invited them to participate in. You are to not be judgmental of them, but accepting and loving and caring. What they are doing may be important to Me too.

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

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QUIET TIME NOTES

This morning in my Quiet Time I read Mark 6:45-56. At the place where Jesus spoke, "Don't be afraid; take courage; I am here!" He said those words were for me, now, today, and during the time to come. In the footnotes it indicates that "I am here" can be read "The I AM is here." What a great encouragement! The I AM is with me and will be with me, so I am not to be afraid of what is coming and I am to take courage during these times. I felt this was for my children also: Beth, Kim, and John.

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

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August 3, 2008

In a dream I was walking quickly down a long tunnel to go to some other place. This long tunnel may represent my journey here on earth. This is a transition time leading to heaven, my eventual destination. In the dream I was alone and was concerned about my safety if anyone else came along there. This shows my concern for my safety while on earth, a genuine concern for me. Some people came up behind me, and I saw Ben there with Shirley. I was very relieved to see Ben, as I felt safe with him. After I awoke and thought about it, it seemed like Ben may represent Jesus in this dream, especially since he portrayed Jesus in our Easter pageant sometimes, and he is one of the finest Christian men I know. Shirley may represent his bride, like the church is the bride of Christ. My safety is in Jesus and in His Bride.

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In another dream I was riding in a car which may represent my ministry. Beside me was Jesus and He comforted me with His strength when my own was inadequate, and I clung to Him. He "knew" me. The car ride may have represented my earthly journey and I was not the one driving it, but was in the back seat riding in it.

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August 4, 2008

In a dream I was lying down on a highway holding a pillow. This dream shows me resting on a highway representing the way, the Christian faith, the way of life, or Christ, the Way. This shows contentment with who I am and where I am in my Christian journey. In the dream it showed it was ok if others went farther than I did or went around me.

The name Andrew was spoken over and over. Andrew means courageous, enduring. **Psalm 27:1 KJV "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?"**

The number four was on my ID tag. Four symbolizes reign, rule, kingdom, creation, or world. It seemed I was signed up for something with Andrew, but my ID number was tiny and well hidden.

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August 5, 2008

In my Quiet Time notes for today I wrote this message from the Holy Spirit:

> *Rosh Hashanna will be a very special day for you - a day of new beginnings, a day of great joy and rejoicing - a day I am pleased with. You will come with Me to My place of abode high above the earth. I will be your King and you will be My lovely Bride and My sister. From then on we will always be together. Never will you have to navigate on your own, as we will eternally communicate moment by moment through our eternal spirits. It will be as you have imagined was in the Garden of Eden - open love and communication.*

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

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August 6, 2008

In a dream the first scene symbolized my having communion with the Church. I had received a Word from the Lord about writing out plans for drawing close to God and worshipping Him. I showed this to the Church. The Lord came close to us as I shared this with others.

In the second scene a fireplace symbolized my heart - shown as very huge and having everything needed to burn exceedingly well. It was also strong, with permanence, with a witness and testimony regarding the Word. It was useful for burning/reviving humanity - that which is temporary, flesh, or spiritual building material. It had excellent air intake - which represents having the Holy Spirit.

The third scene was about me, my calling, my dwelling place. It was the same as Ben and Shirley's calling who represent the Lord Jesus and His Bride. So my calling shown here is to do as Jesus did, as the Church is called to do. The Church is preparing for fire burning, for revival, for purifying, for heat and passion, for the presence and holiness of God, for power, and for testing. It is a powerful work, a slow but powerful ministry. God's messenger/angel and/or Spirit are with me. The amount of firewood for burning is double and there is more to keep burning. It is immediate, now, current and/or in the future.

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

It's both. What you have already done is good. There may be more writing to come, but I will tell you what and when to do that. It will come through My Word to you. The fires of revival are already kindled and already burning. Remember it's a long slow work, but powerful. It (the fire) is traveling across your country right now, and around the world. It will not stop until all of My Bride is called out, purified, made ready, and passionate for Me. Yes, Shirley represents My Bride and Ben represents Me. Now you can know that in future dreams and past ones you may reread.

What is My part in the revival, Lord?

Your part is to pray for it as often as I bring that idea to you. You can also write as I show you what to write. My telling you to write STORIES OF MIRACLES AND REVIVAL was to alert you to know miracles and revival were imminent. They are upon us. You can pray for them too. Don't write them unless I tell you to. That's why you haven't gotten anywhere on that book, because it isn't yet time to write it. Just leave that book as it is for now. I'll tell you if and when I want you to work on it again.

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August 7, 2008

QUIET TIME NOTES

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

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

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August 9, 2008

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

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

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

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

A key to revival: stay in the tabernacle; remain when the oil is upon you.

When Todd taught this, the Holy Spirit said to me:

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

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

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

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August 10, 2008

During the night the Lord told me comforting words/ideas and I'm trying to remember this morning what they were. I'm not sure. However they might have been regarding my desire to live a quiet peaceful life the rest of my days on earth. The Lord has indicated that it will take some overcoming to do that, and He will help me do that. He indicates that it is ok if I live quiet peaceful days the rest of my life and that I don't need to feel I am choosing the wrong way, or the too easy way. He indicates that I can "receive" the gift of having quiet peaceful days from Him. He would like to give me that. So I "received" that from Him. Anyway that happened at some time recently in my quiet time or else that was what He and I discussed during the night last night.

When this was resolved last night I opened my eyes and the digital clock said 333! I felt that was a God-given sign this was from Him! Previous to going to bed I had been reading Derek Prince's book (below) and the question was in my mind about whether I was settling for a lesser way or the wrong way in my walk with the Lord. I didn't want to be like the 5 foolish virgins who didn't have enough oil. I didn't want to be one who experienced the "weeping and gnashing of teeth." So I think His assurance during the night was to comfort me in these concerns.

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

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

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

1. Jesus' first use of this phrase, found in Matthew 8:12 NLT, refers to "the sons of the kingdom." Jesus is speaking to His fellow Jews and saying, "You are rejecting Me, but the Gentiles will come. They will enter the Kingdom, and you will be shut out. And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." These are people who have known it all, who had every opportunity but never availed themselves.
2. In Matthew 13:42 NKJV this phrase is used of the people who are the tares in the wheat field, looking exactly like the wheat but never producing fruit. Jesus says the angels will come and root them up and "cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." All their lives these people have been close to it, right in the middle of it, but they never entered into it.
3. In Matthew 22:12-13 NKJV, in the parable of the wedding feast, there is one guest who comes in without a wedding garment. Actually, he did not even have to buy his wedding garment -- the host provided it. So it is sheer audacity and presumption to walk in without

one. When the master of the feast sees him, he says, "How did you come in here without a wedding garment?" The man is speechless. The master says, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Again, we see that this is somebody who knows all about it. He had received an invitation to the feast but he did not bother to put on the appropriate garment, which is the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

4. In Matthew 25:30 NKJV, we find the "one talent" servant, and again it involves weeping and gnashing of teeth.
5. Finally, in Luke 13:26-28, there are people who say to Jesus, "We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets." And Jesus says to them, "I do not know you…Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity." And outside there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Regarding The Ten Virgins p. 104-105

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regarding buying gold: The church at Laodicea (pg. 107)

Jesus said to them: "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed." (p. 106)

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

The foolish virgins who have to go buy oil find that it is too late. When they return, the door is shut, and Jesus says, "I never knew you." I understand that to mean they were

never among God's elect. They had come in, but God knew they would never pass the test.

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

I asked the Lord if I was doing what He wanted me to do, or if I was being lazy and not doing what he wanted. His answer:

Are you being lazy, Joan? No! You spend your time seeking Me, talking to Me, listening to Me, and doing just as I lead you. Remember I said once that it might be harder to "do nothing" if that is what I said to do, than "do something" like hand out tracts. I am training you to listen to Me and follow Me. You ARE one of God's elect. You ARE passing the tests being given you, since you are listening to Me and following Me. That's what I counseled you many years ago - to "follow Me." That is another way you "buy gold". You listen to Me and follow Me. That is another way to "store up oil" - to always listen to Me and follow Me. You are doing all three of the things Derek mentioned: prayer, Bible reading, and waiting on God. Be assured you are among the elect, that you have extra oil, and that you have already bought gold from Me…you have paid the price and are still paying it every day.

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

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

Yes, it IS a hardship whenever it comes to worldly things - like having fun, having material things more money could buy, having fame, wealth, power, etc. These are things which you have voluntarily given up. These are things which are the price you have paid to follow Me. There are more "prices" you have paid than you realize (for instance, your marriage and the worldly comforts it held). Because You love Me so much, and desire to be with Me so much, these prices seem small and insignificant to you. But, to Me, they are not small and insignificant. You are like those disciples who gave up all to follow Me. You are receiving back 100-fold while on this earth in the delight and joy you are receiving in being in right relationship with Me and seeing this relationship grow day by day. You will receive many treasures in heaven which are, even now, being stored up there for you. And realize that you are under great attack, even now, as you question over and over if what you are doing for Me is sufficient for buying gold and receiving extra oil. That attack is part of the price you are paying. Counter those attacks, whenever you have them, with the truth from My Word, and from what I tell you in our private conversations (which NEVER conflicts with My Word - if you think it does at any time, be sure to ask Me about that so I can explain it).

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August 11, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT GIVING MY PIANO STUDENTS CANDLES TO LIGHT

In this dream I prepared 2 small candles to give to each of my piano students to light. The candles were long and narrow and encased in metal. If you crossed the 2, they made the shape of the cross and could be lit like that. I also prepared some flowers to give the students at the same time. It seemed I wanted to give them out at some special celebration day.

Interpretation:

What does this dream mean, Lord?

What do you think, Joan?

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

This process of what is done with the 2 candles shows a dividing, judging, separating, and/or co-laboring with the Spirit. I can either burn the candles without putting them in the shape of a cross, or I can burn them in the shape of a cross. Perhaps this represents my going on in my life as a person shaped like the cross or not. Perhaps it refers to whether I am willing to give up my "self" completely to God, or will hold some of my "self" back, not submitted. How do I want my own candle to burn? My hope is in the cross of Christ. So I want to burn, be ignited, by the cross and my relationship to it visible to others as I shine forth Christ's light and fragrance to others.

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

Is that what you want to do, Joan?

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

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

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

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

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

And that's the lesson of this dream. That's why I wanted you to write it down. That's why I gave it to you, and gave you time to write it out this morning. It's time to do this. This will show the light to others that I give you (as I am the light of the world), and the fragrance to others that I give you. It is a gift to those who learn from you, and what you do, and who you are in Me.

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

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

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

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

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

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August 12, 2008

You see, the Rapture is to take out those who have a lot of the Holy Spirit in them. They are the ones containing that (Holy Spirit) which restrains the Antichrist from coming forth openly. So I have to take them out to allow the Antichrist to come out of seclusion or hiding. In other words, he can reveal who he REALLY is after the restraining effect of the Holy Spirit has left the earth. So that is what the story of the wise and foolish virgins refers to - the taking out of the earth realm those who have a large portion of the Holy

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

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

What does Jesus promise for those who remain faithful? "He who endures to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13 NKJV)…Thank God, we are saved now. But if we want to stay saved, we have to endure. There is really only one way to learn endurance: by enduring. Endurance is God's preparation for what lies ahead. We should not complain about it. Scripture says, **Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience [endurance, NASB]. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4 NKJV)** For us to be perfect and complete, we have to let endurance have its perfect work. That is the key to survival.

(p. 70-71)
Jesus goes on to say: **"Unless those days were shortened, no flesh [human being] would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (Matthew 24:22 NKJV).**

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

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

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

(p. 126-7)

Excluded from the Kingdom

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

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

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

(p. 157-8)
Now for the promise - a beautiful and familiar promise of blessing for those who align themselves with God's purposes for Jerusalem, for Israel and for God's people: **"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6 KJV)….**

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

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

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This above paragraph touches me especially because it confirms what the Holy Spirit has told me about my being at ease, having peace and rest during the rest of my days on earth. This is the prosperity He talked about in the Psalm 122:6 NLT passage: **Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper.**

As I saw the word "Hebrew" in the above quoted paragraph, the Holy Spirit began to speak to me regarding something in a dream on 8-3-08 about going to Hebrew Street:

You are on Hebrew Street when you study and grow to understand My plan and purpose for the Hebrews, My chosen people, as well as for the Church, My chosen people. You have studied a lot about the Church, but not a lot about My Hebrews who are also chosen. I want you to learn more about Hebrew Street. That is what I showed you in that dream about going to Hebrew Street. Street is the way or pathway or journey. So that means the journey of My Hebrews. You are doing that more in this book by Derek Prince.

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

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

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August 13, 2008

Yesterday at the dental yearly cleaning and checkup (paid for by my insurance) I was told I had a filling loose which needed to be replaced, and eventually would need 2 crowns on teeth that were cracked and occasionally produced pain when I chewed on them. The filling would cost $135 and each crown was over $900. So today I was praying about that need because I don't have the money for the crowns and don't want to spend my limited funds for the filling.

The Lord says He is fixing my teeth right now and I don't need to go to the dentist anymore. I can cancel my appointment for August 26 to have a filling replaced. He says:

Now trust Me and act on that - My Word.

Will you confirm that in Your Scripture, Lord?

Yes, I will soon. Go ahead and read more in My Word now.

Today the Lord led me to ask Him (God) to heal my feet from sharp pains and to heal my teeth, gums, and jaws - all in the name of Jesus…according to John 16:23-24 where He tells us to "ask using my name." I think that is the answer to His confirming in His Word that I am to trust in Him and act on His Word. So I asked using His name.

Later, on the evening news, there was an article about free dentist service for people who can't afford it, and said there was a list on the news service' web site. I went there and printed out the list. However I felt that was just a test to see if I would trust the Lord for healing my teeth problems (1 filling and 2 crowns needed) or trust in man. When I told Beth about it later she said she thought the list was a "tremendous substitute" for what God really wanted to do and that taking away the monetary reason for not being able to afford dental service showed whether that would get me to go a different way than the Lord is leading. I agreed with what she said.

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August 15, 2008

Your ministry right now is a ministry of seclusion in which I keep having you draw near to Me. I am teaching you and training you in the way that I have chosen for you. You have received and accepted that plan/way. I know you don't see the results of the prayer I have

you do, but you must trust in Me by faith that it is effective. Remember "the effective prayer of a righteous person avails much." Will you receive this ministry for Me?

Yes, Lord.

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

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

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

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August 16, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A PARADE AND A CAFETERIA REGARDING THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

In this dream there was going to be a parade. One thing in the parade was a picture/banner of what was being broadcast on TV regarding the Presidential candidates. A dinner was being prepared for lots of people. It was being served in cafeteria style and children were standing behind the serving display to serve people.

Interpretation:

A parade is where things are displayed openly for all to see; people and things are paraded in plain view. Perhaps this dream shows that is going to happen tonight at the interview of the two Presidential candidates by Rick Warren at Saddleback (and televised for all to see). They will be given the chance to tell about their faith and values and how they anticipate handling things as President. It will not be a debate, but a time to answer Rick's questions by themselves.

A dinner or meal being prepared for lots of people to eat, like in a cafeteria, may symbolize that the people who eat there have options to choose from, it can refer to being fed spiritual food. A cafeteria can refer to service, or the Church. This is a good picture of the people watching the Presidential TV interview tonight - lots of things will be out in the open for those "eating" or watching to see and choose from.

This cafeteria line will be served by children. The children could symbolize "those who are part of the Kingdom" since you must become like a little child to enter the Kingdom.

It's interesting that this interview will be on the same day while many Christians are fasting and praying for our country at THE CALL Washington DC, and even during the same time period. I believe that is not a coincidence, but God's planning.

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August 17, 2008

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1 NKJV)

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

> *It is time to let the wind of My Spirit touch you, My people, and bring out the musical tones in each of you, My people. This will all sound together as a symphony of glory and praise to Me. It will bring about My song on the earth as it is in heaven. You may be going in different directions (depending on what I've called each of you to) in different parts of the world, but the total song will be from Me and bring about My plans and purposes for the earth and My children there.*

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August 19, 2008

Yesterday I had my annual physical exam by Dr. S. All my test results were very good with the best yet score on my A1C of 6.2. She did say I was deficient in vitamin D and prescribed taking mega doses of that. She also said she felt some "fullness" on the left side of my neck in front, and wanted an ultra sound done on that since I had radiation done on my neck as a child due to tonsil problems. Today I had the ultrasound done and the technician found a nodule on the left side. She said it did not look like cancer to her, but the doctor may decide or wait or to have it biopsied. I was thankful she was a woman and she was so nice and easy to talk to.

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August 22, 2008

Today I read this marvelous material by John Bevere in his book *The Bait of Satan.* It is so interesting to meditate on that I am putting it in my journal.

> (pp. 14-16)
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> There was a time when I did everything I could to show my love to a certain person. But it seemed that every time I reached out to love, the person slapped me back with criticism and harsh treatment. This went on for months. One day I was fed up.
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> I complained to God. "I have had it. Now You are going to have to talk to me about this. Every time I show Your love to this person, I get anger thrown back in my face!"
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> The Lord began to speak to me. "John, you need to develop faith in the love of God!"
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> "What do You mean?" I asked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(pg. 16)
If we don't risk being hurt, we cannot give unconditional love. Unconditional love gives others the *right* to hurt us.

(pg. 18)
But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be…unforgiving…having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4)

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

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August 24, 2008

A DREAM OF DRIVING A CAR WHICH BECAME A BICYCLE

I was driving a car and it was difficult to make everything work ok with my feet. Eventually I was riding a bicycle, like the car had become a bicycle. Instead of being

motorized, I was pedaling it. I was in Fort Wayne, having traveled from maybe Indianapolis, but I was in unfamiliar territory, so I didn't know where to go to get home.

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

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

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August 31, 2008

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

I was in my dorm room at college. It seemed to be the last day of school. I saw out the window that people were packing their cars for going home. I wanted to pack and go home, but I had a dilemma. I had been given an assignment by my teacher to go somewhere that afternoon, and I had been asked by Kim to go with her to some event she was in that same afternoon. Each assignment couldn't be switched to another day. So I remembered the priority decider that I used to use when the children were younger…and decided Kim was a higher priority, so I would go with her.

Interpretation:

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

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

I will show you the way. I AM the way. You will know it when it comes because I will put that "knowing" in your heart - by revelation. Notice the "going home" people packing their cars you see by revelation out the window. That is on purpose so you will know by

revelation when it is time for you to go home. And in the meantime, I have 1 more assignment for you. Trust Me; I will show it to you at just the right time, and you will recognize it as being that assignment. Will you do this for me, Joan?

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

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

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September 7, 2008

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

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September 9, 2008

The Lord told me recently that this week he would show me the secret of how to get my prayers answered. I am looking for and expecting that revelation.

Ask Me for it when you are in the deep part of your Quiet Time with Me, then, when doubt comes, thank Me for the healing daily, hourly, whenever you think about it. Be persistent. I want to teach you persistence and patient endurance. I <u>will</u> teach you that, and your prayers <u>will</u> be answered.

In a dream last night I seemed to learn or know that there was extra power unused in situations beyond what I could see and know in the natural. I wanted to grasp or understand what that was and how it worked.

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September 10, 2008

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12 NIV NIV)

I asked the Lord to heal me from the many possibilities of old age happening in my body: ears, teeth, eyes, heart, veins, intestines, etc. I prayed the Scripture from Psalm 103:1-3 which says:

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all my sin, who heals all my diseases, who saves me from the pit, who crowns me with love and compassion, who fulfills my desires with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

As I listened, He spoke the Scripture I wrote above about being the light of the world. I am to meditate on that and what it means to me, so I am searching the Scriptures for references to His being light.

This song is in my head now as I think on these things:

Be not dismayed what 'er betide
God will take care of you…

God will take care of you.

God will take care of you
Through every day, o'er all the way
He will take care of you…
God will take care of you.

Another Scripture He highlights for me today which I think applies to whether I should get my teeth, eyes, and ears fixed by people or wait for the Lord to heal them (which is the question I am dealing with):

(Psalm 118:8 BSB) It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

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I looked up Scriptures regarding "light" to study and meditate on them.

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Luke 2:29-32 NIV) Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant [Simeon] in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

(John 1:4-5 NIV) In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

(John 3:19-21 NIV) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

(John 8:12) I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

(John 12:35-36a NIV) Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light."

Lord, am I walking in the light?

> *Yes, but I want to open up a greater degree of light to you now, Joan. Keep studying the light and I will keep teaching you about Me.*

(Rev. 21:23 NIV) The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

GOD IS LIGHT

(1 Timothy 6:15-16 NIV) …God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

(1 John 1:5-7 NIV) This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

CHILDREN OF LIGHT, DISCIPLES OF LIGHT

(Ephesians 5:8-10, 13 NIV) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord… For everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

(1 Thess. 5:5 NIV) You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

(1 Peter 2:9 NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

LIGHT CREATED BY GOD

(Gen. 1:3-4 NIV) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

(Jeremiah 31:35 NIV) This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar--the Lord Almighty is his name…

LIGHT AS A TYPE OF GOD'S FAVOR

(Exodus 10:22-23 NIV) So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

(Psalm 4:6 NIV) Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

(Psalm 27:1) The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear?

(Psalm 97:11 NIV) Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

(Isaiah 9:2 BSB) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

(Isaiah 60:19 NIV) The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

GOD'S WORD PRODUCES LIGHT

(Psalm 19:8 NIV) The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

(Psalm 119:105, 130, 133 NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path…The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple…Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

(Proverbs 6:20-23 NIV) My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life…

INSTANCES OF MIRACULOUS LIGHT

(Matthew 17:1-2 BSB) After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

(Acts 9:3-4 NIV) As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

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September 12, 2008

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

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

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

So wait for Me to do this.

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

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

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

Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord,
Follow every passing day.
My tomorrows are all known to Thee.

Thou wilt lead me all the way.

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

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

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

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September 15, 2008

I had a dream about a play/drama taking place in three scenes. I asked the Lord for revelation about what it meant.

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

The basement scene, second scene, was life with your husband. You had some light and revelation during that season/scene but up high and little. The third scene is the third part of your life (~ 1980 to present) where you have milk to give out - My Word. Your shoes may get briefly stuck sometimes chewing on things I'm teaching you, but you get through that. Being "in the director's office" refers to being in My presence, in your Quiet Times especially.

You are there now…in the director's office. The three scenes of the play are almost completed, and it is almost time for Me to return and lead My people. The final rehearsal of the whole drama is about to begin…as soon as I return. I am in the process of returning to My own people right now as revival comes around the world. It is starting in your country now and will continue to grow - as I direct it. I am the Director. You are My people. I am leading a drama which will be seen by all the natural world as well as the spiritual world. I am excited about the drama unfolding before all these eyes. Each one of you has your part to play in the total drama. Your part deals with giving out the milk of My Word to others as you live it (the drama) before Me. I am 'in the process' of returning/coming all over the world…even now.

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September 16, 2008

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

In this dream I was finishing up college and was about to graduate, but I was sad because there were a couple of courses which I took where I didn't study all the material and wished I had. I realized there were things I could have learned, that others learned, and I hadn't because I hadn't taken the time to read all the material. I don't know what these courses were, but I realized someone else had done this assignment that I hadn't, and he had learned from it something I didn't learn. As I was waking I also saw a large box filled with pennies that were pouring over the edge because it was so full.

Interpretation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

> *You are, and you will be, but in a smaller place than some others. But you will be happy there and content there. Your place is just right for you and will satisfy the desires of your heart. You will be with many you love. You will not be disappointed. I have been teaching*

you for a long time about the size of your kingdom contribution and the size of your reward in heaven. You have a great treasure there and you will be content with that.

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

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September 17, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT OUR LEAVING AFTER THE LAST DRAMA PERFORMANCE

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

Interpretation:

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

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

What do you think, Lord?

This message is from Me. You gave Me permission to give you dreams of significance, and this is one answer to that prayer. Your interpretation is right. I guided you in that interpretation. Know that ALL that you are doing and saying is a witness to others of what you believe and your commitment to Me. It is like a drama lived/acted out before others every day of your lives - whether walking in a store or driving a car. You show Me wherever you go, even though you are not aware of it. I am aware of it, and it affects others as you go. Some receive your witness and are pleased, and some don't receive your message and are "turned off." You see evidence of these two types of attitudes on the TV news regularly. People are being divided daily by their attitudes and reactions to what takes place around them.

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September 22, 2008

QUIET TIME NOTES

While gazing on the Lord and listening to Him, I saw two impressions:

1. I was seeing from the right side of a highway at the top of a hill. I could see the highway going down the hill and then back up another hill. I could see the middle line, but not the bottom of the hill or the valley between the two hills. Then I saw cars coming up the hill toward me, but they were on my left lane side (the drivers' right lane) in the other side of the highway.

This is a picture about the way of life, the Christian faith. It has hills that represent high times, times of elevation which I can see. But it also has low times, valley times, which I cannot see. The two hills seen may represent separating out or discerning of those traveling on the way. The cars represent the ministry/vocation of the people involved. They were just beginning to travel up to a high place. They were demonstrating the power of God revealed through them.

2. I saw the left sleeve of two blouses (as if they were hanging on a hanger on a rod). Both were long sleeved with lacy-looking cut outs forming a line from the shoulder to the cuff. In between the line of cut outs was thin cloth. The sleeve on the left was pale pink and the one on the right was white.

This picture of 2 sleeves may represent a testimony or co-laboring with God regarding the anointing He has given me. These colors speak of this anointing being pure and passionate. It speaks of God's strength demonstrated through my weakness and something I am called to be. The thin cloth of the sleeves and the open spaces in the cut-outs may represent this ministry being thinly concealed or hidden.

It is significant that I saw 2 impressions, 2 hills, and 2 sleeves. Two, for me in this case, represents the relationship with God and me. This shows me that the relationship is involved in my travel, my journey through life, my ministry, and my anointing as a witness for Him. We do all this, everything, together, in fellowship with one another. This is the *assurance* of that fellowship/relationship.

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September 28, 2008

This has been a whole week of economic difficulties for our country. It seems to be a part of the worldwide economic downturn in preparation for the soon-coming takeover of the world's economy by the anti-Christ. It seems to be coming quickly, but actually the poor decisions that led up to this crisis began years ago. We are just reaping the consequences now.

Monday at sundown this next week Rosh Hashanah begins. I expect the Rapture of the Church to happen on Rosh Hashanah - and I hope it's this year. If not, then we may have to wait another year

and deal with living in all the turmoil in the world now. It will likely get much worse this coming year as we get closer to the tribulation.

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DURING MEDITATION TIME

Joan, if I wanted you to write another book, I'd tell you. Don't write one unless I tell you to.

What's on Your heart, God?

Do you really want to know?

Yes, Lord, if You want to tell me.

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

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

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

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September 30, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING DROPS OF BLOOD ON THE GROUND

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

Lord, was this from you?

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

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

In other words, your life is definitely touching the world around you daily, and there is real purpose and meaning for your life still being on the earth. In other words, I still have

plans for you and want you on earth to carry out those plans - those ways of affecting the world around you.

I know you are thinking about the Rapture today because it's Rosh Hashanah and you are wanting the Rapture to take place. But I want you to know that I still have a purpose for you on the earth, so you won't be raptured today. No one will. That means another year until next year's Rosh Hashanah, and another year of waiting for the Rapture. But know that I will be with you and that I have a purpose for your life which you are helping Me carry out. And it is a good purpose and a necessary purpose, even though it is still unknown and unseen for you. Trust Me in this, My child. I love you.

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October 1, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING TO ENTER AN AIRPLANE WITH JESUS

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

Interpretation:

G stands for Jesus, so this symbolizes Jesus and me holding hands in a way hidden from the public eyes. Getting in a plane may symbolize getting into the heights of the spirit, the ministry together being ready to take off soon but not yet off the ground. Before we enter the plane we hold tightly to each other's hands. This symbolizes our relationship where we hold tightly to one another. It is not a public overt relationship, but a private relationship known between the two of us. If we were in an airport waiting, this symbolizes we are waiting, preparing, and being made ready. Lying down inside the plane symbolizes resting in Jesus during the ministry plane ride. Is this right, Lord?

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

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October 2, 2008

QUIET TIME NOTES

1985 vision: A ball of fire, which I saw suspended in the air in our church sanctuary, started moving around inside the sanctuary in an arc. It would come down and touch someone, then it went up in another arc to some other part of the sanctuary and came down and touched someone else. It kept

doing this over and over, faster and faster, touching more and more people. Each time it went in the arc through the air it left a trail of silver dust, like a jet trail in the sky, so these trails increased and increased within the inside of the sanctuary. It kept going faster and faster until it exploded so the light and silver dust filled everywhere.

It has been revealed to me that the places this Holy Spirit Ball of Fire touched down represent places in the world where He is touching mightily and has been for many of the last several years. It represents 'people groups' he is visiting with revival around the world. It is being fulfilled worldwide. The silvery dust left wherever the Holy Spirit goes represents the 'glory' that shows as He works in us and upon us, His Church. The 'explosion' represents the Rapture when the church is translated in the air to meet with Jesus. As the work of the Holy Spirit in revival goes faster and faster touching more and more people, it will climax with a giant 'explosion' of great power, might, and glory as Christ takes His Bride to be with Himself.

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

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October 4, 2008

As I prayed about our financial situation in America and the problems which could come to my family, the Lord tells me He will take care of us and keep us in our jobs. He will watch over all who belong to Him and cause them to prosper, even during hard times economically in America. I prayed that He would protect us and prosper us and guard us and lead us, and that He would do that for America too. **The Lord is good. A strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him. (Naham 1:7 NLT)**

He is allowing shaking now to bring many to trust in Him instead of their money and talents. It is the time of shaking we are warned about in the Bible. What can be shaken, will be shaken, and what can't be shaken will remain. **For this is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations…(Haggai 2:6-7 NLT)**

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Quotes from *The Vanishing Power of Death* by Erwin Lutzer p. 63-67

No Wasted Sorrows

> As we walk along our own private journey to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus walks with us. Thanks to His triumph, we know that we are never forsaken. He understands our hopes and dreams and knows the depths of our pain and disappointment. He is there to point us back to the

Scriptures and remind us that we are not alone. He picks up the pieces of our shattered dreams and gives us a reason to go on…

Every shattered dream we give to Jesus is integrated into a higher and even more blessed purpose. In short, if we have faith to believe it, there are no wasted sorrows, no wasted aspirations or dreams. Even in this life, we see that God is continually reshaping whatever we give Him. Indeed, the Christian life is a series of new beginnings. God Himself rushes in to fill the vacuum left in the wake of our own disappointments.

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

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

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

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

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October 5, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT BEING TOLD TO SAY "COME GENTLY WITH DREAMS"

In this dream I was told to say: "Come gently with dreams" so I said it. Right after I said it, I opened my eyes and saw 3:33 on the clock, so I had the distinct impression that dream, those words, and that perfect timing was from God.

When I finished writing that dream idea on my notepad I noticed the clock was 3:36 and was reminded that was my birthday (March, 1936). God often has drawn my attention to 36 on the clock to draw my attention to Him. He wants me to be in remembrance of Him throughout the day.

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October 10, 2008

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

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

I woke up scared like I had just seen an awful sight. I asked God to be in charge of my dreams the rest of the night so I would not have a bad dream like that again. I gradually came to realize that the dream was likely from Him as I kept remembering it and thinking about it. I sensed that it represented the people in the earth and something had been "white-washed and hidden" from them that they were wailing about. I felt perhaps it referred to the economic crisis the world is going through right now.

Did You give me this dream, Lord?

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

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

Yes, during your morning quiet time.

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QUIET TIME NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

As I read this Scripture I began to understand that the people in my dream above who were wailing were people who had white-washed and hidden their sins, and they needed to confess them - "that

they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment." (vs. 6) I asked the Lord, "Is that what this is about?"

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

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

Psalm 30:11-12 NIV
You turned my wailing into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

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October 13, 2008

I had a dream in which I was looking and looking for my car. The key idea seemed to be to find my vehicle so I could go to work. This may pertain to being told yesterday by Vicki that I might be asked to be a small group leader and she prayed for me that I would be shown the answer as I prayed about it.

Later yesterday, as I thought about it and communed with God, I felt He was saying not to lead a group in a defined study. I thought I would pray more about it today in QT.

So this dream may show my uncertainty about what my ministry is, what it looks like, and how to get to my place of work/ministry. And the person who may represent Jesus in the dream didn't tell me yet.

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October 15, 2008

QUIET TIME NOTES

THE BEST OF THE BEST - THE GRAND CLIMAX OF MY LIFE

> *This is the grand climax of your life, Joan, sitting here day after day seeking Me, finding Me, listening to Me. It is the best of the best. It is the purpose and goal of all your life and work. That is why I don't want you to exchange it for something/anything else.*

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October 16, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A SPECIAL PEN WHICH WE CALLED "AUTOMATIC"

The setting of this dream was a church where I was working in the office doing secretarial work. I was making something like a poster and outlining the edge of something in a picture with a special pen. This pen had a larger section holding lots of ink. We called it some special name, maybe like "automatic." I had ordered the pen and was using it. The Pastor came to my desk and said he wanted to look in my desk. As he did he saw that pen and took it with him to use. We talked about that pen and I told him I thought it cost $5-$6.

The automatic pen is one I've given you. It is extra large and stores lots of ink so it can write for a long time. Your Pastor (Jesus) wants to use it so you give it to Him. You are to write for Him with this pen whenever He guides you to. The writings belong to Him, and He can share this pen (or the writings) with others as He desires. Its cost is the redemption (5) of man (6). It is My gift to you that I want you to use for Me, as I guide, and as you listen to Me.

This pen dream shows you what your ministry/service is for Me. It is to seek Me daily, write what I share with you, and give that writing back to Me to use as I choose to share it with others. This ministry might seem to you as a ministry smaller than a car, but if that is the size of ministry I want you to have, then I want you to be content with that. You do not have to try to find something to add to that. Be satisfied and be content. I have given you a peaceful and hidden ministry. It is just right for you. It fits the way I made you - for My glory. I have many different "ministries" to use for My glory. This is yours.

AN IMPRESSION OF A WELL-WORN, BROWN, LACE-UP BABY SHOE

We will be writing more (again) from now on, so be expecting that. The little shoe I showed you as an impression was a child's lace-up-to-the-ankle shoe and it was brown and well worn. Your shoe represents your words and peace. It also represents a sign of walking and protection for your walk. Since this was a child's shoe, it shows you will walk before Me as a child. Since it was brown it shows being born again. Since it was well worn, that shows that you have been well worn as a writer and quite used to doing it. Since it was a lace-up-to-the-ankle shoe, that shows lots of protection for your walk. Keep that shoe in your mind as a remembrance of the kind of writing I want you to do and have trained you to do since childhood.

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HOW TO LIVE IN THESE DAYS.

That is the idea that comes - perhaps for my next book title. I will wait and see if that idea grows.

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October 25, 2008

I had a dream which seemed to deal with not seeking credit/attention for what you do here on earth - so that you can receive your reward in heaven instead. In the dream Paul J. was talking about how I would understand that concept (since I talked with him about that once). I felt when I awoke that the Lord used that dream to bring that into my remembrance to help me understand why I had a negative reaction to the promotion of something in church today.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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October 27, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING TO BIRTH SOMETHING IN AN ER ROOM

In this dream I was in an ER room in a hospital. I was lying on a gurney or bed. I pulled a curtain around me so outsiders couldn't watch me. I had something to deposit in myself.

What does this dream mean, Lord? Does it refer to something being placed inside me so something will be birthed through me?

This is right, Joan, and you saw this dream taking place in an ER room at a hospital. That's because this is an emergency and must be taken care of immediately. It represents something that is sick and needs healing. There is nothing you can do in these days leading up to the election that is more important than to pray for this sickness (corruption, disease, decay) to be healed by being exposed to My light.

How do I do that, Lord?

Every time this comes to your mind, pray in tongues, and I will pray the right prayers through you.

I birthed you "for such a time as this" to be able and ready to pray (for Me) My prayers for these coming elections. You are ready and now I will use you for My purposes.

I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. (Galatians 1:1b NLT)

And this is the way it is for you, Joan. You were not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Me - to be My intercessor during these most important days before the election coming soon. Listen to Me and pray My prayers for Me, will you?

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October 29, 2008

As I prayed for Beth's Holy Spirit party to be held here on Friday night this week:

I brought this about for My purposes, Joan, and I WILL bless this gathering. I WILL bring just the right people at just the right time. I AM guiding Beth as to what to present and lead the group to do. Trust Me in this. It is good.

And I will be with all the trick-or-treaters that come to your door and I will bless you as you bless them with candy and your smile. I am over all.

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October 31, 2008

I have things I want to say to you. Do you want to wait for Me?

I will take care of you during the "down" time which is coming very soon. It will be a time of depression in your country and will affect everyone, including you. But I want you to know I will take care of you and your loved ones, your children, during this time, and you

will make it through. It will not last forever, but only a shirt time. But it will be hard for everyone. Many will grieve for what "used to be."

"Used to be" is forever over, Joan, and will not come again. Things will go downhill from now on until I rapture you (plural) out of the world. Then things will be glorious for all who have been raptured out. So know that that is coming soon, and look forward to it, as you go through the depression to come on the whole world. This must happen to bring about all the events of the "last days."

It won't be for long…and you WILL make it through ok. You will not have to do without your needs being met each day. I will see to that. Trust Me and praise Me for I am your "all in all."

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November 2, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT TAKING A WRITING CLASS

1. I was in a class setting during which I wrote the many thoughts that were coming to me. Afterwards (when the time for the class was done) I had more to write, so I stayed there and kept writing. While I was doing this I was concerned that I didn't know my class schedule so I didn't know if I was skipping another class to do that writing, but I felt I still needed to do it. The writing seemed very important to me, and very private. Another person, a woman, was going to sprinkle ground cloves on the page I was writing.

2. A man who seemed to know about my writing, and recognized the spiral notebook I used, said he was glad to see that notebook in my possession.

3. Sometime during the dream I was in a garden that I was planting. I had some leafy plant to plant in between the rows of (possibly) corn there. I saw the rows which were higher than the surrounding area between the rows, but I didn't actually see corn. I just seemed to know it was corn. This plant I was planting the seed of seemed like an asparagus-like fern. I thought the leafy plant might grow and be useful as part of floral bouquets.

4. While digging to plant the leafy plant, I found a lamp which had been left in the garden. The shade and the base of the lamp were separate, but both there. I took them out of the dirt where they had been left earlier so they wouldn't keep the plants from growing.

5. The name of the class (called "change yourself with writing") somehow came to me at the end of the dream. It seemed like a college course I was taking. The man involved seemed to be the teacher. It seemed like I heard during the dream that I was supposed to download some form for writing my ideas/thoughts on. That form had a name - maybe something with the word "bold" in the name (like maybe "the bold page").

Interpretation:

1. I was in a class setting during which I wrote the many thoughts that were coming to me. This writing may refer to my destiny given by God. It may refer to something spiritually communicated. It could refer to my tongue, words, my covenant or agreement with God, or my expressing inner thoughts.

Afterwards (when the time for the class was done) I had more to write, so I stayed there and kept writing. While I was doing this I was concerned that I didn't know my class schedule so I didn't know if I was skipping another class to do that writing, but I felt I still needed to do it. This may show that I am concerned that perhaps I am expected to do something else during this same time. The writing seemed very important to me, and very private. Another person, a woman, was going to sprinkle ground cloves on the page I was writing. Cloves (spice): connotes something to make specific factors more appealing, so perhaps this woman represents the Holy Spirit who will make this writing appealing to those who are to read it eventually.

2. A man who seemed to know about my writing, and recognized the spiral notebook I used, said he was glad to see that notebook in my possession. This man may represent God who is expressing approval for what I am doing.

3. Sometime during the dream I was in a garden that I was planting. This garden may represent the place where I am laboring, my field of labor or area of ministry (the Kingdom of God).

I had some leafy plant to plant there. This may represent some fruitful acts I am performing. In this dream it seemed to be in the seed planting stage so it could grow and be useful later in a floral bouquet. This plant I was planting the seed of seemed like an asparagus-like fern. That floral bouquet may refer to the flowering of my given gifts used to bless others. It could also represent the beautiful bouquet of flowers which bloom before the Lord - that my writing helped to grow and bloom.

This planting was done in between the rows of (possibly) corn there. I saw the rows, which were higher than the surrounding area between the rows, but I didn't actually see corn. I just seemed to know it was corn. Corn can refer to a seed of hope, a season to wait until harvest, or it represents blessings of God. It may typify a nourishing aspect that comes from within the self. To me that means something God has put within me which has an abundance of inner strength.

4. While digging to plant the leafy plant, I found a lamp which had been left in the garden. This lamp may symbolize light required or needed in this garden and planting process. The shade and the base of the lamp were separate, but both there. The light would shine brighter without the shade, so perhaps this shows a bright light needed at times, but also a shade there to soften the light if needed. I took them out of the dirt where they had been left earlier so they wouldn't block the plants from growing. This may represent the lamp just being something to block the growth of the plants rather than to give light.

5. The name of the class somehow came to me at the end of the dream. It seemed like a college course I was taking. This may refer to my time on earth as a place of learning. The man involved seemed to be the teacher. That man may refer to the Holy Spirit, my teacher.

It seemed like I heard during the dream that I was supposed to download some form for writing my ideas/thoughts. That form had a name - maybe something with the word "bold" in the name (like maybe "the bold page"). This may refer to the quality of boldness to be applied to my writing.

The idea about "change yourself with writing" seemed to come at the end or after the end of this dream. The idea may be self-explanatory.

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

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

- *Your writing is important to Me*
- *I want you to communicate something through your writing that will bring a flowering/blessing to others later, even though it is in seed stage now and just being "planted"*
- *The field/garden is the world and the corn represents the good seed I am planting in the world. Your part is planting your "leafy plant/fern" in between the good seed (corn) I have already planted in the world*
- *You will need to wait awhile to see all those seed grown and harvested*
- *The light/lamp needs to be put together (base and shade) and set upright to be useful in lighting the field instead of blocking the growth of the plants. And it needs to be plugged in to its power source. You (My people) are that lamp that needs to be put together correctly and plugged in to its power source to light the field. Until that happens the parts of the "lamp" block the growth of the good seeds I have planted in the world…and the seeds you are planting in the world.*
- *How do you take the lamp out of the dirt and put it together to function properly? By prayer. Pray for that to happen.*

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November 3, 2008

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

There will be (and already is) a great divide in Americans. This has happened before, but it is much stronger now. It has built up over the ages. You will see the results of this

division come to the surface tomorrow with the election. Do not be afraid. I know all about it, and what it will do, and what things will take place because of it.

Remember to keep praising Me even though you don't like what is happening to your country. If you could see the overall picture of the world like I do, you would rejoice that the end of the age is so close, and setting up My kingdom on earth is such a short time away. Rejoice in that. Your country is not to grow stronger and stronger but weaker and weaker. Remember Jeremiah and how he had to live during the time his country was going downhill and getting weaker. It was hard, but he was faithful to Me.

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

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

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The Lord led me to read Joshua 10:1 ff - the story of the Israelites winning in battle over the Amorites on behalf of the Gibeonites who had made peace with Israel. This was on the day when Joshua called for the sun and moon to stand still until the Israelites won. The Lord began to instruct me that He wanted peace on earth as the Gibeonites had made peace with Israel.

In My Kingdom age MANY will make peace with Israel.

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November 4, 2008 (Election day)

I had a dream in which I saw a cupcake/muffin tin (12 muffin size). Each section of the tin had a white round flat piece of paper or something (about the size of a nickel) in it. I felt this was prophetic and applied to some lady. I was looking for the opportunity to tell her about it, but didn't get to do it in the dream.

First the twelve is important. It stands for government and something very important is happening in your government today. So this "twelve" sectioned baking pan refers to your government. Notice that the "baker" could be Christ. I am in charge of this baking you see represented. What did you see inside the cupcake sections?

I saw twelve round white disks/shapes.

OK, these stand for what is being "baked". It is spiritual, full of grace and mercy and compassion. It is white so it is pure, without mixture, and righteous - the truth. I want you to know that what is being "cooked up" today in your government is like that - spiritual, full of grace and mercy and compassion.

I have heard the many MANY prayers by My people for your country and for the next President. I am answering those prayers with something governmental which is righteous and spiritual. You may not understand what all I am referring to, but it will become obvious eventually. Just trust Me in this and don't be upset no matter who wins the Presidential election. I will bring something righteous in the government through him. That is My word to you today. Trust Me to do this.

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November 5, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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November 6, 2008

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

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

If I want you to do something else, I will tell you and show you. You can count on Me in that. So just listen to Me daily and follow My directions. This is great training for how you will rule and reign with Me, along with the rest of My Church, in the millenium. You are getting ready for that. I already know what I will have you do there and then. You will like it and be content and be happy - a happiness you get little of here on earth now during the age of grace, the Church age.

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

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November 7, 2008

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

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This Scripture which I read today seems to me to fit America right now…

Listen to me, O my people, while I give you stern warnings. O Israel [America], if you would only listen to me!…But no, my people wouldn't listen. Israel [America] did not want me around. So I let them follow their own stubborn desires, living according to their own ideas. (Psalm 81:8, 11-12 NLT)

The majority of the people in America chose to elect a leader who believes abortion is ok and has other ideas which don't seem Christian to me. This is how I feel about that. I feel America has chosen a pathway that will eventually be judged by God and therefore He will not protect us from our enemies now.

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November 8, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

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

I was then at the school sitting at a table and talking with some of the teachers. I saw the Principal and our eyes met and we nodded in recognition. I indicated or said I needed to speak with her and asked if we could go outside to do that, and she said, "Is it that bad?" - meaning is my reason for missing school that bad that I didn't want to say it in front of others.

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

Interpretation:

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

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

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

I had a dream/picture while there of a blue ____? Blue refers to something spiritual, Spiritual gift, **divine revelation**, God's Spirit or Word.

Having a dream (dreaming that you are dreaming) refers to a message, a message within a message, an aspiration, or a vision. A double dream shows something very important, usually destiny, life call, and/or **things God doesn't want you to miss.** Sleep refers to being unconscious, **unaware (hidden or covered)**, ignorant, danger, or death. Oversleep refers to being late, or to miss an appointment

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

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

Somehow this picture represented to me the kindergarten schoolroom I was a teacher for at Jackson Township School where my Mom used to teach.

Am I missing an appointment, Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, Joan, many here in America, and many here in Jackson County where I brought you to live for a purpose. It is now time to pray for those children here in Jackson County who need to be taught, to learn who I am and what I did for them. That's why I had you read that book yesterday by Wanda Brunstetter called "Allison's Journey." She demonstrates a heart to tell others about how they can confess they are sinners and ask Me to come into their hearts and forgive their sins. I gave her (in the story) the heart of an evangelist to do that. And I can give you the heart of an evangelist to do that too when it is the right time and circumstances for you to do that. Do you want that? Then ask for it.

I saw the same thing/picture that I'd seen as blue in the first scene, only this time it was gray or black. I commented on that to others. Gray may refer to not defined, vague, not specific, and

hidden. Black may refer to lack, sin, or ignorance. This seems to be a picture of those unsaved persons who haven't yet accepted Christ. They don't know or understand unless someone prays for them and tells them.

Yes, that's right, Joan. They are like people blind, people who don't know the truth, people who don't know the consequences of their decisions now for eternity. That's why they need prayer and someone to tell them the truth. Then they can decide with that knowledge in hand. I want you to pray for them to be told the truth - by you or by whomever I use for that - and quickly as the time is short. You are again being used as one who listens to Me and acts as My intercessor on earth - one who is a watchman and stands on the wall and in the gap. That is My heavenly destiny/call upon your life. Will you do this?

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

No, it is a dream to alert you to the shortness of the time, and how I want you to pray, and whom I want you to pray for (My children in Jackson County, MO). That's why I gave you the dream and the desire to interpret it. I know it made you feel bad thinking you had missed what I had called you to do. But it shows that you are to "feel bad" for those who yet need to hear My message and understand it. Will you do that for Me? That is the destiny and calling I am giving you today.

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

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

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11-11-08

Eleven can symbolize transition. Today's date is double 11 so it draws special attention to that. And the 08 can symbolize a new beginning. So today can symbolize a notable transition to a new beginning.

The Lord led me to read Ezekiel 38 and 39 - the prophecy about the invasion of Israel by Russia and various Middle Eastern countries. He says that is being planned right now and will come soon.

Yes, you will see this, Joan, for it will come before the Rapture. And all will see and know that I am the Lord, and that I reign in Israel and over the whole world. I do what I say I will do. I fulfill all My prophecies. This is the next prophecy to be fulfilled in your time. Know this, and pray for this.

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November 12, 2008

(Quotes from *The Pursuit of God: a 31-Day Experience* by A.W. Tozer p 109-113 "God's Creative Voice")

> Self-expression is inherent in the Godhead. God is forever seeking to speak Himself out to His creation. The whole Bible supports this idea. God is speaking. Not God spoke, but *God is speaking.* He is, by His nature, continuously articulate. He fills the world with His speaking voice.
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> The expression of the will of God is the breath of God filling the world with living potentiality…The voice of God is the most powerful force in nature, indeed the only force in nature, for all energy is here only because the power-filled Word is being spoken.
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> The voice of God is alive and free as the sovereign God is free. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63 KJV). The life is in the speaking words. God's word in the Bible can have power only because it corresponds to God's word in the universe. It is the present Voice which makes the written Word all-powerful.
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> God is here and He is speaking--these truths are back of all other Bible truths; without them there could be no revelation at all…He spoke a Book and lives in His spoken words, constantly speaking His words and causing the power of them to persist across the years.
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> If the living voice of God were not speaking in the world and in the hearts of men, the written Word could have no real meaning for us. Because God is speaking in His world, we are able to hear Him speak in His Word.

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November 17, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A SALESPERSON SELLING CD'S

I was in a large house with several entrances. I heard someone knock on a door and went about finding which door they were at. It was a man who was selling CDs and wanted to tell me about the deal he had to offer. I allowed him to come in and do that. Later it seemed to be a woman with an assistant doing this. By then Beth had come home and was also interested in seeing the CD offer. But the woman was taking a long time to get her stuff ready and I was getting impatient since we were having guests for supper and needed to prepare for that. When she was ready she showed us a round toy-like thing which had several holes in it and which could be squeezed to make one of the holes look like a mouth making different shapes and expressions. I never did see any CDs or find out what the special deal was she was selling.

Interpretation:

God is telling me in this dream that He is coming to me, He is knocking on the door of my heart, He is offering to sell me (or make a deal with me) to get condensed information, a large block of knowledge in a short span of time. It deals with something spiritual and something that can be used for the opportunity or opening for witnessing. I was impatient to learn what this [knowledge] was because I had guests coming soon to eat with us. I needed to be squeezable or adaptable to do this. Is that right, Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

You are My writer, Joan, don't forget that. This is the greatest personal dream I have planted in you and am birthing out a step/stage at a time. This is a new stage of downloading great knowledge quickly for the time is short. It will mean spending many hours at the computer listening to Me and writing what I download/reveal to you, ok? And it will mostly be written in your next book: HOW TO LIVE IN THESE DAYS - 2009.

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

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QUIET TIME NOTES

The Lord reminded me about how to deal with my finances now. When I get my Social Security check I am to first take out my tithe of 10% and write a check to CTC for that, then 10% for savings which I am to get in cash and store away for emergencies. Then I write checks for offerings (approximately 5%) I plan to give that month (like to City Union Mission, Salvation Army, the poor and needy, and to TBN). I am then to pay all my bills for the month and deduct in my checkbook any thing which will be automatically deducted that month (like insurance). Then I will

know what I have left for food and miscellaneous items. The amount that is left I am to put into cash and use that for shopping as needed.

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NOTES REGARDING GOOD AND EVIL FROM MY BIBLE STUDY TIME

Light	Darkness
Good	Evil
Righteousness	Wickedness
Life	Death
Heaven	Hell
Believers	Unbelievers
Saved	Unsaved
Under grace	Under wrath
Hope	No hope
Inheritance	No inheritance
Good	Bad
Right	Wrong
True	Untrue
Day	Night
Fellowship	Lack of fellowship
Purified	Unclean
Truth	Lies
Love	Hate
Revelation	No revelation
Glory	No glory
Jesus-King	Satan-ruler
Whole	Unwhole
Healthy	Sick
Favor	Disfavor

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QUOTE BY STEVE WITT ON ELIJAHLIST 4-3-08 THAT I WANT TO REMEMBER

"The people that hear from God will rule the day. They will be the lights. They will be the guides."

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NOTES ABOUT BELIEVING

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

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

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

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

Do you need a miracle? Only believe!

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November 18, 2008

Is it true, Lord, that if I tithe to You that You will take care of my finances, like John Hagee said on TV this morning?

Yes, it's true. So I WILL take care of your finances all your days on this earth, Joan. And I WILL take care of Beth's finances too.

Thank You, Lord!!!

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When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"
This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (John 2:9-11 NLT)

The best wine is now - provided by the Bridegroom, Jesus. Pour out Your wine, Lord! All over the world! Pour out Your best wine, the wine of Your Presence, the wine of Your Spirit, all over the world!

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November 20, 2008

A DREAM OF SEEING WHITE ROSES AND A BLUE BUTTERFLY IN A TEACHERS' LOUNGE AREA

I was walking in a hallway with another teacher and saw her go into a doorway. I went there also and found a line of teachers waiting to get into a rest room. I had not known about the teacher's rest room and said I needed to get a tour of the building. We were waiting in a small room where I saw a large bush with flowers on it going clear up as high as the ceiling. As I looked I realized it had white roses on it. Then I saw a blue butterfly flying around in the room. It landed in one lady's hair for a while. It landed on me also for a while. It flew up to the top of the room then.

Interpretation:

Walking through a hallway means I was walking through a transition. Being a teacher with other teachers refers to our having specific knowledge and the ability to transfer it. Being in a line of teachers refers to being associated with them is some way. Going through a doorway refers to having or entering a new opportunity. Wanting to use a restroom may refer to desiring to become cleansed.

We were waiting in a small room. This was a teachers' lounge which refers to a place to pause and relax. I saw a large bush - this speaks of the fullness of spiritual/humanitarian acts. Since this bush went from the floor to the ceiling, it shows a huge amount of spiritual acts. The flowers were roses - this refers to glory and purity and romance of Christ and His Church.

Then I saw a blue butterfly flying around in the room. This refers to spiritual freedom and newness of life. It landed in one lady's hair for a while. It landed on me also for a while. It flew up to the top of the room then. This reminds me of the Holy Spirit moving around and touching people.

To sum it up: in this dream I was going through a transition along with others with whom I was associated. We entered a new opportunity and were in a position to be cleansed. We were in a place where we paused to rest. Something in this room spoke of our spiritual acts and the glory and purity and romance of Christ and His Church. The dream also showed a picture of spiritual freedom and newness of life that was moving around and touching us.

Now, Lord, what do You want to tell me about this dream and the dream I had earlier this week about CD's?

This is what I want to tell you, Joan. There are new things coming your way soon. These new things hold information that I want you to write and communicate to others in this journal through your book <u>How To Live in These Days</u>. I will bring it to you as the Man did in your dream. You have to purchase it by paying the price of giving your time, energy, and work. These are precious commodities which are limited, so you pay a price by giving them away for Me, for My work. I will come to you, as I do to many others (teachers waiting in line) with wonderful spiritual acts to do for Me, and I will give you the spiritual freedom and newness of life to do those acts. I will do this for My glory. This will be a huge plant (bush) growing in My garden of life. It will show beautiful flowers for all to enjoy who will. It will be a display of what I am doing in you and others as in your dream last night.

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November 21, 2008

I had a dream with something unusual happening to my hair. As I interpreted it I learned this:

As I looked at myself to see what was going on in me I saw that my covering/anointing (hair) was changed by some unknown person without my knowing it. I kept trying to put it back the way it was previously, but couldn't. So I tried to adapt it so it would look ok and not look weird. I was using my analytic thought process to try to figure something out, but it went the way it was planned to go anyway. The unknown person is the Holy Spirit and this shows that He has changed my covering/anointing to what He wants and I am trying to adjust to it so it looks ok to me. This change is a sign of co-laboring with the Holy Spirit and as a witness/testimony.

A baby scene in the dream refers to something new which has been birthed in me which I am trying to calm down and hold peacefully.

A choir robe scene reminds me that my identity is as a king and a seeker of wisdom. It also reminds me that I am a rock with powerful faith and my covering is through being born again.

Is this dream from You, God?

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

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November 23, 2008

AN IMPRESSION ABOUT AN 8-SIDED WINDOW WITH RAIN OUTSIDE

I saw an 8-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.

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November 26, 2008

I haven't written in the past few days because I've been sick with a bad cold. I started feeling better yesterday and am much better today - PTL! Thank You, Lord, for returning my good health to me. You are my Redeemer, my Healer, and my Lord! I am so thankful for the good health You give me daily!

You're welcome, My child. It is My delight to give you good health. I am Jehovah Rophe, the God who heals you. Today I have healed you! Now you will have good health for the rest of your days on earth. And the Rapture is really soon! Look for it; pray for it.

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November 27, 2008 (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.

My life is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord,
In You, it's in You. (song I heard on a CD - I think by Joseph Garlington)

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November 28, 2008

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 NLT)

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. Jim). 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).*
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> *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 20 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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November 29, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT STANDING IN AN X-SHAPED LINE TO GET FOOD FROM 2 TABLES

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 4-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 2 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 don't really know who they were. The only people I actually knew besides me who were in the dream were the Batsons 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 Batsons 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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November 30, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT LOOKING AT A HOUSE NEAR A RIVER WITH LEE

In this dream I was with some people who were to look at a house that we might buy. Lee 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 which I could see to use for receiving spiritual blessings through them.

Interpretation:
If I assume that this house represented me, my life or heart, then it might represent something new coming soon in my life - as in a new life or heart, or perhaps a new place to dwell. Lee may represent healing and restoration, so that may be what this new place is for. That makes me wonder if the new house may represent someplace like the retirement home where I may go to live eventually where my purpose will be to bring healing there. Standing outside the front door may show that is to happen soon. My concern about the house being prone to flooding could refer to a concern about those people being flooded with the Holy Spirit or judgment. Accessing round things may show a dependence on God to meet my needs. What do You think about this dream, Lord?

I think 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 Lee, 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. Lee 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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December 1, 2008

Today is the day that Barack Obama is to show his true birth certificate to Chief Justice Sutter of the Supreme Court. I wonder if he will, and what will happen. (I learned later that this was ignored by Obama, and no birth certificate was shown.)

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December 3, 2008

I read on www.worldnetdaily.com that by Friday, December 5, Obama is to show his birth certificate to authorities. We'll see…

Today I listened to John Hagee on TV telling about the war going on right now between the U.S., Israel, Great Britain, France on one side and the radical Islamists who are gradually putting together an alliance of Iran, Russia, and China on the other side. He called it World War III. Then in my Quiet Time reading I read this Scripture:

And I will put enmity between you [Satan] **and the woman** [Eve]**, and between your seed** [Antichrist, the son of Satan] **and her Seed** [Jesus Christ, the Son of God]**. (Genesis 3:15 NKJV)**

I see that enmity right now in our world between Christians/Jews and radical Islamists, especially Iran. Iran has vowed to wipe Israel and the U. S. off the map, and is working to get the nuclear bombs to do that. It is all out war! Victory means life or death depending on which side wins. That's pretty scary! But I believe God is in control and what He has prophesied will take place. It is a spiritual battle being played out on earth. I know that the U. S. is not mentioned in the end time prophecies even though right now it is the world's greatest power. But Israel is mentioned, so Israel will NOT be wiped out. God will protect her.

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December 4, 2008

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. Here is the Malachi 3 passage:

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)

So I made a list of the righteous and the wicked, the wise and the unwise:

<u>Righteous</u>
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 these things listed above
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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December 7, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT PUTTING UP CURTAINS BY BEDS

In one part I dreamed that I was helping to put up curtains by beds that seemed to be on display at some meeting or conference. Another person, a man, was working with me. The curtains that were there weren't the right length, so I found a set of hooks on the wall that we could use to raise them up to the right length. He seemed pleased that I discovered that.

Interpretation:

In the dream I was the main character plus "the man" who might represent the Holy Spirit or Jesus. I was being used to hang up curtains which needed to be adjusted to the right height off the floor, which I used hooks to do. This may symbolize my working to conceal something or keep it hidden. What was being hidden was the place of rest, salvation, meditation, intimacy with God, peace, or covenant with Him. This makes me think of my writings which are mainly hidden from the world but are there to bring salvation, rest, covenant, peace and intimacy with God to others who are led to them by "the man."

QUIET TIME NOTES

"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.

That's good, Joan. If there is more I will give it to you later. You may go on to church now.

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December 8, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT GOING TO A NEW DOCTOR AND GETTING TEST RESULTS IN A TRAIN CAR

I took someone to the doctor to be helped. While there the doctor started helping me too, even though I had not registered as a patient of his. Since he started helping me, they had me register as a patient. I thought his office was much closer to my home than my former doctor. I told him about having sleep apnea among other things. I had to get on a gurney or something and go down to a lower level for tests. My test results were put into a small train car (toy size) and it had Beth and Kim's pictures on the side. Later I was showing them the train car about my tests and help from the doctor.

This is a good dream, Joan. That's why I had you write it down. As you minister Me to others you also get healing offered to you - even healing way down deep inside you. This is good and does affect Kim and Beth. You can be thankful for this.

QUIET TIME NOTES

(The Pursuit of God: A 31-day Experience, by A.W.Tozer, pg 147-8)

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.

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 Engle 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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December 9, 2008

> *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.*

QUIET TIME NOTES

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 NLT

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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December 10, 2008

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:

In this dream I was preparing a sampler for others to look at and copy. This sampler 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 sampler was about spiritual information which, although small, was very important to me to teach. I believe this dream with its sampler 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 Bill from a prophecy class. It pertains to this dream: "Many of us are living parables. God expresses His character through our lives." The "sampler" in the dream is not just my writings, but my life also.

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December 11, 2008

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 Beth (and Kim and John) 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 Kim and John too, My child. I AM protecting you. Those angels help keep evil spirits away. So be at peace. All is well.

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(*The Pursuit of God: a 31-Day Experience* by A. W. Tozer, pg 148)

"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."

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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December 13, 2008

Thank You, Lord, for the joy of having www.Webshots.com on my computer and getting to download 5 new pictures each day. Today I spent time viewing the Holiday collection and I downloaded ones I liked. I also have 5 more picked out for tomorrow from the Easter, Valentine, and the Fall collection. Thank You, Lord, for Beth who helped me set this up. She is such a blessing to me!

Thank You, Lord, for giving Beth and me safe travel each day! That is such a blessing from You! She has to travel so many miles each week to work and back, and You protect her all the time.

Thank You, Lord, for peaceful and quiet nights when You watch over us and protect us while we sleep! And thank You for Your angels watching over us daily.

Thank You, Lord, for the good job You have given Beth and for keeping her in that job even during the difficult economic time our country is going through right now. And thank You for the Social Security provision You have given me to live on, along with the medical insurance through Humana/ Medicare/Medicaid.

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December 15, 2008

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 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." (Malachi 3:16 - 4:2 NLT)

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

Kris says we are prisoners because of three things: 1. Unforgiveness (Matt. 18:21-35), 2. jealousy/envy/and fear, (1 Samuel 18:7-10) and 3. believing lies (John 8:32).

#1
(P. 45) Isaiah said that we were anointed to proclaim "liberty to captives" and "freedom to prisoners" (Isa. 61:1). I believe he is describing two kinds of people behind bars: "captives" and "prisoners." Prisoners are people whom the judge sends to prison. It takes a court order from the Judge of Heaven to release them. These folks have opened the door of their life to tormentors through sin and unforgiveness. They must forgive those who have hurt and abused them in order for God, who is the ultimate judge, to be justified in calling off the tormentors and releasing them from prison.

(P. 48) God's Kingdom is not a performance-based kingdom. We don't lead because we are necessarily the most qualified; we lead because we are "called" to be the leader…If we believe that we are leading because we are the most qualified, then we will subconsciously work to undermine other people's advancements.

#2
The life of King Saul also shows us how suspicion can masquerade as discernment and ultimately lead us into bondage. Suspicion is the gift of discernment being used by the spirit of fear. It leads to bitterness, unforgiveness, and torment, and it results in our going into a spiritual prison where

all guards work for the dark side. The spirits who guard the walls of this prison have names like sickness, depression, hatred, and murder.

#3
Isaiah also said that there were people who were "captives." Captives are people who have been captured in battle and held as prisoners of war. These people do not have unforgiveness in their hearts, but instead they are bound by the lies they have believed. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32 WEB). The word *truth* here means "reality." So many of us live in a "virtual reality;" It feels real and looks real, but it isn't real. It is just an illusion. We give the devil permission to punish us because we think his lies are true. When we are tormented because of lies we need a revelation of the truth of God so that we can escape to freedom.

(P. 49) We must leave the prison behind to come into the palace. People of royalty focus on who they are called to be. They have forgiven those who have hurt them, they have rejected the lies of the enemy, and they have embraced the truth. They don't live in the bondage of prison but in the wholeness of the palace.

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December 12, 2008

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.*

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December 17, 2008

Thirty-seven years ago today Beth was born in Indianapolis, IN. What a blessing You brought me that day, Lord! Thank You so much for Beth! 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 Kim and John belong to you. I look forward to all of us being together in Heaven.

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December 19, 2008

Reading Matthew 13:1-23 and 25:1-13. The Holy Spirit said:

> *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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December 20, 2008

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:

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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December 22, 2008

(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.

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December 23, 2008

A DREAM ABOUT A BROKEN PERFUME BOTTLE IN MY PURSE

I found that a perfume bottle, which I had in my purse, was broken and the perfume had mostly spilled out.

I was wearing a dress/robe which had many zippers: around the bottom, in the back like a huge pocket, etc. My roommate had one like it also.

Interpretation:

If the purse stands for my identity, then the perfume spilled out of a broken bottle inside my purse refers to something that I was keeping bottled up is now released and spilled out, free. What is now spilled out is my influence/persuasion, what I previously kept bottled up That attempt to feel better about myself (perfume) is now spilled out or freed and not needed in my identity anymore.

In the second dream it shows my covering, which has zippers in it, may show that I have a tendency to control situations. It may show I open and close my receptivity to things.

Well, Lord, what do You say?

> *I say I am with you in what you decided these dreams meant. You are freer and freer to be yourself, who you really are. That which you kept "bottled up" inside you is now freer to come forth, and this affects your identity in Me. I am your treasure, and you are My treasure.*
>
> *That second dream is actually a good sign. You should be ready to accept or reject situations as you see them - accept what is Godly and reject what is Satanic. Yes, you like to control situations, but that is not a bad thing. That can be a good thing if you are listening to and following Me.*

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

(p. 168-9) In our desire after God let us keep always in mind that God also has desire, and His desire is toward the sons of men, and more particularly toward those sons of men who will make the once-for-all decision to exalt Him over all. Such as these are precious to God above all treasures of earth or sea. In them God finds a theater where He can display His exceeding kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. With them God can walk unhindered; toward them He can act like the God He is.

God wants the whole person, and He will not rest till He gets us in entirety. No part of the man will do….Let us pray over this in detail, throwing ourselves at God's feet and meaning everything we say. No one who prays thus in sincerity need wait long for tokens of divine acceptance. God will unveil His glory before His servant's eyes, and He will place all His treasures at the disposal of such a one, for He knows that His honor is safe in such consecrated hands.

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December 24, 2008 (Christmas Eve day)

A most interesting thing happened this evening. Beth and I went to Abundant Life Baptist Church for their Christmas Eve service. When we were about to take our seats Beth noticed Kay Bartle there and went to talk to her. It turned out the Bartle family (who lived across the street from us many years ago) was all meeting at Matt's house for Christmas, and they came to the same service. So we got to meet Matt, his wife Annette, Mark, Kay and Vince. What a wonderful surprise and treat! And God timed it just right so we would meet there and see each other. We had been discussing whether to go to Emmanuel Baptist or Abundant Life Baptist, and didn't decide until this afternoon…but God led us to do this and led them there too. Thank You, God, for that wonderful event and for the blessing of the Christmas Eve service where we sang carols, heard the Gospel, heard the Christmas Scriptures read, and had a candle lighting time. It was really wonderful! After the service Beth and I ate supper at IHOP, drove around and looked at Christmas lights awhile, then returned home and watched a Christmas video.

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December 25, 2008 (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)

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The people refused to enter the pleasant land, for they wouldn't believe his promise to care for them. (Psalm 106:24 NLT)

This is a Scripture that caught my attention today. I don't want to miss what You have for me, Lord, because of unbelief in Your promises.

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December 28, 2008

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. I was putting folding chairs into the back seat 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:

The "drama" coming refers to the prophetic events you believe are coming soon. You are preparing for it because you believe in it and it's 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 is partially unrevealed or 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.

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December 29, 2008

Then Your message to me (in the above dream) is "just keep doing what you are doing?"

Yes, 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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(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 18:3b KJV). 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.

(p. 183) 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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December 30, 2008

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 Beth. She is your biggest and best ministry equipping project.

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

Like you helped equip Ron 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, 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 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 Beth 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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I'm reading Mike Bickle's notes for the ONE THING conference he is leading now here in Kansas City. He has been shown that he is to prepare 10,000 people to live through the tribulation and to "pray in" the events that transpire (seal, bowl, trumpet events) and they will be raptured when Jesus returns to earth at the end of the tribulation.

As I ask the Holy Spirit about this (as compared to those who teach that we will be raptured before the tribulation), ***He says: "Both."*** He is preparing some Christians to be raptured before the tribulation and a certain group to be the intercessors, forerunners and watchmen who will stay and "pray in" the tribulation events and kingdom.

The Holy Spirit reminds me that He doesn't give total and complete revelation to any one person. He gives some revelation to one and some to another. We need to listen to all of them and seek the Lord for revelation about all of it.

This doesn't refer to the unwise virgins versus the wise virgins. That refers to those who think they are Christians (they have the Spirit in small portion) but do not keep refilling themselves with the

Spirit, so they run out before the rapture. Mike's 10,000 refer to special called (and then prepared) people who are picked to live through the tribulation to be intercessors as Mike describes. Mike says the book of Revelation gives them the battle plan and what to pray for.

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December 31, 2008

You have been in Lees Summit 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 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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