IN HIS TIME

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A Book About
The Set Times
Of The Lord

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I dedicate this book to the Lord Jesus Christ,
my best Friend.
May it bring Him glory
in the lives of others as they read it.

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PART THREE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2006

JOURNAL 1-1-06 Sunday

THINGS THE SPIRIT TOLD ME TO EXPECT IN 2006

- The place He is preparing for us is almost totally ready. We are to be prepared to meet the Lord in the air at any moment in 2006. He is not saying it definitely will happen during that year, but it could. We are to be ready.

- The greatest anchor for my life during 2006 is to sit in His Presence each day and listen to Him.

- Things are going to be in high gear in 2006. The whole year will be like that, so we are to expect it. Our Quiet Times with Him will be very important and will calm us and anchor us, anchor our faith for the whole year.

- The Lord will be sharpening us. He will be using the writings and teachings of others, His Word in the Bible, and His voice speaking to us. We will be sharpened daily as we spend time with Him.

- In 2006 there will be great turmoil throughout the world, even greater than 2005 which held much turmoil. We will see it on TV and hear of it and be amazed. He is shaking the whole earth. All that is not of Him will be shaken. Then people will see what holds and is solid and firm, and what is not solid and firm and can be broken off with the shaking.

- The Lord will come with great power and anointing upon His people during 2006. We will see this demonstrated in great and powerful ways.

- The Lord wants to walk with us through 2006 day by day. He wants us to not worry and fret because of all the "unknowns" before us. He knows them all and He will go with us through them all. He knows the Way, and He is the Way. He wants us to trust Him in this.

- The Lord wants me (us) to keep on doing what I am doing, and keep on coming to Him daily to connect up with Him. He will show me what I am to do that day.

- The Lord will keep me (us) on the right pathway--the Highway of Holiness. He is the Highway of Holiness. He is the Way.

- The Lord wants me (us) to abide in Him. He will make me a fisher of men. He will do the fishing, but He will use His people to do it with Him and for Him. I am to keep fishing for all those "children" He wants me to help and teach. He says there are many who need me.

- The Lord is excited about this coming year. He has been patiently waiting for this year to arrive for a long long time…since the day He was born on the earth, and even before that. It is now TIME. It is His "appointed time." He wants us to be excited with Him!

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. (Proverbs 29:18 NIV)

Today in the worship service the pastor talked about the revival he is expecting to come in 2006. I surely identified with that since the Lord told me that also on December 9th evening and said I should write about that in my next book called *Stories of Miracles and Revival.* The pastor also talked about how excited he was about 2006 and I remembered (from the list above) that the Lord also said He was excited about 2006. Pastor told us that in order to "press on to what is before us" we must put aside things of the past, including our failings, the good things we did, and our inabilities.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. (Proverbs 29: 25 NIV)

A DREAM REMINDING ME OF TIME, COOKING ON A STOVE, AND MY WATCH BEING SLOW SO IT WAS ALMOST 3:00

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I wrote the letter "T" on a clock face to be a reminder of the time of a meeting to come. I could see the clock with the T on its face.

I was cooking something on top of a stove burner in a corning loaf dish.

Doug and I were talking. It was time for me to leave to get back somewhere by 3:00. It was 5 minutes until 3:00 and I needed to leave. My watch was slow so I thought it was about 20 minutes until 3:00, then I realized it was later than I thought. Just then he said he would tell this marvelous story about something which happened to him and I wanted to stay and hear it.

I seemed to be the center of and main participant in these dreams. The first two scenes could well be prophetic messages to me about things happening or coming. The letter "T" stands for time in the dream and the dream seems to be reminding me how important it is to keep watch on the time. The meeting to come may well be the time I meet with the Lord either through death or the Rapture - each of which could come soon and is important to keep aware of.

Cooking is usually done (by me) of food, so this "something" is likely food I am preparing to either eat myself or to feed to others. A kitchen may refer to a place to prepare spiritual food for myself and others. The stove/fire/heat may refer to my heart, what I have a passion for. A corning loaf dish would be used to bake bread or loaves of cake in an oven, so in real life I do not use it to cook on the stovetop. In the dream I realized that the shape of the dish did not fit the round stovetop burner. So this could be a picture of preparing food for myself and others in an unusual way or a non-traditional way, in a way not expected normally.

Doug is a pastor friend who has had some very interesting experiences in evangelism and in travel to China to minister in the underground church there. He is a great teller of stories. The reference to leaving at 3:00 may well refer to the time to go to be with the Trinity, signified by the number 3. Since my watch was slow and it was later than I thought, this may be a prophetic picture of the time of my being on this earth being "later than I think." There doesn't seem to be much time left to "listen to Doug's story."

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. (Psalm 46:4-5 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-2-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT A GRANDFATHER CLOCK IN A WINDOW

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1. This scene was in my childhood home, in Mom's house. It was upstairs in my old bedroom. I was looking at a grandfather clock, about 6 ft. high which was positioned in a window I think. There were many little clocks placed on the large face of the grandfather clock. I saw that it had stopped. Then, as I watched, all the little hands of the little clocks fell off. My mom came into the room to vacuum the floor and we talked about the clock. I hoped to get it fixed someday as I liked it a lot.

2. A neighbor boy was interested in coming to our house (from next door where the Loudens used to live) to visit but his mom kept saying negative things (about Christians, I think) to try to keep him from coming.

3. In this scene my house was taken apart into pieces and moved elsewhere and was then being put back together.

1. A clock refers to time, late, early, or delay. A grandfather clock refers to the past. The scene was also in my childhood home which refers to my past. The dream seems to be about me in relation to time. The grandfather clock being in a window may mean it is a revelation about my past time. The hands falling off the clock may refer to my past time stopping from having an effect on me. It may mean I am now free from my past time(s) and its effects on my life. The setting was in my childhood bedroom which would indicate a place of rest. My mother may refer to source, church, spiritual or natural mother, love or kindness. Sweeping the room may refer to cleaning, cleaning house, putting away sin, repentance, change (as in a sweeping change), or removing obstacles.

So this seems to mean I am able to be at rest and free now from the things of my past, my childhood, and the clock is no longer working in that part of my life. My source (God) has cleansed me from the sins from that time in my life (sins by me and sins done against me) in His love and kindness. Obstacles have been removed and change can now happen.

2. A neighbor Scripturally may refer to someone in need (as in the story of the good Samaritan) so this person may refer to those who need to hear about Christ. His mother (source) keeps telling him negative things about Christians to try to keep him from coming to them and learning the things he is interested in knowing.

3. My house can represent me, my life or heart, my family, or my church. This scene seems to picture something which causes one of those to be taken apart, then put back together after moving elsewhere. I turned to the Holy Spirit for help and He said:

What if it means all three, Joan? Well, consider that, because it does mean your self, your family (brothers and sisters), and your church. You will be seeing "taking apart" aspects in all three of these areas in this coming year, and they will all be put back together "somewhere else."

Does the "somewhere else" refer to heaven, Lord?

Yes, they all three will be taken apart during 2006 and will at some point in time be put back together in heaven to rule and reign with Me. But you can be in this heaven ruling and reigning with Me while still residing on this earth, Joan. My first apostles did this. This will be My new you and My new family you grew up in, along with your children, and My new church - all cleansed from the past (with their past clocks stopped) and ready to witness to their neighbors who need to hear about Me.

What are these "taking apart" aspects which You say I will see in 2006?

There will be many things which will be torn down, just like the clock hands were torn down or fell apart. Things will not remain the same as they have been previously. Many things will be cleansed or swept away from the past, and you (plural: you, your family, your church) will be ready to be put back together and dwell in the newly constructed house.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-3-06 Tuesday

WORDS ABOUT WOMEN OF THE WILDERNESS

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Who is this coming up from the desert leaning on her lover? (Song of Songs 8:8)

I heard the first sentence of these words written below in a dream, then awoke and knew I was to write them down. As I did, more words came, and I wrote them down. I had been in a dream where I saw paper forms to sign. I was afraid of what was coming in the world and the words were to comfort me, but they were addressed to "women of the wilderness." I believe these words are for the Bride of Christ. This whole world is like a wilderness compared to Heaven. We can only survive in the "wilderness" of this world as we lean on Him like in the Scripture above from Song of Songs. The Holy Spirit said:

Women of the wilderness come forth. Sign your pledge to walk with Me into the world. Live your time on the earth with Me. Sign your pledge to be Mine forever. Give your hearts to Me. I will show you the way. I AM to Way. Do not fear for I will always be with you. Do not fear for I have overcome the world and so will you as you walk with Me daily. Come with Me for I am meek and lowly and gentle of heart. Yet I am strong and you can walk in My strength. The joy of the Lord is My strength and your strength too. Remember "the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures. He restoreth my soul." I will restore your soul day by day. I will give you green pastures day by day. Come, walk with Me. I love you and care about you. I even like you as I made you. I want you to be you. Will you pledge to walk with Me daily? I want you. I need you.

I pledged myself to Him, then He said:

You <u>are</u> a prophetic writer, Joan, and your writings are just what I want and you are just what I want. Just the way you are. Do not be afraid to be just the way you are. I like you that way. I do not see you as lacking anything, for I am with you, and I am all you need, just as I was all that they needed (referring to Patricia King and her friend on a speaking engagement to the First Nations people in the book "Light Belongs In The Darkness").

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10 WEB)

A DREAM ABOUT BEING ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS AND HANDBELLS

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I was on a college campus and was talking with Marilyn. We seemed to be in the administration building. She wanted to talk privately, so we discussed going to my room to talk and pray awhile. As we were going, some ladies had an idea regarding lawyers and wanted to talk to someone about it. I said they should talk to the President's secretary, so we were leading them to that office. On the way Marilyn disappeared down some stairs, so I called her. She handed up the stairs a large package (about 6 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft) which contained a set of handbells. I took hold of one end of the package and she had the other end. She was to participate in a handbell performance so she was getting them for that. I didn't know the way to my room or the dorm name or the room number, so I didn't know how I was going to get her there. I was concerned about my short term memory lack.

The setting was a college campus which is a place of learning. The building we were inside was the administration building where the President's office was. This setting may represent the world in

which we live and where the Lord has His office administering the learning process. Marilyn represents a college friend who was in the learning process with me. We planned to talk and pray about something she was concerned about. Marilyn, my friend, may represent myself. She might represent me in that she is married to a man by the same first name as my ex-husband. So this may be relating to him.

On our way we met two (meaning divide, judge, separate, discern) ladies (they may represent God's messenger-angel, or one's own self) who want to talk with someone about "lawyers." Lawyers may refer to an advocate, Christ, or a legalistic minister. I thought they should take their idea to the President (Jesus) through talking to His secretary (the Holy Spirit who represents Him to people now). We were walking through the administration building (world) to help these ladies find that office. This scene may symbolize my taking a legal matter regarding my past marriage to the President (Jesus) to discuss it with Him. This may symbolize taking it to Him to judge or discern it legally as a lawyer would and as my advocate.

In the process, as we walked, suddenly Marilyn (I) disappeared down some stairs (went into a lower level in thinking and attitude), so I called out to her (myself) to see where she was. She called back to me and wanted me to help her carry a package of handbells. They represent a sign indicating change (as in the times are changing) and/or God's Presence (as in the manifestation of the Spirit). They could be a sign of both of those ideas. This was not just one handbell, but a huge package of handbells, so perhaps they refer to lots of signs of the times changing and lots of indications of God's Presence.

I didn't know my way home to my dorm room. This likely refers to not knowing how to get to my real home, which is in heaven, not on earth.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. (Psalm 48:9-10 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-5-06 Thursday

A DREAM ABOUT THREES REPEATED

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In the first scene I saw three square-like areas. Then I saw these 3 squares being fixed/changed. Then I saw the scene after they were changed. So this dream dealt with 3

square-like areas and three scenes involving them: before they were changed, during the changing, and after the changing. I think I dreamed this three times.

What does square symbolize, Joan?

It refers to legalistic, religious or religion (speaking the truth without love), no mercy, hard or harsh, of the world, rigid, or narrow minded.

And three means?

The Godhead, conform, obey, copy, imitate, likeness, tradition, inner energy, strength, fortitude

So your dream scenes showed something legalistic, religious, rigid, narrow minded and/or of the world in three forms: before it was changed, while it was changed, and after it was changed? And you dreamed this three times; what does that signify?

It signifies that it is set, it will happen, it is definite.

So what this shows in your dream is that all those who are rigid, legalistic, narrow minded, of the world, and some even "religious" in that way, were in a form before they were changed, then they were changed somehow, and then you saw them after they were changed. Yes, these are people, and the institutions they form with others like them. They will all be changed. You are seeing these being changed right now, before your eyes, and you will continue to see them through to the "after changing" state. After they are changed they will either become like Me (Christ) or anti-Me (anti-Christ). They will not stay the same as they are now.

All the 3's in this dream show that I am doing this; it is of Me and for Me and WILL happen. People will either become for Me or against Me. They are making their choices right now as I've told you many times before. Right now it is "decision time." The decisions being made right now will determine whether people will stay here at the Rapture or come up to be with Me. The Rapture may change some people, who are hardening their hearts right now, and they will become Christians after it. Those are people who will be searching for Christian materials all over the web. Your web site will be one they will find and read at that time. Your web site will help them understand the choices they made and the consequences of those choices. It will help them find out how to become a Christian (in Thoughts and Stories, Book 1) and how to live as a Christian (in all your books).

So this is a prophetic dream to show you something I am doing right now. You are telling people through your book with this dream about that which I am doing right now.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. (Psalm 50:1-2 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-6-06 Friday

I want you to go with Me to a place where I share My secrets with you. And I want you to write down those secrets for your books so others can read them too. Stay with Me now while I talk to you in our "secret place."

You'll have to sit here awhile and wait here awhile until I tell you these things. Wait with Me, My child. I love you and I want to share My life with you. You'll have to trust Me to tell you the right things at the right time. This is not foolproof for you. You can never know for sure if everything you write is from Me. But trust Me to tell you if it isn't, and to instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. That is My Word to you today, remember?

I love you, Joan. I love your faithfulness, your faithfulness to record the dreams you get even though they seem very strange to you at times…even though they are hard to interpret. I love the way you set yourself apart to listen to Me day by day, and converse with Me all day. I love how easy it is to get your attention and the high priority you give to My words/thoughts I give you. I want you to know I appreciate you.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints. (Psalm 52:8-9 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT WALKING HOLDING ON TO HELICOPTER BLADES

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I was walking along the ground holding up my arms and holding on to helicopter blades that were turning. They seemed to help me move. I tried to keep them from hitting trees etc that might stop them. They did stop once inside a large room and I was trying to restart them by pressing some button and moving my arms.

Walking refers to progress, being led by the Spirit. My arms refer to strength and/or faith. A helicopter refers to ministry (individual or church). Trees can refer to a leader, or leadership, a person or covering, a shelter. So what does this mean, Lord?

It means you are progressing and your faith and strength help you progress and you are helped along by individuals and the church. You try not to let leaders stop you or sins stop you or lack of discernment stop you. When you do somehow get stopped, you work at starting up again. Since your "ministry" of walking (progress) is listening to Me, this process gets stopped sometimes and you work to restart it (get back into listening to Me again). This is a good dream, a prophetic dream showing a picture of what you do.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end. (Psalm 48:14 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT WALKING HOLDING A TOWEL/SHEET OVER ME

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I was walking along a street or road and trying to hold a large towel or sheet over me as I was naked underneath it. I saw people I knew watching me.

Walking refers to progress, being led by the Spirit. A towel depicts a life aspect capable of absorption. This means an ability to lessen difficulties. A sheet signifies one's moral/ethical behavior. It portrays a condition of rest. Being naked refers to being humble and being vulnerable to others. Everyone can see what's going on in your life, transparent. Nakedness connotes an open heart, nothing to hide, no agendas or ulterior motives. I was being seen by people I knew as I progressed.

Again this shows a prophetic picture of your spiritual walk and how it appears to those around you watching you.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 53:2 NIV)

A DREAM OF COMBING MY HAIR

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I went into a women's rest room to fix my hair. I saw many sections of my hair fastened with bands of some kind. I proceeded to take those bands out so I could comb through it.

A women's rest room refers to a place to rest in and be renewed; it will imply a much needed rest from one's work or a stressful situation. Hair refers to covering, covenant, humanity, wisdom and anointing; hair symbolizes thoughts. The condition of this hair in the dream was fastened with bands holding it up. I wanted to comb it out and that may refer to a desire to untangle it, untangle bound up thoughts or ideas and free them. So this dream pictures going in to a place of rest and renewal to unbind my thoughts, my covering, my wisdom, anointing, and humanity, and get it untangled and freed from being bound up.

This too is a prophetic picture of you and things you are going through now and things you are experiencing now. You are the only person in this dream so it is a picture about you. I am helping you "unbind" things from your past and ideas which bind you, and I am helping you become free in your thoughts and covering and anointing.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills … the world is mine, and all that is in it. (Psalm 50:10, 12 NIV)

DREAM OF SEEING CIRCLES SEWED WITH BLUE DESIGNS

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I saw some circles sewed with blue designs stitched in patterns and shades of blue. There were lots of them. They were about 1 1/4" in diameter.

A circle refers to covenant and round refers to things spiritual (grace, mercy, compassion, forgiveness). The blue designs can refer to spiritual, spiritual gift, and divine revelation. The different designs and shades of blue can refer to different designs and shades to the revelations they represent. Since there were lots of these circles it means there are to be lots of spiritual revelations as part of our covenant together with Him.

Again this is a prophetic picture of what I am bringing you - lots of divine spiritual revelations.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God. (Psalm 50:23 NIV)

DREAM OF SEEING A WOMAN WHOSE NAME WAS ILANA

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Ilana was the name of a young woman in my dream. I remember that name from the movie called "A Season of Miracles."

Ilana is a name from the Hebrew language. Its inherent meaning is "tree," and its spiritual connotation is "firmly rooted." The Scripture given for it in the name book is **(Psalm 1:3 NLT) They are like trees planted along the riverbank…and in all they do, they prosper.**

Yes, this woman refers to you, Joan, and you are like Ilana. You are like a tree firmly planted and in all you do, you prosper. This is a prophetic dream word for you to hold on to also.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7 NIV)

"Besame, besame mucho." These were the words of a song that was going through my head. That same song was in my mind a lot another day also. I wondered what those words meant and if they had meaning for me… so I found out through Google that those words meant "Kiss me a lot." So when I have this song in my mind, I think I am being reminded to "kiss the Son" a lot. **Psalm 2:12 says: Kiss the Son…** God often puts a song in my mind to remind me of something He wants me to think of. I have learned to pay attention to the words of the song He brings into my mind.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10 NIV)

AN IMPRESSION

In the afternoon when I closed my eyes I saw an impression of a right eye. I saw the eye turn and look different directions. I asked the Spirit what it meant. He said it was "the eye of the Lord" that was looking all around the world to see those who understand and seek Him as in the Scripture **God looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 53:2 NIV)**

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 55:22 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-7-06 Saturday

You test everything to see if it's true. You wait and seek Me and ask Me if it is true. If you present the information that comes into your mind to someone, ask them to see if it's true… and if it isn't to let you know. You know that if it is from Me it is true, the truth.

Wait awhile after you hear or write something to allow time to check it out and see how I react (inside of you) to the idea(s). Remember how you felt things just were wrong inside of you? You were not at peace about it? Well, notice those feelings and follow up on them before you base anything on what you heard. I will lead you and show you the way, and negative feelings about what you hear can be part of My leading. Observe them and follow up on them. Because I live inside of you, I can affect your feelings from inside.

It was good that you chose to worship Me before you sought Me for help about the thing which you heard that was proved wrong. It showed you were still looking to Us and trusting Us for your guidance. Always keep worshiping Us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Worship drives the evil one away and drives his lies away too. He can't stay where We are being worshipped.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Two things I ask of you, O Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. (Proverbs 30:7-8 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT A TABLE TOP WITH SCRATCHED IN WORDS

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Just before I woke up I saw a table top that had words scratched into it and a heart with an arrow through it like a valentine heart.

A table can refer to communion, agreement, covenant, conference, or provision. A valentine often refers to affection. A heart can refer to the emotions. An arrow can refer to words, perhaps traveling swiftly. These words were pictured then as traveling swiftly into and through my heart, my emotions, my affection. The table top being the place where the words were displayed may mean these words were being displayed in regard to our communion, covenant, agreement, and provision. Since this dream scene didn't have any people in it, it may be a prophetic picture the Lord is showing me in regard to our communion together. Since the words and picture were scratched into the table's surface this may indicate they are deep and permanent or not easily removed.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:17 WEB)

A DREAM ABOUT BEING A TEACHER WHO TAUGHT ALL THE SUBJECTS AND DROVE THE SCHOOL BUS

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In this dream it seemed like I was a new or a potential teacher and hadn't yet started teaching my class. I watched as school buses came along the street, and I noticed that the bus only held about 5-6 people. It seemed that the teacher was driving the bus. The bus was orange like a typical school bus, but it was open topped, (no top) and very wide and not very long.

I was surprised how they looked. It somehow seemed I knew or saw that the teacher taught all subjects to the students and so never seemed to have a break from teaching.

A school bus refers to training time, learning or working together, youth ministry. The open topped bus may refer to this ministry being open to others. (MSR) a bus pertains to an aspect in one's life that serves to benefit many. A school bus corresponds to the vehicle or way a person can attain additional knowledge. A school bus driver characterizes an individual who can personally lead another to further enlightenment or attained knowledge. A school teacher characterizes someone who is capable of teaching something important. A teacher refers to characterizing certain knowledge and the ability to communicate it.

As I apply that information to this dream it seems I was to soon become a teacher like the ones I saw in the dream and I was seeing what they did. They had an open ministry, had something to teach others, and had the ability to communicate that. The ministry was primarily to youth (those new to what they were teaching) and it was full time; there were no breaks from the ministry. It was ongoing all the time. I had the impression these teachers were happy and smiling as they drove their school buses. I didn't recognize any of the people. This may mean I won't know those who are being taught by me, so perhaps this refers to people being taught through my books.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Psalm 56:3 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT BETH GROWING A GARDEN AND TAKING NAPS

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"It was the nappiest time I ever had." That was what Beth said about the time she spent making a garden, along with 3 other kids (2 cousins) in the back yard of Mom and Dad's home. The garden had lots of good looking vegetable plants growing. She was putting a white screen over it to put water on it that wouldn't put ruts in the loose dirt but evenly distribute the water gradually. The "nappiest" time referred to all the naps she took during the time (week?) she made the garden due to the effort.

To get to her garden I walked under the maple tree in the back yard and there was a huge cobwebby strip in the air across my pathway. I was trying to dodge it. Water fell on it (like rain) and it seemed to break up in pieces and disintegrate.

In this dream Beth means Beth, not me. She is making a garden, planting and growing vegetables. That refers to working in a church or ministry, a field of labor, the kingdom of God. Vegetables symbolize the fruit of one's labor. Naps refer to sleeping, which means resting. So planting and

growing this garden took lots of work but included resting in the Lord also. Watering the garden may refer to the Holy Spirit being applied. Since this was in the back (past) yard of my parents' home, this may refer to things Beth will be laboring to grow in regard to her generational past. The thought that is in my mind is this may refer to the conference she is planning to attend soon where she will delve into her past for healing.

My participation in the dream was to walk through the yard and avoid a cobwebby strip. That may refer to a sticky situation I tried to avoid getting caught in. That situation was disintegrated by the water raining down on it. This may refer to the water of the Word or Spirit, something from God. In relation to Beth I just observed what she was doing.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll--are they not in your record? (Psalm 56:8)

JOURNAL 1-8-06 Sunday

It has begun! The Revival the Holy Spirit said would come (and that He wanted me to write about) has begun. What an appropriate date for it to start: 1 = beginning, 8 = new beginning and 6 = the number of man) so it refers to a double new beginning for mankind. Today is a day for brand new beginnings for the people here at my church, CTC.

It started this morning at worship service with one person confessing before the Church a sin he had committed -- and asking for forgiveness. These are the steps he went through in his confession:

- He confessed the sin
- He understood this was the loving goodness of God towards him to expose this
- He was truly sorry
- He repented to us and to God
- He asked us to forgive him
- He submitted himself to people who will work with him in his healing

Then Pastor Alan taught us with Scripture about our attitude and response to this event. These are the main ideas he taught us:

- He said people here would have different responses/feelings: surprise, shock, disappointment, hurt, confusion. He wanted to talk to us as our pastor, as he had had opportunity to work through his feelings and his were probably different than ours.

- He thanked the person who confessed for his openness and transparency. He said he believed that openness, transparency and repentance is the first step in being healed. He quoted King David from Psalms 32:3-6 which says: **When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long… Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

- He said that iniquity is the thing inside of us that causes us to sin, that repentance breaks the strangle hold of the enemy, and to even get to this place is evidence of the goodness of God. (Romans 2:4) **"…God's kindness leads you toward repentance."**

- He said we should know the Word says in 1 John 1:9 NIV that: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

- Pastor said the person was wounded and needed to be healed – this was a time to pray for healing, to demonstrate love to him and his family, to guard them by what and how we speak, and not to injure them further by our words and actions

- Then Pastor spoke to the people in church saying that some of us might find this opening old wounds from being disappointed by spiritual leaders previously in our experiences. He indicated he had a choice on how to do this and was not going to attempt to minimize, disguise or hide this issue. He indicated that if we had questions he was available to speak with us.

- Pastor said he believed this was an opportunity for our church, and that this is a day in which the Holy Spirit is demonstrating Himself as HOLY. He referred to when Patricia King saw a Purity Angel and wrote about it. This is an opportunity for us to respond to what Holy Spirit is doing currently. This is a work of Holy Spirit... that there will be a Bride presented to the Bridegroom that is without spot or blemish.

- Then the Pastor opened the meeting for others who felt they had an area that they wanted to get right with God. They were to come to the front and kneel and pray privately about it--for it to be broken off and cleansed and forgiven. Around 20 people or so responded. During this time the Pastor pronounced forgiveness from the Church to the first person who had publicly confessed sin. Many of us had the chance after the service to hug the person and affirm our love.

The Lord told me recently the title for my next book was to be *Stories of Miracles and Revival.* I mentioned this to the pastor last week and indicated I was looking for these things to happen soon. Then this morning the Holy Spirit prompted me to take my writing notebook with me to church so I could write about things which took place. So, when this began happening, I realized this was the beginning of the Revival the Spirit told me was to come. I was so touched it brought tears to my eyes.

I have been praying for and expecting revival since 1983 when I traveled with a group from my church in Columbia, MO to Ridgecrest Conference Center near Ashville, NC. We attended a conference on *Prayer For Spiritual Awakening*. In that conference we heard speakers talk about past revivals in the U. S. and abroad so we could understand them historically. We were made aware that

those revivals were preceded by deep heartfelt prayer (some would call it desperate prayer) to God for change in people's lives. We were encouraged to pray for this for others and for ourselves.

For ourselves we were taught to confess our sins and get ourselves clean before God. One thing I remember one person telling us was when the Holy Spirit shows up with revival power, people will either rush to the altar falling on their faces before God, or rush out the back door of the building as they resist Him. There would be no one "in between."

At one meeting at the conference Bertha Smith, who was a missionary to China when revival hit there, told us of the process of getting right with God and confessing all their sins that God took them through personally before the revival broke out. She mentioned she even was led to write home to people she needed to get reconciled with. She encouraged us to go apart from others with a pen and paper to ask the Lord to show us all our sins and we could write them down. Then we were to confess each one before God and ask Him to forgive us and cleanse us for that sin. Then we could claim the Scripture in 1 John 1:9 NIV which says: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** After the cleansing process then we were ready to seek the Holy Spirit to come in power.

Perhaps that is what the 120 did in the upper room during the days before the Holy Spirit fell on them in Acts 2:2-4 NIV which says: **Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

Come, Holy Spirit! Cleanse us, the Bride of Christ, and make us into a pure and spotless Bride for our Lord Jesus. Create in us a pure heart, and renew a right spirit within us (Psalm 51:10)!

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:5-9 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-10-06 Tuesday

NOTES FROM CD OF CTC WORSHIP SERVICE ON 11-13-05 REGARDING DOORS

I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. (Isaiah 22:22 BSB)

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. (Revelation 3:7 NIV)

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John shared in church that he saw 7 portals with doors on them in CTC with these names: healing, holiness, peace, evangelism, revelation, miracles, and unity. The doors were made of oak, silver, gold, ruby, blue stone, white, diamonds, and 7's and 5's were on them.

The Holy Spirit says:

> *These seven doors are opening for you, Joan. You are going through a time of closing the doors of your past, and a time of walking into and through these seven doors with their names and what they are made of. Sevens (completion and rest) and 5's (grace, grace, grace) were on them and are on you as you go through them. Do you want to go through them, Joan?* (Yes, Lord.) *Then I will do it. I will place these doors before you, one at a time, and give you the opportunity to walk through (like you walked through the door in September of 1986 when I opened up a job for you). You will know each door as you come to it and you will be offered the opportunity to walk through it. You will KNOW what you are doing and what you are choosing. It won't slip by you without your recognizing it.*

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. (Psalm 57:2 BSB)

A DREAM ABOUT AN INTERSECTION AND TRYING TO TURN LEFT

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In this dream I was in a vehicle waiting at an intersection. We were trying to turn left and there were no traffic lights in the usual places to show us when it was safe. There was just a small rectangular box with green arrows moving on it pointing toward the left. This was positioned in front of the cars which were stopped in the cross street to the left of us (which means the arrows pointed back the way we came). It was about eye level in height. As we

started to turn left, we could see cars coming from the left, where we were trying to turn, and crossing in front of us, so we had to wait. While we waited, a vehicle, bursting with many people (like an open bus sometimes seen in foreign countries), came from across the intersection, almost hit the vehicle which waited (in front of them) across the intersection, then pulled around that vehicle into the very middle of this confused and very busy mix in the intersection. We just looked at them incredulous at what they had done as they sat in the middle of all the cars looking around.

The cars indicate people or ministries. A left turn means a spiritual change in God's strength. The intersection denotes decision or change. A traffic light marks the rightness of one's path. In this attempt at turning left my vehicle didn't have a traffic light indicating when it could safely turn left, so this could refer to my not seeing/knowing when was a safe or good time to make a spiritual change. It was not clear who had the right-of-way. There was a small traffic light to our left which had small green arrows moving toward my left (which means the arrows pointed back the way we came), but this didn't seem to affect the cross traffic and it wasn't able to be seen by them. It looked like this:

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As I was looking for a good time to turn left and trying to gauge when the cross traffic might stop, then this vehicle came charging through from across the intersection. At first it looked like it would hit a vehicle waiting there, then it swerved around it and out into the very middle of the busy intersection and stopped. I saw lots of people sitting in it and others hanging on to poles to stay on it - like an open vehicle at a park or in a foreign country. It was absolutely jammed with people.

What does this mean? An open vehicle can refer to an open ministry/person very visible and vulnerable. This vehicle can roar into the midst of this decision/change area and stop there. This could refer to some ministry/person doing that…pushing its way in the middle of others and taking its chances on getting hit or hitting others as it does that.

Just record this dream today and return to it tomorrow. I will show you more later what it means. Right now it shows you don't know what time you can/should make a change of direction. Let that be sufficient for today.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. (Psalm 57:11 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-11-06 Wednesday

When I told Beth about this dream she noted that the small traffic signal I did see pointed back to the way I had come from. She wondered if this might mean I was to turn around and go back. She pointed out that the arrows (v's turned sideways) were green and moving. This might be showing me the way to go rather than into the intersection. Is this true, Lord? Does this small traffic signal seen by me but not the other cars, give me the signal to turn around and go back somewhere?

Yes, My child, that is true. You are to go back to our time of closeness and privacy and peace, rather than enter a time of decision and change of direction and possibly getting hit by other vehicles. The traffic signal you saw was small and privately placed for only you to see, not others. It was green, meaning go. It was moving in the direction of "going back" which is significant. That's why I didn't have you continue yesterday with the interpretation--because you needed Beth's input about the meaning of the small traffic signal.

What does it mean to "go back"?

1. *Keep the closeness with Me you have been having. Don't change that.*
2. *Keep writing daily during the weekdays as you have been doing.*
3. *Keep having long quiet times in the secret place with Me.*
4. *Keep reading My Word and talking with Me about it.*
5. *Keep praying throughout the day and night however I lead you.*

These are all things which you have been doing since coming to Lees Summit. I want you to keep on doing these things and not change direction now. Even though your living situation might change sometime during this year, still keep doing what you have been doing. A new place of living will not change what you do there. You will not enter the intersection of making a directional change. You will keep on doing as you have been. That is the "signal" I am giving you in this dream. Keep on going back to what you have been doing here in your mornings. I want your mornings to remain being Mine…time spent with Me. Remember this dream whenever you wonder if you are to make some directional change, and remember the green arrows moving towards returning to the place you were.

And I will open those 7 doors for you which I showed you through John's vision: healing, holiness, peace, evangelism, revelation, miracles and unity. But, even as you go through these new doors and enter new portals in your relationship with Me, I want you to continue in the 5 things I outlined above--5 things to "keep doing" and "go back to" when you slip away from it. These all tie together.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. (Joshua 3:3-4 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-12-06 Thursday

The following article by Dutch Sheets was sent over the ElijahList email news, and can be found at their website at ElijahList.com. I put here the part that specifically mentions how important right timing will be this coming year (#10 on his list).

January 11, 2006

"DUTCH SHEETS: The Shift for 2006--Ministries will Restructure, as will Churches, Businesses, Individuals, and Families"

Dutch Sheets Ministries
www.dutchsheets.org



10. "This is the most important year yet for the right timing."

- Opportunities will come and go quickly.
- The timing of endeavors will be critical.
- Being at the right place at the right time will be essential.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:2-3 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT BALLET DANCING

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In this dream I was watching various scenes of a ballet dance being done by a group. The scenes were depicting some events of real life.

Dancing may symbolize worship and/or prophesying. (MSR-- ballet represents a situation that has been engineered; players dancing through their parts; dancing through life with prearranged steps instead of letting the moment dictate movements.) This dancing was being done by a group which could represent the Church in worship and prophecy showing what is happening in real life. This scene could be showing prophecy happening about real life. It also could represent worship

happening because of what God was doing in real life. This may be a prophetic dream regarding the Church and/or CTC.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. (Psalm 59:16 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT KEY SHAPES

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In this dream I drew lines and then they would change into shapes that reminded me of key shapes.

Keys can refer to knowledge, authority, wisdom, understanding, ability, important or indispensable, Christ. Drawing lines connotes creative expression of inner aspects. So I was the person in this dream who drew lines--perhaps showing an expression of things inside me (like my writing books) and something else caused these lines to become shaped like keys with knowledge, wisdom and understanding from them. This seems to be a picture of how the Holy Spirit takes my writing and helps others to find wisdom, knowledge and understanding through it.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. (Psalm 62:1-2 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-14-06 Saturday

A DREAM ABOUT A MAN EATING ICE CREAM

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I was in a room with a group of 2-3 ladies. We seemed to be talking, sharing, and perhaps helping each other. A man came by and came in the room. He had some ice cream thing he was eating. He said he didn't understand why we didn't get up early and go to some special

event/meeting (which he had just come from) that morning where you got to see (someone I don't remember) and also got this ice cream.

Ice signifies frozen spiritual truths, frequently voluntarily frozen by oneself. Ice cream indicates the intake of spiritual aspects yet one doesn't externalize them. Ice cream cone implies spiritual aspects carried around but not shared with others.

The part with the women together in a room talking and helping each other indicates good fellowship. You are in the midst of that good fellowship when J comes. He indicates or stands for someone who doesn't share what you believe and what you find of value in life. What he says shows this - he doesn't understand why you wouldn't value what he found of value. This dream is just a picture showing that there are those who won't see things as you do, and they might speak this to you. He might speak this to you after he reads your books. Don't let that alter your course of action or what you believe. He may think what he wants, and you may think what you want. Don't try to change to meet "man's approval."

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. (Psalm 61:4-5 NIV)

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

(139) "We make a decision whether to receive mistreatment at the hands of others as a blessing or as a curse. God has promised a blessing if we respond with forgiveness and grace. But when we respond with accusation, vindication, faultfinding or blame shifting, we then give Satan a key to our front door; he can then come and go as he pleases in our house. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

"You can take most of your thoughts or conversations about a difficult person in your life, and in one way or another line them up under one of two categories: thoughts of restoration and relationship, or thoughts of vindication and exposure. One way leads to blessing; the other way releases a self-imposed curse.

(140) "When you choose the behavior, you choose the consequences!

(141) (Luke 6:27-35) "These verses imply that there is no blessing or reward when we do good to good people. Blessing comes when we do good to the people who hurt us. The blessing is sonship--being placed in Father's presence! We feel the full acceptance and unconditional love of the Father. We begin walking in a deeper intimacy with God and start taking on His spirit of grace, which

releases intimacy in many of our relationships. We then start becoming more comfortable with love and forgiveness. This is the place where healing and the blessings of God begin to overtake you.

(142) "Jesus walked out these principles with the one who hurt Him most, Judas… He never stopped receiving and valuing Judas…Have you received the difficult people whom God has placed in your life as an instrument of blessing? If you do not value, honor and respect them, then you may be treating them like a curse, thus inheriting a curse! When we receive them as a blessing to help us find out what we are full of, then God can take every negative relationship and use it to bring us into spiritual maturity. This releases us to experience His love and then to be an instrument of His love to our family and to the nations!

(144) "You do not know what you are in bondage to until you are free from it.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. (Psalm 63:6-8 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-15-06 Sunday

These words came to me while in the worship service at CTC today:

> *Yes, you will see things happening at CTC just like you read about with Aimee Semple McPherson…healings, Spirit manifestations, miracles, unity too--focusing on Me, centering on Me.*

(Some of the ideas from Pastor Alan's sermon)

He continued the ideas he began to present previously about pressing on toward what God has called me for as Paul expressed in Philippians:

> **"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV)**

He talked again about forgetting the past with its failures, successes, and inabililities as mentioned in Isaiah:

> **"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV)**

And if we did not in the past do all the things we were called to do, then Pastor referred us to Joel 2:25 which says:

> **"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten" (Joel 2:25 NIV)**

He reminded us again about God having a plan for each of us:

> **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)**

He reminded us to want to finish well. He said the temptation to quit is greater now than ever.

Then he told us two things coming up that we can look forward to.

1. The ARC (Apostolic Restoration Center) which is a new training school at CTC. He told us about Mitch and Chris from New Zealand who are praying and looking for confirmation about coming to CTC to organize and direct that--perhaps late winter or early spring.

2. Healing services: February 12 will be the first of a series of healing services. This one will be on Sunday evening with Mahesh Chavda. Other such meetings will be held, perhaps each month.

Then Pastor Alan told us some things being prophesied for 2006, specifically by Patricia King, Bobby Connor, James Goll, and Dutch Sheets. He mentioned four areas they all seem to me stressing:

1. Things will be shifting and changing and being restructured. We want to find what has breath on it and go forward with that. We also want to stop what does not have the breath of the Holy Spirit on it.

2. Releasing the apostalic. It is time for people to align themselves with apostalic authority. He mentioned a number of ministries that have asked to be under the covering of CTC: Jody who is leaving soon to minister in India, Leon and Jackie ministering in South Africa, David and Vicki Grindstaff who are missionaries to Turkey, etc. (I also think of Claudia Wintuck in Africa, David and Beth in Israel, Kevin and Kathy Basconi who often minister in England and Africa, etc.)

3. Healing and miracles. He said Bobby Connor said Christians will minister healing to bird flu victims.

4. Purity-Holiness. Patricia King mentioned seeing an Angel of Purity. Pastor mentioned the story of Achan from Joshua 7. He said it's the things we try to keep hidden that bring about our demise. It's the little things that get you into trouble.

After Pastor made reference to our service last week containing a confession, and mentioning how many people responded to a need to get some "hidden" area right with the Lord, Pastor again gave the call/opportunity for those who had some area in their lives, perhaps a hidden area, perhaps an addiction (he especially mention prescription drugs) that they would like to get right with God, to come forward for instruction and prayer. Many came for that (I think around15). Lee read some areas people might want to consider, and Fred mentioned we should also look at the hidden areas where we have said "Yes" to some lie, perhaps in our past, which we have believed. There was prayer for all addictions to be broken.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

You are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. (Psalm 3:3 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-16-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT AN ODOMETER DETERMINING THE WALK OF MY FEET AND ABOUT STANDING IN THE SHADOW OF A GIANT TREE

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"Odo" seemed to be important in this dream. It seemed to have to do with my feet. I seemed to receive different words that would determine what my feet could/would do.

Just before I woke up I was standing in the shadow of a large tall tree trunk to shade myself from the light so I could see. The dream felt like it was vivid as I dreamed.

Odo seems like it may refer to an odometer in a car - that which indicates the number of miles a car has traveled. Feet refer to your spiritual walk, heart, way, or thoughts (meditation). So perhaps odo in the dream might symbolize how far I have traveled in my spiritual walk. Odo may also be calling my attention to my heart/thoughts/meditation on that walk. Tree can refer to leader, person or covering, shelter. Being in the shadow of this great tree reminds me of Psalm 91:1 which says:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Odometer refers to how far you've traveled in your journey with Me through the time allotted you in life. It shows where you are right now, today, and, when the odometer stops,

then your lifetime on earth stops as an earthly human. Odo is the "word" I give you to refer to that journey. Your feet make that journey responding to Me as I give My word to them. My word has been giving your feet directions/commands all the days of your earthly life so far. I am in charge and control of that.

But this also refers to your meditation/thoughts. Your thoughts determine where you go and what you speak. What you think, and what you therefore speak, determines where you go. Speak My words and My thoughts, and you will go where I guide you to go. Speak the world's thoughts, or your fleshly thoughts, or the evil one's thoughts, and that is the way you will go.

I want to continually purify your thoughts and focus them on Me. Therefore it is vital for you to come to Me at the beginning of each day and get My thoughts into your mind - for your "feet" (thoughts) to follow for that day. Keep doing this, Joan. It is vital to get you to the great tree you saw in this dream. I am the great tree--the great leader who shades you from the sunlight and stands before you. And I am the sunlight too. I am the Light of the World, as you know. But my Light is so bright it would blind you, as it did Paul on the road to Damascus. So I bring My light to you, but I also shade you from its brilliance.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God. (Joshua 4:23-24 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-17-06 Tuesday

Today the Lord is speaking to me about His steadfastness. He is doing this as an assurance to me that He will always be with me and that He will never change. There is such comfort in that!

As I meditated on His steadfastness He began to show me that steadfastness means He will keep on keeping on. He will never stop. He will never give up. His love is steadfast. His mercy is steadfast. His revelations are steadfast. His being/existing is steadfast. His wisdom is steadfast. He does not waver. He is not changing, not double minded.

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

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5 BSB)

I looked up in Bible Gateway on the web Scriptures which dealt with God's steadfastness and Scriptures calling us to be steadfast. I will list some of them here:

GOD'S STEADFASTNESS

Deuteronomy 7:9
AMPC
Know, recognize, and understand therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, Who keeps covenant and **steadfast** love and mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 7:12
AMPC
And if you hearken to these precepts and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the **steadfast** love which He swore to your fathers.

Nehemiah 9:17
AMPC
But You are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great **steadfast** love.

Psalm 5:7
AMPC
But as for me, I will enter Your house through the abundance of Your **steadfast** love and mercy; I will worship toward and at Your holy temple in reverent fear and awe of You.

Psalm 25:10
AMPC
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and **steadfast** love, even truth and faithfulness are they for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Psalm 31:7
AMPC
I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy and **steadfast** love, because You have seen my affliction, You have taken note of my life's distresses,

Psalm 36:7
AMPC
How precious is Your **steadfast** love, O God! The children of men take refuge and put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Psalm 44:26

AMPC
Rise up! Come to our help, and deliver us for Your mercy's sake and because of Your **steadfast** love!

Psalm 51:1
AMPC
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your **steadfast** love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 59:10
AMPC
My God in His mercy and **steadfast** love will meet me.

Psalm 59:17
AMPC
Unto You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my Defense, my Fortress, and High Tower, the God who shows me mercy and **steadfast** love.

Psalm 69:16
AMPC
Hear and answer me, O Lord, for Your loving-kindness is sweet and comforting; according to Your plenteous tender mercy and **steadfast** love turn to me.

Psalm 144:2
AMPC
My **Steadfast** Love and my Fortress, my High Tower and my Deliverer, my Shield and He in Whom I trust and take refuge.

Jeremiah 33:11
AMPC
Give praise and thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good; for His mercy and kindness and **steadfast** love endure forever!

John 1:9
AMPC
There it was--the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, **steadfast** Light] that illumines every person.

OUR STEADFASTNESS

Joshua 23:6
AMPC

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

Psalm 51:10 NIV
New International Version (NIV)
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a **steadfast** spirit within me.

Psalm 112:7 NIV
New International Version (NIV)
He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is **steadfast**, trusting in the LORD.

Proverbs 11:19
AMPC
He who is **steadfast** in righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God) attains to life, but he who pursues evil does it to his own death.

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

Isaiah 43:10
AMPC
You are My witnesses, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know Me, believe Me and remain **steadfast** to Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.

Hosea 6:6
AMPC
For I desire and delight in dutiful **steadfast** love and goodness, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of and acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings.

Luke 9:23
AMPC
And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave **steadfast**ly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].

Luke 21:19
AMPC
By your **steadfast**ness and patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls.

John 14:12
AMPC
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone **steadfast**ly believes in Me, he will himself be able

to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

Acts 1:14
AMPC
All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves **steadfast**ly to prayer, [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:42 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
And they continued **steadfast**ly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Romans 12:12
AMPC
Rejoice and exult in hope; be **steadfast** and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer.

Romans 15:4
AMPC
For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our **steadfast** and patient] endurance and the encouragement [drawn] from the Scriptures we might hold fast to and cherish hope.

Romans 15:5
AMPC
Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (**steadfast**ness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 1:8
AMPC
And He will establish you to the end [keep you **steadfast**, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
Therefore, my beloved brethren, be **steadfast**, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:7 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
And our hope for you is **steadfast**, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

2 Corinthians 1:21

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

Colossians 1:23 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and **steadfast**, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 4:2
AMPC
Be earnest and unwearied and **steadfast** in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving.

2 Thessalonians 2:17
AMPC
Comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them [make them **steadfast** and keep them unswerving] in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3:5
AMPC
May the Lord direct your hearts into [realizing and showing] the love of God and into the **steadfast**ness and patience of Christ and in waiting for His return.

Hebrews 3:14 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence **steadfast** to the end.

Hebrews 6:19
AMPC
[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and **steadfast** anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil.

Hebrews 10:36
AMPC
For you have need of **steadfast** patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.

James 1:3
AMPC
Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and

steadfastness and patience.

James 1:4
AMPC
But let endurance and **steadfast**ness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 5:9 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
Resist him, **steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1 Peter 5:10 NIV
New International Version (NIV)
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and **steadfast**.

2 Peter 3:14 NKJV
New King James Version (NKJV)
[*Be **Steadfast***] Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

Revelation 14:12
AMPC
Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8 BSB)

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

(178) (Luke 15:31 ESV) "My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours." Father longs for us as His children to enter into this kind of relationship with Him. He wants us to enter a place of faith in His goodness and love where we know deep in our heart that He is always with us seeking to meet our need as a caring Father, not just during times of dramatic encounters. It is in this place of abiding daily in His presence that His loving nature displaces our insecurities and fears and where we are being conformed into His image of love. (1 John 4:16, 18) "And we have

come to know and have believed the love which God has for us…There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear."

(179) I have found that people experiencing Father's embrace can enter in two different ways. One is a way of great emotional release. The other is a way of humility and faith. Through experience, I have also learned that often those who never have an emotional encounter are those who, at times, are transformed the most by choosing to abide in Father's love one moment at a time.

(181) You may seek to walk daily in faith, humility and love--this begins to conform you into the image of your loving Father. You won't always feel God's presence. You won't always sense His favor. But as you daily submit your heart to His love, there is change taking place in your character and you begin to abide in His love…abiding in His love requires that we focus on three primary areas in our daily walk: walking in the Spirit; humility before God and man; and transparent witnessing.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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

JOURNAL 1-18-06 Wednesday

Today in my Bible reading time I read the story in the book of Joshua chapter 7 about the Israelites being defeated when they tried to attack and win a victory at Ai. After they were defeated, Joshua (along with the elders) went on his face before the Lord to find out why. This is what the Lord said to him:

Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run *because they have been made liable to destruction.* I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. (Joshua 7:10-12 NIV) (italics mine)

Then the Lord told Joshua how to discover who did this. It was discovered that Achan had stolen some things when the Israelites captured Jericho -- things which were devoted to the Lord and were not to be kept by the Israelites. So Achan, his family, his livestock and possessions, and the stolen items were taken to the valley of Achor (which means trouble), stoned to death, burned, then Achan was covered with a large pile of stones. The Scripture says:

Then the Lord turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor (trouble) ever since. (Joshua 7:26 NIV)

The key words here that I want to write about are in verse 12: **That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction.**

The footnotes in my Bible say that the most important reason the Israelites were defeated was the deliberate disobedience of Achan, for which God held the nation corporately responsible…the sin of Achan and its results teach the great truth of the oneness of the people of God…The whole cause of Christ is injured by the sin, neglect, or unspirituality of even one believer. (pp. 289-290)

This reminds me of these quotes I wrote here earlier this week:

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

> (139) "We make a decision whether to receive mistreatment at the hands of others as a blessing or as a curse. God has promised a blessing if we respond with forgiveness and grace. But when we respond with accusation, vindication, faultfinding or blame shifting, we then give Satan a key to our front door; he can then come and go as he pleases in our house. (Ephesians 4:26-27)
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> "You can take most of your thoughts or conversations about a difficult person in your life, and in one way or another line them up under one of two categories: thoughts of restoration and relationship, or thoughts of vindication and exposure. One way leads to blessing; the other way releases a self-imposed curse.
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> (140) "When you choose the behavior, you choose the consequences!"

It says to me that there are things we do, or attitudes we take, that lead to blessings or to curses. We get the consequences of what we choose. In this story the sin of Achan not only brought a curse upon himself but upon his whole nation. To me this indicates that if people in the Church sin, it has an effect upon the whole Church. That's why it's so important for people to repent before the Lord, confess their sins, and get clean and reconciled. This brings, not only cleansing and release from whatever curses were brought by the sin, but it helps bring unity to the Church. Christ prayed for unity in John chapter 17:

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me, and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:20-23 NIV)

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield. (Psalm 5:11-12 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT LONG AND SHORT COUCHES INSIDE AN AIRPLANE

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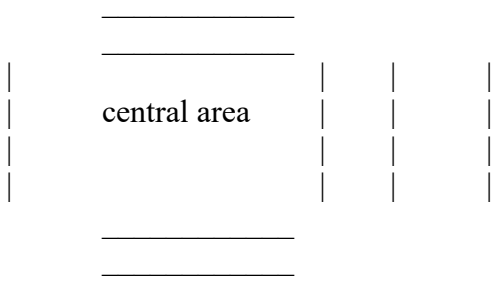
I and at least two other people were on an airplane. I saw long and short couches for people to rest in. Some couches were long like 8-9 ft, and some were short like love seat size for two people to sit in. I watched as one man placed his things out on the long couch at the front (left on picture) and prepared to lie down and rest. I looked over all the seats and began to count the long couches and the short ones. Another person was doing this too. I went around the plane and touched the long couches and counted them to see how many there were. I think I counted up to 7 long couches. These seating areas faced different directions so that they all faced a central area like forming a box around that central area. As I picture this it reminds me of the places where people are placed at CTC at times with the central area being where the speakers stand.



The large passenger plane probably refers to a church. If it is flying that can refer to being moved by the Spirit and ministering in the gifts of the Spirit. If it is on the ground that can refer to the ministry not ready to take off yet or grounded by something. There was nothing in this dream to indicate whether the airplane was on the ground or in the air.

The couches may refer to places to rest. The longer couches can be a place to rest better and longer (like a bed) and the short couches can be a place for shorter rest times, sitting up times, or partially lying down times. The arrangement of the seats is a reminder of the seating at CTC at times around a central spot where the speaker stands. This dream seems to refer to CTC.

Some people come to CTC and spend a longer time resting and being revived and renewed, and some people spend a shorter time there partially resting and being renewed.

Counting advises of a need to take stock of something. Counting to 7 may indicate counting to the completion of God's timing or something He wants to complete. It can refer to something being complete, finished, perfected, a time of resting in that--as God rested on the 7th day after creating the world.

The thought that comes, as I wait before the Lord regarding the meaning of this dream, is that the long couches represent those who get clean before the Lord and can therefore rest in His presence, and the short couches refer to those who cannot fully rest due to not being fully right with the Lord. The counting to 7 of the long couches refers to being aware of this until all are brought to rest and clean and completed/finished/perfected.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. (Psalm 9:1 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-19-06 Thursday

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

> *I wanted you to know that I take care of each tiny detail in your life. Each thing that comes/happens is part of My plan. Since I am in control of your life, I can follow My plan perfectly. Follow Me.*
>
> *The Scripture: even while you are unaware of what's happening, My Spirit is going out to others through your writings which I've led you to write. He is taking gold and silver (wisdom and knowledge) to others. Trust Me in this.*

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. (Psalm 9:10 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-21-06 Saturday

After I awoke I spent time connecting with the Lord. Then He said: *I want you to write this,* so I wrote:

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

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

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

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

This is where I want you to be when you ask Me questions (in this connected position as we are now). Then you will hear Me more clearly. I want you to hear Me more clearly from now on. So come into this connected position (this bubble of privately talking together) when you want to hear more clearly and learn the answers to your questions. I have trained and taught you to come here. This is our place of communication together. This is the place I want you to spend more and more time each day from now on.

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. (Song of Songs 2:11-12 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-22-06 Sunday

Today the pastor spoke about trouble, which comes at times in our lives, and how we strengthen ourselves in the Lord during those times. He used the Scripture out of 1st Samuel regarding the time when David and his men returned to Ziklag and found their homes burned and their wives, children, and possessions stolen. They were all so discouraged! David wept until he could weep no more. Then he was being threatened by his men, who blamed him and talked about stoning him. And what did David do? He encouraged himself in the Lord…probably by recalling the many times the Lord had helped him from difficulties in the past. And he inquired of the Lord about what he was to do and could they win against these enemies if they attacked them. The Lord said they would win and they were to go fight the battle. They did this, and they won, and they got back all they lost plus the plunder they got from the enemy's camp.

The pastor wanted us to encourage ourselves in the Lord when troubles came to us. I already knew of one family in the church service that morning that had a great disappointment that previous week because the husband didn't get a job he had been interviewed for twice. He thought surely this was the job the Lord had for him, and he had been looking for a long time. This sermon seemed to be just what he needed. Before the service started one of the prophetic people there told the pastor that he heard the words "Like a bridge over troubled waters" when he came there…and he didn't know what the pastor was planning to talk about.

As I talked with K. on Monday he said he thought the sermon was prophetic because he could foresee much trouble coming to people during this next year. I agreed due to the things the Lord has been speaking to me about difficulties coming this year.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I choose the appointed time, it is I who judge uprightly. When the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars firm. (Psalm 75:2-3 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-23-06 Monday

This is a portion of a dream I recorded last Thursday, January 19th:

> I started to walk through double doors into a hallway. A man went that way also, slightly behind me and to my right. After we went through the double doors we were walking side by side down the hallway and I looked at his face with my side vision. I didn't recognize his face. His hair seemed to be tan/dark-blond color and short-cut like a man's. He had his eyes closed and his lips were moving like he might have been praying as he walked along. Eventually he opened his eyes, saw me, and smiled. Then I woke up.

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:23-26 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT JEWELS ON MY RIGHT ARM

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

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

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

When I gave you this dream, Joan, I knew what your dream interpretation book would say for these things: earring, necklace, and crystal. I knew they would fit with what I wanted to communicate to you through this dream, namely, your hearing is adorned by Me, your personality characteristics are adorned by Me, and your personal spiritual attunement is adorned by Me. I am your all in all. I show forth from your life as beautiful jewels show forth for others to see and admire. What more could you want than Me. I am your beauty and blessing. I shine forth from your life each day. You wanted to know what you are here for? To let Me shine forth from your life each day, one day at a time. Remind yourself of that each morning…to let Me shine forth from your life that day, in all My beauty. You are My bride and a display of My beauty…a piece of it. There are many who are displaying My beauty in the world and you are one of them. You already know many others from your church.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. (Psalm 73:28 NIV)

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

(186) "The Christian walk is a walk of humility. It is the way to our salvation. It is our way to intimate relationships. Humility is the way to dwelling in the abiding presence of Father's love. The number one hindrance to an intimate walk with God, one in which we truly know and are truly known by Him, is the absence of humility. When we are more concerned with what other people think than with what God thinks of us--that is the absence of humility. When we justify our behavior, shift blame, accuse, find fault, criticize or seek to vindicate ourselves--that is the absence of humility. When we had rather be right than have relationship--that is the absence of humility. When we do not confess our sins and our failures to others--that is the absence of humility. When we do not acknowledge our sins against love--that is the absence of humility. When we do not daily admit our desperate need for God to father us and help in our lives--that is the absence of humility. The absence of humility is the sin that caused Lucifer to lose the place of abiding in God's love, the Father's house. See 1 Peter 5:5-7.

"Humility involves letting go of our pride and will and becoming like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane when He cried to the Father, "Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42, NKJV). God is opposed to anything within us that lacks humility, anything not humbled in our lives. Any area in which we lack humility will not have His life and grace flowing through it. A humble willingness to be known as we really are reveals a heart of sincere repentance and hunger for God. Anything other than that is usually rooted in the sin of pride, a sin against love.

(188) "To be free, I began to recognize that anything I hide from others in order to make me look good is darkness…

(189) "I have chosen to live as if every conversation I have, as if everything I do either blesses or defiles someone else."

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TEN STEPS TO REVIVAL

True revival is not a series of meetings, but true revival takes place in the hearts of the people when they begin to receive a true conviction of their sin and cry out to God for His forgiveness, mercy and grace. This results in His children seeking His face, craving for intimacy to be restored with God and man and committing to a daily walk in the Spirit. The path to revival begins with just that: children of God learning to abide in the presence of Father's love and then willing to give it away to the next person they meet. Revival usually follows this type of progression:

1. You begin to become more and more sensitive to the small, daily sins that gradually steal your ability to walk in love, joy, peace and the sense of God's presence.

2. You begin to recognize that every misrepresentation of God's love to another individual is an area of sin and darkness in your life.
3. You start confessing your sin as soon as you recognize it instead of hiding it, justifying it or attempting to cover it up.
4. You experience forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ.
5. You feel clean and free, and gratitude fills your heart for what God has done for you.
6. You experience an overwhelming sense of God's abiding presence, and you begin walking daily in the Spirit. You don't have to chase after a dramatic experience, for by faith, each day you have a sense that you are drawing nearer to the Father.
7. You become so full of God's love and the joy of His presence that you can't wait to tell others. You become an honest, open, transparent witness for what God has done for you.
8. Through your transparent witnessing, others become convicted of their own sin and begin to desire an intimate relationship with God as well.
9. They confess their sins, repent and receive God's forgiveness and cleansing; they then become transparent witnesses themselves.
10. True revival is released within your family, the church, the city, the nation and the world.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve…but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

JOURNAL 1-27-06 Friday

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

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30 NASB1995)

(207) How can you position yourself to enter into God's rest and your spiritual man to rise above the outward man? (Outward man is the soul: mind, will, emotions and the physical body)

First of all, *agree with what the Word of God says about you.* You were created in God's image, and God is love. Every fiber of your being has been created for intimacy with God. We have learned throughout this book that God's unconditional love for you is never based upon your behavior but upon His character of perfect love and grace. Outer man should never be judge of whether you feel close to God or not. God's truth, love and grace are the only factors of proof of whether God is with you. You were born of the Spirit to be filled with the Spirit, to walk in the Spirit, to talk in the Spirit,

to commune with the Spirit, to live as a spirit being and for your spirit to rule over strongholds. That is a greater reality than your outer man that is temporal and fading away.

Second, often you will have to *tell your outer man to be quiet!* Seek for peace in the inner man, not in the head. Your mind is to serve your spirit. The emotions are to be subordinate to your spirit. As soon as you don't "feel" close to God, tell your emotions to line up with God's Word. Tell your outer man to line up with your spirit man; allow truth to be your only reality. Do not go by feelings or emotions. Do not look to feelings of blessing to determine whether you are close to God. Anytime your emotions say, "God is not close to me. God couldn't love me. God can't use me," then your outer man is agreeing with the father of lies. The Father of creation has told you, "My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours…I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you" (Luke 15:31 ESV; Hebrews 13:5)

(208) There is rarely a time when I step into the pulpit to minister that I have not felt feelings of insecurity or unworthiness just before I walk to the platform…I have to speak to those thoughts, "Soul, be quiet! I am spirit, and God dwells in me; by His grace He will minister through me."

Finally, *choose to dwell daily in Father's embrace.* The outward man seeks for the power of God to deliver him from his circumstances. The spiritual man seeks for the presence of God to fellowship with him and be with him through his circumstance. When I am overwhelmed in my mind or emotions and cannot seem to get in touch with my spirit, that is when I stop everything, go into my study and put on some quiet, soothing music about Father's love. Then I lie on the floor before the Father and say to Him, "Dad, I am over here in my soul and can't seem to find You. Please help me." I don't pray a deep, heavy prayer, but just admit to Him that I need His help and then surrender to His love: "Father, draw me back into my spirit. Draw me back to You. I have moved over into my own thoughts, emotions, insecurities and fears, and I feel alone and discouraged. I need Your fathering arms to embrace me. Run to me to give me the love and comfort that I need."

Soon, Father's love and peace come over me, and my focus shifts. I separate the outward man from the spiritual, and I step right back into the things of the spirit. Everything changes; my attitudes, my desires and my motivations all begin to realign with the Father's heart, and I am free once more to minister His love to my family and others.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. (Psalm 74:16-17 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-28-06 Saturday

A DREAM ABOUT MY CAR BEING STOLEN

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I was in a building where cars were, maybe a parking garage or a repair shop. I saw my car. It was a large convertible with the top down. The car might have been dark green. It seems I must have started the car, then got out to get a vacuum cleaner which it seemed I was to put in the car and take with me. When I went back to the car, it was gone. I thought perhaps someone had taken it, but I sure didn't see that happen. I remembered that my purse was in the trunk of the car. I started asking about who might have taken it. A person I asked seemed to turn into a half potato against the side of a wall. I had to lean over to have my face on the same level as his as I talked to him.

- A car refers to life, person, ministry, vocation.
- Car in garage means rest.
- A car with the top down refers to being uncovered, everything revealed, open, nothing hidden.
- Dark green could refer to conscience, growth, prosperity, renewal, eternal life
- Purse means treasure, heart, personal identity, precious, valuable. Losing it means losing or searching for your identity.
- Vacuum cleaner refers to cleaning, cleaning house (put away sin). It can indicate that a clean up is required. This may refer to a situation, relationship, or even some type of negative within oneself.
- Potato symbolizes an essential or basic element in one's life; a basic nourishment.
- Leaning over to talk to potato: humility, getting face to face to make contact

To put these ideas/symbols together: I have a car (ministry) which is large and uncovered/open, and being renewed and growing. It seems that when I stop the car to get a vacuum cleaner (clean up a situation or something negative) the car disappears along with my purse (my treasure, my heart, my personal identity). I go to someone representing a basic essential/nourishment in life and talk to him about my car being missing. This takes place in a position of humility, and getting down to his face level to talk. What could this mean, Lord?

Wait until Monday when you come back here and we will talk about it.

Monday morning:

Now do you want to hear from Me about this dream? (Yes, Lord.)

I want to tell you. The parking garage or repair shop for cars (ministries) refers to your church. At that place your ministry is large and open and revealed. Your identity is involved in this ministry. Then, when you get something (vacuum cleaner) to clean a life situation, your ministry seems to disappear and your identity with it. You have been going through a year or so of getting cleaned (through theophostics, Sandford teaching, Jack Frost teaching, etc.) and in the process of getting that, your ministry seems invisible to you--and your identity is inside that ministry. You left your "ministry" which you had in Columbia to come to CTC, and in the process, your former ministry disappeared. Your identity used to be in that ministry. Now you are cleaned and ready for something new. To find that new ministry

you need to lean over and talk to the basic element in life--God. He will tell you and show you where your new ministry is and the identity that comes with it. And that's what you were doing this morning--soaking in My presence and letting Me show you some new discipling possibilities yet to come.

The new discipling possibilities involve meeting with R., and later possibly other young women, to be a spiritual mom to them and let them tell me what they need to share and ask and get help with. The idea which it involved was the Disciple's Cross which gives a balanced picture of the spiritual life and what needs to be various parts of that life. I may need to share that with these young women. I am to listen to them like a mom would--listen to whatever they need to talk about. Then expect God to give me guidance and wisdom to impart to them. The best times for this seemed to be in the afternoon around 4-6:00 or during the evenings Beth has other groups she attends like Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. (Psalm 11:3-4 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-29-06 Sunday

A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING FOR TEACHING CHILDREN

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I was in a room with a group of teachers having a teachers' meeting. I didn't have any time schedule written down, so I was trying to do that. I needed to know what time the children were coming to my room for subjects so I could prepare. Part of the dream I was in my schoolroom preparing for teaching.

This dream shows that I am a teacher with specific knowledge to transfer on to students. I am in my classroom doing that preparation. In the gathering together with others who also teach (the church) I am trying to ascertain the timing the children will arrive--in other words I want to know when this teaching is to happen so I can be prepared. This dream seems to symbolize my preparation for teaching others (perhaps through my writing or by other means) and the desire to understand the timing for this teaching. I can learn more about this through the meeting of the church.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face. (Psalm 11:7 NIV)

JOURNAL 1-30-06 Monday

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

The speaker yesterday was Gary Goodall who is an overseer of many churches in California. He had a speaking session Saturday night where he shared about the third wave movement in our country and what God is doing. I didn't attend that but heard a bit about it. His speech Sunday morning at our church was about being in a transition time right now where we can't go back to where we were, and don't know how to go forward to where God is taking us (because we have never gone this way before--as in Joshua) and that we are in a "threshold time" right now. One thing he said which I wrote down and wanted to remember: "God will allow through His wisdom what He could have prevented through His power." I felt this was in reference to how God will sometimes allow things in our lives which He uses to train and teach us, even though those are hard things we would rather have Him prevent from happening. Gary also said to Pastor Alan that "There's a 'becoming' anointing in this house." I identified with that statement as God brought Beth and me to CTC to be trained and to learn many things so we can "become" what He has purposed for us. I ordered a CD of his talk so I can add more later in my journal about what he said.

After Gary talked, Pastor Alan told us about how he had a great change within himself since the beginning of January. Now all he wants to do every day is seek more of the Lord. As he spoke I knew this was part of the revival God is pouring out at CTC, so I wanted to write about it. I will review the CD of what he said, and will write more later, perhaps after next Sunday when I hope to get the CD.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. (Psalm 11:6)

A DREAM ABOUT NOT WANTING TO RIDE MY BICYCLE HOME IN THE DARK

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I was in a town attending something like a parade or display that one could walk beside and watch. I had a bicycle to ride back home. It was dark and I heard a woman tell about a wolf being seen along the parade route, but that it seemed tame enough not to hurt anyone--maybe even let some people pet it. I was trying to find a ride home in a vehicle/van large enough so it could also transport my bicycle. I saw such a van with lots of people in it and asked about them giving me a ride home. I said I lived out Highway 30 west of town. The driver didn't seem to know where that was.

- A bicycle can refer to a level of ministry/work, a personal ministry. It requires human effort. It can also refer to works or working out life's difficulties.
- A wolf can refer to a predator, a devourer, a false prophet or false authority, a person seeking his own gain, destruction. It can refer to cleverness and evasiveness; will sometimes infer self-interest.
- A vehicle/van large enough to transport my bicycle, me, and other people: this may symbolize the church.

My thoughts on this dream is that it shows my looking for a vehicle, representing a church, that will allow me to be part of it and help me get to where I am going in my personal ministry. This church helps keep me safe from predators and false authorities along the pathway. The church may not know where I am headed in my personal ministry. This help is needed especially when it gets dark--as the darkness covering the earth right now. The woman giving me the warning may symbolize a messenger of God, an angel, or the Holy Spirit. The main idea of the dream is that I need to get in the van with my church family and go forward in that. I recognize that in the dream and ask for it.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

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

tests us to see if we will obey His commands. These commands are and can be passed down through our parents, but we need to be tested to see if we will obey them.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." (Psalm 16 1-2)

JOURNAL 1-31-06 Tuesday

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

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

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

> *This is a sign.* [747] *You're going to fly with Me in the Spirit on a large plane in great speed and comfort, and see glorious things out the window of revelation. You're going to return safely from your travel and share the experience with your class group. This is a good day and a good time. Let's rejoice in it together. We are going on great heights to great places today. Trust Me on this.*

After seeing news where a man went on a shooting rampage against postal workers, the Spirit said:

> *There are lots of evil people loose on earth now. They will not go near your house, nor you, nor your children.*

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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

JOURNAL 2-1-06 Wednesday

(Quotes and ideas from *Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds book* and *Breaking Free: Uprooting Destructive Habits and Thought Patterns CD series,* by Jack Frost, Shiloh Place Ministries)

Four basic emotional needs:

- Unconditional expressed **love**
- Love that makes us feel safe and **secure**
- Praise, to feel **valued** or honored
- **Purpose**, destiny, a reason for being

You're going to get those needs met in a legal way or an illegal way. If those needs don't get met, it leaves a wound.

The Pattern that comes from a wound--a cycle of pain:
Negative thought patterns, mental strongholds, ungodly beliefs
Sin or disobedience, strongholds
Darkness comes from that, self-deception (fallen angels are here)
Demonic influences
Increases wounding of others

Anywhere in your mind, will, and emotions not at home with love will fill itself with fear…fear of love, fear of receiving it, fear of giving it, fear of failure, fear of rejection.

You can forgive and never be healed.

We become what we judge in others. Judge not that you be not judged. What we sow we reap. If we sow judgment toward others, we reap judgment upon ourselves in the same area we judge.

I listed next areas I judged in my parents so I could confess that judgment and be forgiven for it.

Then I listed areas I judged my ex-husband so I could do the same thing.

Jack said, "If you've got the fruit, you've got the root." Then I listed fruit I see in myself that I need to find the root of.

Ask yourself:

- Where did that behavior come from?
- Who treated me that way?
- Who hurt me like that?
- Whom have I judged, thus releasing the curse back into my life?

"We must turn from dark to light or else those dark areas become Satan's playground. Any hidden sin or undealt-with areas are darkness and they make us want to hide. If we prefer darkness, we will remain in darkness. We must humble ourselves to deal with it and choose light over darkness." (p. 35, *Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds,* Jack Frost)

"Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another's sin. Forgiveness is costly. You pay the price of the evil you forgive. You're going to live with those consequences whether you want to or not; your only choice is whether you will do so in the bitterness of unforgiveness or the freedom of forgiveness." (Dr. Neil Anderson, *Released From Bondage*) (quote in Jack Frost book)

"Forgiveness releases us from getting our identity from our hurts and from those who have hurt us. It releases God's healing to flow through us. Then the Spirit is released to impart the Father's personality, character, and feelings in us! …Healing doesn't do away with your memories but it changes what you do with those memories. It transforms death experiences to life experiences!" (p. 39-40, *Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds,* Jack Frost)

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. (Psalm 16:5-6 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-2-06 Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I continued with the last section of the Jack Frost materials and tried to deal with bitter root judgements against my parents, my ex-husband, and any others who came to mind.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. (Psalm 16:7-8 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-3-06 Friday

A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO FIND MY WAY OUT OF THE BASEMENT

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The setting was the underground labyrinth below some auditorium. I was trying to find my way to an exit. I went up and down various stairs and places to try.

One place was a ramp up hallway. Another person, a girl child, was walking ahead of me. I saw two huge spider webs going from ceiling to floor ahead of us. I could see them because of the light coming into this area from up ahead. I tried to warn the girl to watch out for them. Somehow we each got caught by a web or ran into a web. I seemed to have a web and spider caught on my back and I tried to get it off.

I also was trying to pay the bill for food I and two other people had gotten. I couldn't pay the bill at the place I tried. I needed to go elsewhere--outside the building--and I couldn't find my way outside. I had the money and the bill to pay with me. I kept trying to catch up with one of the other eaters to give her the bill and money, but kept missing her when I'd see her. Then, when I did meet with her, she thought there might be some penalty fined us for waiting so long to pay the bill.

The feeling of the dream was frustration at not finding my way out of the basement level of the building and of not being able to accomplish paying our bill.

Somewhere in this dream I had on an aqua dress with large flowers of yellow and/or pink. Then I saw that dress all cleaned and pressed and on a hanger in a place where they cleaned and prepared clothes.

There seemed to be a graduation class meeting in the auditorium up above the basement section where I was. Some man I had contact with became part of the graduating group.

I believe this dream comes from dealing with the Jack Frost material the last several days. In that material I was searching back through my childhood and adult memories trying to find ways I judged others and needed to repent of that. I don't feel like the process is yet finished.

This dream seems to me to refer to that--looking down in the "basement" of my mind and searching for a way to "pay the bill" for what I "ate" (fed on) during those years previous to now. During that time I went up and down many stairs and I encountered a spider web with a spider in it. This symbolizes a snare and lies, a place of demonic attack, a trap, perhaps occult or witchcraft, something negatively affecting my life and spiritual destiny. The spider is meant to harm me. In this dream I could see the web and spider due to the light shining up ahead of it. I think this symbolizes my being shown the web I got caught by as a child, and as an adult. I am now being shown that in this dream. The web being on my back refers to this happening in my past or in a previous event or experience, that which is behind in time, something I might be unaware of. The young girl getting caught shows me that this also took place when I was a young person.

When I tried to "pay the bill" for what I and others had eaten, I couldn't find the right place to pay it. I think that refers to not knowing how to deal with these past webs and events to have them finally paid for/finished. I took a long time to "pay the bill" or deal with what I ate formerly, so I was warned there might be consequences to waiting so long. This too seems to refer to closing my account on things I ate/took into me throughout my life that need to be dealt with now.

Even so I was clothed with a beautiful aqua blue dress which refers to a spiritual covering. The flowers on it refers to the blooming of beautiful things in my life. I saw this dress cleaned and prepared to wear. This may symbolize the cleansing of my anointing/covering and seeing it ready to wear now.

I could see up above in the auditorium the "graduating class." This symbolizes seeing a time of "graduation" taking place soon. This may refer to finishing my earthly course of instruction and graduating into heaven or into ministry to others here on earth.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psalm 16:11 BSB)

JOURNAL 2-4-06 Saturday

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING A BAND IN A SCHOOL GYM

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I was in a school gymnasium. A band was performing its marching routine on the floor. I was standing at the top bleacher level looking down on them. As I stood there some band members came up to get a drink from the drinking fountain I stood beside. One man picked me up and moved me out in the hallway. I realized I didn't have my purse and needed to look for it wherever I had been in the building to try to find it. I discussed with a band member their preparing for a big band contest coming up soon.

This dream is primarily about me and what I am seeing and experiencing. What I see represents a group of people who practice together, work together, perform together and worship together. I watch them from a position up above them and looking down on what they are doing. Beside me is a water fountain from which they can get refreshed with the Word, with the Spirit, with salvation, with the Source. They come up and drink from the fountain beside me. Then an angel or messenger from God picks me up and moves me from beside that fountain into a hallway or transition area. About this time I realize I have lost my identity or have a need to search for my identity now. I realize a big contest is coming soon and there are preparations being made for it. That may refer to the "army" of the Lord competing against the "army of Satan."

This dream is like a prophetic picture of the church going through practice for marching, worshiping, and drinking of the Word and Spirit. The big contest is coming soon. I am transported out of the gymnasium or place of training and discipline and put into a transition or change of direction or place. I then realize I need to find my new identity. This is a prophetic picture of my role in the midst of these times of preparation for battle. I used to have a fountain beside me where people could come and get refreshed. Perhaps that is referring to the discipling years in the 80's and 90's. Now I am going through a time of change or transition and need to find what my new identity is so I can go where I am supposed to go.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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

JOURNAL 2-5-06 Sunday

This morning in the church service Pastor had prayer for those going on mission trips…first for a couple who are leaving for Uganda, then for Kevin Basconi who is in Tanzania and for the pastor's wife and Jackie who are in India on missions right now.

Then he began leading us into praying for healing ministry when Mahesh Chavda comes next Sunday morning and evening. He asked for intercessors who would pray for this during the week and next Sunday. This led to contending in prayer for healing. Pastor asked for 2-3 to call out prayer for this. But it didn't stop at 2-3. More people kept offering prayers and more people kept praying for a long time. By then the presence of the Lord was so strong I kept wiping tears from my eyes. Pastor then said he didn't think this was finished yet and I felt he was listening to the Spirit for what to do next.

He had Cindy get a whip, which must have been made for a drama or something. Pastor told us about the 39 stripes that Jesus took and that they were for our healing. He said he would strike the floor with the whip 39 times and we were to call out a disease for each time he did that. So, as he struck the floor with the whip and counted loudly the times he struck, people called out various diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart trouble, chrons disease, eye disease, deafness, cystic fibrosis, etc.

Then Pastor said he felt the atmosphere for healing was really strong so he offered an opportunity for people to come forward to be healed. Many were prayed for, so we will await testimonies about healings from this.

During this prayer time Carla came over and prayed for God to heal my wounded heart. This was so meaningful since I had been listening to Jack Frost tapes all week dealing with the wounded heart down inside me that needed cleansing and healing. I had been asking for Him to do that, so her prayer matched that. She said she just prays what the Lord shows her to pray.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. (Psalm 18:33-34 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-6-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT A TUPPERWARE PARTY ORDER ON A RAINBOW BANNER

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In this dream I was to go to a tupperware party on Friday night, and also lead something else that same night. So I thought I needed to not attend one of the two things. For the tupperware party I had taken orders and I wrote them on a rainbow colored banner that looked like a large bookmark. I didn't order any for myself because I said I couldn't afford to. I was telling someone this in my childhood bedroom. I talked about the preparation needed for the events.

Tupperware is a container for food. So they might symbolize people who want to buy/order such containers that can hold spiritual food since I am assuming this dream is referring to spiritual things. Spiritual things they might contain are such things as: understanding, wisdom, knowledge, gifts, healing, and the Word of God. Taking orders may refer to talking to people, telling them about these containers, and writing down the names and cost of what they ordered to be picked up at the party. A party can symbolize a time of celebration of an important event, a reason for joy, perhaps an unrecognized blessing. My assuming I couldn't afford to order any seemed to be tied in with my childhood since I said it to someone in my childhood bedroom. To me that seems to mean my thinking I couldn't afford to put in an order came from a poverty spirit which came out of my childhood. A rainbow refers to a covenant with God for good and protection. This dream seems to reveal that I don't feel I can have my name/order on this rainbow banner because of a limitation coming out of my childhood.

Tupperware is known for its special seal. It keeps things sealed. The order was printed on a rainbow banner which refers to a special covenant with God. So this order written on the covenant dealt with something which seals in. Those whose names are listed are asking to be sealed into covenant with Me. Your thinking you can't also be on the list comes from wrong thinking in your childhood. This dream is to show you that wrong thinking. Right thinking would know your name is already on My covenant list and you are sealed with My Spirit--kept apart for Me. Your whole childhood experience is sealed in by My Spirit in covenant with Me. That includes all the judgements you made, even the ones you don't remember. I am freeing you from the curse (therefore the covenant rainbow) of those judgements, Joan. You are now free, so you can write your name on My rainbow covenant banner. I'm my beloved's and He is mine, His banner over me is love!

Another part of the dream was something about shoes. It involved making shoes from fastening short straps onto some flat piece of something for the bottom.

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Shoes refer to peace, words, Gospel, covenant, preparation. They can also refer to how one's path is traveled. The feet refer to the heart, walk, way, or thoughts. When barefoot they may refer to being without preparation, without understanding, without protection, without salvation, or a novice. This dream wasn't barefoot, but was showing an open shoe, not very sturdy, and without shape for the bottom part to fit the foot.

So the shoe in the dream is similar to a shoe, but not much help to the foot. It wasn't made so it would stay on well, or give much protection, or give much support to the foot (heart/walk/way/thoughts). The shoe of peace/words/Gospel was on the foot of the heart/walk/way/thoughts, but not very effective to help it. This seems to show me a picture of needing better shoes of peace/words/Gospel. If this part of the dream relates to the first part, then it might be another way of saying I need my name on the covenant of those sealed unto the Lord…sealed for keeping, storage, staying fresh, holding what has been put in me without letting it leak out, etc. This is showing me a concern to pray about.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. (Psalm 18:35-36 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-7-06 Tuesday

A DREAM ABOUT A WOMAN WITH A GUN IN HER HAND

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I saw K. on the other side of a 2/3 high door that was closed. She had gun in her right hand and had that hand and arm draped over the top of the door. She seemed to be looking to her left like someone was there. She might have just been talking to that person.

I went looking for her pastor to tell him about the gun. I went through a hallway and then through double glass doors. I didn't see the pastor. But I did see a man who seemed to be G., but he didn't look like him. This man was bald headed or with very little short hair.

I saw a close friend, neighbor, and fellow Christian. This person's name represents rejoicing. She could represent herself, or someone else, or myself. I think she represents me and this is a picture of understanding her/me. She held a gun representing power. This gun/power was in her right hand representing the natural, the strength of man, and the power of God revealed through man (as in the Church). She was looking to the left which represents looking toward the spiritual. She was behind a partial door which could mean I could see this person but still needed to go through a door to get to her. I went in search of her pastor who represents Christ. This search took me through a hallway or transition to an area with double glass doors which represent an entranceway which can be seen through and opened easily. This may refer to my going through some entranceway I already see and can open easily. Since it is glass like a window, it can also represent a double revelation that can be opened into. When I enter that door I see a man who represents someone who is weak and with little covering or wisdom or anointing. I think he represents my father and my ex-husband. I believe I now am to see that I am not to look for help and guidance and attitudes to them--as they are old and weak

and without much anointing. I am to see the power that is in my right hand and look to the spiritual realm.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 BSB)

JOURNAL 1-8-06 Wednesday

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

This is the Scripture that was in my mind this morning as I began to write. Then the Spirit said to write what I could remember from a dream I had during the night. As I analyzed the dream and looked at the Scripture that had come to my mind, I saw that they fit together.

A DREAM ABOUT SITTING ON A PEW IN A CHURCH SANCTUARY

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In this dream I was in a church sanctuary sitting on a short pew. Beth was at the other end of the same short pew, and there was a green fuzzy coat between us. She bunched the coat up and used it like a pillow to put her head on.

There were lots of other people in this church sanctuary. A group of people had prepared some sort of program to show us. They also brought food to let us eat some of it. There were long tables spread out in front of us so we could eat. I ate some of the food.

A sanctuary emphasizes respite, a place of peace. This symbol can refer to emotional, spiritual, or mental peace. The short pew might be a place of resting or quietness for Beth and me together. It may refer to the concept of a place where many sit and listen. That's what Beth and I have been doing a lot of this past week and right now. A coat symbolizes protection, mantle or anointing. The green color of the coat symbolizes new life, renewal, refreshing as well as the conscience, growth and prosperity. That is where Beth is resting her head. Her head symbolizes her mind, intellect, authority, or wisdom. That is what Beth is doing right now while attending the Jack Frost conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. I am also sitting and resting and listening along with her. This dream gives a picture of what she and I are doing right now. During this time we also take in spiritual food prepared and served up by others in this sanctuary. I am doing that through CD's and tapes and books right now, and she is doing that in her conference teaching and ministering sessions.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken. (Psalm 21:7 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-10-06 Friday

A DREAM ABOUT LYING ON A STREET ON LETTUCE

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In this dream I was lying stretched out flat on a street next to the curb. I seemed to be collecting lettuce and washing it and putting it on the street under me.

A street refers to way, the Christian faith, truth, way of life, Christ. Lying down in it may refer to resting in the way of life I am in, resting in Christ. Lettuce is a vegetable and vegetables refer to the fruit of one's labor. So in this dream I seem to be cleansing the fruit of my labor and resting on it.

This dream shows me resting in the Christian way and cleansing and resting on the fruit of my labors.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1-4 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-11-06 Saturday

A DREAM ABOUT HAVING ONE DAY TO PREPARE FOR A TRIP

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I had 1 day to get ready for a trip. I was holding up a pair of pants that belonged to J. I told J. his pants were dirty and needed to be dry cleaned. He asked how they were dirty and I

mentioned they had ice cream on them. A couple was there evaluating my counseling (?) techniques. The man was writing a report on me.

A trip connotes a forthcoming directional course that will prove productive in providing valuable lessons. A day implies the time of light, activity or progression. It can refer to light, knowledge, truth, manifest, good, or evil revealed. So this seems to symbolize that I was getting ready for going in some forthcoming direction and was preparing for it with a time of light, knowledge and truth.

A pair of pants (clothing) symbolizes giving indication into one's personality or physical condition. Dirty clothing symbolizes covering, unrighteousness, self-righteousness, or uncleanness. Clean clothing can symbolize your anointing, mantle, or what you are going to be doing. The ice cream can symbolize frozen spiritual truths, frequently frozen by oneself, It can indicate the intake of spiritual aspects yet not externalizing them. Perhaps this is showing me prayer is needed for him…for cleaning of his physical and spiritual condition.

An unknown man and woman may refer to angels. It may symbolize my being watched and evaluated and having a report written (in heaven) regarding how I advise others.

This dream seems to be saying that I am in a time of preparation during the light of day to go on a course or trip. I am shown that I need to pray for those unclean and with truths that they haven't taken into themselves. What I am doing is being recorded.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:5-6 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT HAVING ONE DAY TO GET READY TO TEACH

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I was soon to start teaching a class of children and had 1 day to get ready. I was trying to get settled in an apartment. I drew water for a bath and it leaked out, so I did it again. I saw a door at the front of the apartment that seemingly wouldn't close and was still open, so I didn't want to bathe then. Then I found there were 3 front doors to my apartment and found that the one that wasn't closed could be bolted shut.

Other people came into my apartment for a meeting. It seemed like a teachers' meeting. I couldn't find the materials I wanted for teaching. I felt like the teacher from the previous year had not left the materials in good order. It seemed I could find the first [whatever] and

> the third [whatever], but not the second one. Later I had the second one also. They seemed very important, but I don't know what to call them. They seemed to be needed to properly function or evaluate in my job.

A day implies the time of light, activity or progression. It can refer to light, knowledge, truth, manifest, good, or evil revealed. In this dream I was in a time like this, a time of preparation to teach children. When I think of teaching children I think of writing my books for the "children" (learners) after the Rapture. Right now is my time of "day" while I am working to get ready for this teaching time.

Taking a bath can symbolize cleansing, sanctification, repentance, removing spiritual filthiness. Water refers to the Word, the Holy Spirit, or the spirit of the person. This bath water leaked out so that may refer to the water of the Word/Spirit leaking out of my life, and to my need to draw more water to get cleansed in. How do You want me to draw more water, Lord?

> *Daily, by coming into My presence daily, to renew the water of My Spirit and being daily cleansed of wrong thinking and attitudes.*

A front door can refer to an entrance, to Christ, to a new opportunity, to a way, something which is coming in the future. It is in front of me yet. In this dream there were three front doors…three opportunities, or it may refer to these opportunities being set. It could also symbolize this being of God (Trinity). I didn't want to go through cleansing in the sight of others in this dream, so I found a way to lock one of the doors which seemed to openly let others see into my bathing room/cleansing room. This depicts my wanting my private cleansing time with God to not be seen/heard by others.

This took place in my apartment, my house. A house can refer to a person or family, an individual, the Church, or a dwelling place. An apartment may refer to a dwelling place which has people around. It can refer to your heart. It is likely referring to me. A teacher characterizes having specific knowledge and the ability to transfer it to others. This group of teachers in my apartment may refer to seeing me and many others as preparing to teach children/people. If my teaching refers to my books being used to teach others, this may also refer to others who have written books that can be used for teaching.

One stands for God, beginning, first in time, rank, order, importance, or new. Three stands for the Godhead, conform, obey, copy, imitate, or likeness. Two stands for multiplication or division, to divide, to judge, separate, or discern. So [whatever] I had was first in importance and of God. Another [whatever] was conforming to the Godhead. I still needed that [whatever] that enabled me to multiply/divide, to judge or discern. I finally got that ability so I was prepared to teach others.

This dream seems to show me that I am in the time of day when I can still prepare things for teaching others. I need to daily come into the Spirit's presence and be cleansed of wrong thinking and attitudes. There are opportunities before me in the future that are of God. I seem to already have God as first in my life, and am in obedience to Him, but am seeking the judgment and discernment needed to help others.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:4-5 NIV)

Today I read this article on ElijahList by John Paul Jackson about portals. I want to include it in this book for others to read also.

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"Heavenly Portals"

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

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

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

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

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

24:7 NKJV.

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

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

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

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this. Immediately, I was in the spirit"--Revelation 4:1-2a NKJV.

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

Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Portal

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

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

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

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

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

Divine portals into the heavenly realm exist around the Earth today. The city of Jerusalem is a portal. In fact, it is the major portal on the face of the Earth. That's why both David and Isaiah said that Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Why do you suppose the enemy

is trying to capture Jerusalem? [He] is trying to block or close off this portal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

According to your love remember me, for you are good. O Lord. (Psalm 25:7b)

JOURNAL 2-13-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT HELPING PROTECT MY CHILDREN AND FINDING MY WAY BY FAITH

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1. Two girl children were on one side of the road among trees and I was on the other side among trees. I was an adult and the car was among the trees on my side of the road. The girls seemed to have bicycles. I saw them on the road on their bicycles and tried to warn them about traffic coming so they wouldn't get hit. Then I noticed some people were coming toward them through the woods. I thought these people might be dangerous. They were a man and woman. I warned the girls to stay still and hide so they wouldn't be seen. It felt like these two girls were my own children.

2. This man and woman had a sprayer which put out a stream of water that had something in it that would cause your eyes to not be able to see if they were hit by the water. We (several people including me) were trying to escape from that man and woman and trying to capture them at the same time. I had a purse-like container with a gun in it and I was trying to get the gun out before they got that water sprayed in my eyes. One of our men did capture the man who was after us.

3. Another person and I were asking directions for streets we were to travel on. I was to go on Faith Street and she had the name of another street she wanted to travel on. She asked directions to the street she wanted, and I was waiting to get directions to my street. I wanted her to ask directions to my street too, but she didn't. We were in unknown territory and didn't know our way around there.

1. These two children represent my own two girls. I was beside the road (way) they were on and had my car (personal ministry/vocation) with me among the trees (leaders). As the children went through life I tried to warn them about dangers and prepare them for a spiritual life. They were not very protected when riding their bicycles (level of work doing, requires human effort) as children. They were vulnerable to being hit by unknown cars (unknown powerful adults or dangers).

2. This man and woman may represent two influential people in their lives. They had something which might cause the 2 girls' eyes not to be able to see things correctly. This might refer to my concern the two children's spiritual eyes could be blinded by wrong attitudes toward God and life--attitudes which I feel are important. We (I and other Christians) were trying to avoid being hit with this blindness and trying to capture the hearts of this man and woman for the Lord. Someone did capture the man in the dream. This may refer to his becoming a Christian. My gun represented the power needed to overcome them, the anointing needed. It was in my purse (my identity).

3. This may represent how I feel right now with the unknown ahead of us which we don't understand and don't know how to travel through. I know I need to find the way of faith to go where I am supposed to go. Others may travel different ways than I do, but I need to "find" my way by faith. I need to find the direction by "asking."

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. (Psalm 25:12 NIV)

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

"OPEN HEAVENS--The Time Is Now" by Amanda Butel, editor@enhancemagazine.com

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

**The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
(Psalm 25:14 NIV)**

JOURNAL 2-15-06 Wednesday

A DREAM ABOUT BUTTONS POPPING OFF MY DRESS, AND ABOUT A FAMILY LEAVING SOON

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The setting was a campus-like area with various buildings and trees/grass in between. I was in a building with other people and we were preparing to eat around tables. Suddenly all the buttons holding the top of my dress closed from my neck to my waist popped off. I picked them up and kept them. I noticed some of the buttons were large (~2" diameter) and dark colored, and some were smaller. Then I left to try to find some way to put them back on. I held something up in front of me so people couldn't see that my dress was open. I saw that something pretty and lacy could be seen in the opened area.

I remember trying to find the administration building on campus. I came into the home of a very large family with lots and lots of children. The oldest boy in the family was trying to help take care of the rest of the children and help the mom. I didn't see any dad. I felt like I knew some of these people because I had been there before, especially the boy and one of the girls. I wasn't sure if they remembered me or not. I still needed help to get my buttons back on, but they were just about to leave, and were so busy getting ready that I didn't tell them of my need.

The setting implies a learning environment, therefore it may be showing something I am to learn. At first I was in a situation of communion, partaking of truth and teaching, and fellowship. While in this setting I became unbuttoned which may refer to some physical connection opening up to reveal my personal confidence or comfortable sense of self. I tried to cover this openness, but looked at myself and saw it as pretty, sensitive and delicate. I liked what I saw through the opening and didn't mind so much that others might see this also, since I liked it.

I came into a house (my life or my church) of a very large family (spiritual family) where I had previously been also and felt I knew some of that family. This may refer to coming into my current church (CTC) and knowing some of that spiritual family, but not all of it. It could also refer to the universal church and my knowing only a small part of that. The "oldest" boy who was trying to help all the others may refer to Jesus who is our elder brother who is helping all the children of the family as well as the mom. Or he may refer to the Pastor of the church. This family was getting ready to leave soon. This could refer to the time of the end, the Rapture, happening soon and Jesus is helping all of us get ready.

So what does this mean, Lord?

It means that you are in fellowship with spiritual people and you are becoming more open to revealing who you are to them. You like the way you look being more open. You see 'the family' getting ready to leave soon; you see what is coming. It is a prophetic picture of you, your new openness, and your seeing prophetically that spiritual family leaving soon.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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? (Psalm 27:1 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-16-06 Thursday

(Quotes from *Healing The Wounded Heart* by Jack Frost, pp. 47 to 56)

Father God realizes we will not feel like a healthy virgin bride who is willing and ready to fully love her bridegroom until we feel the expressed love He has for us as our Father. When He created us, He programmed us with a great need for expressed love in order for us to yearn after intimacy with Him.

In the first year of a child's life, it is affection that is expressed through soft words and touch that allows a child to learn trust and to develop the courage to live. In the second year, if the child has learned trust, then he takes on independence, the ability to say "no," and develops his own identity. If expressed affection is missing, people-pleasing begins as he tries to earn love and attention. He begins seeking wrong answers for right needs.

When a person's human spirit has not received these basic needs of the spirit-man [love, security, praise/value, purpose--I added this from previous reading], then it may be difficult for this person to mature spiritually. Too often you may find the wounds of the soul overshadowing this person's ability to make Godly choices. It may also be difficult for him to enter into spiritual disciplines and the intimacy with God that helps him to "lay aside the old self and its evil practices and to put on the new self who is being renewed…" (Col. 3:9,10) This may lead to the following:

SPIRITUAL SLUMBER-- when the wounds of the soul have hindered the ability of the spirit-man to shine forth fully and to rise above the fleshly habit structures of the past.

There is no direct scriptural reference for this, but there are some scriptures that speak of a person's being in a state of sleepiness or spiritual slumber that hinders his awareness of life in the Spirit. (Rev. 16:15; 1 Thess. 5:4-8)

People who are in spiritual slumber find it difficult to experience intimacy with God. They may experience salvation, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit, but demonstrate little of intimacy with the Father. Their experience is based more in the mind than within their spirit. Thus, living by the principles of God is easier for them than living by the Spirit of Christ (which is meekness, humility, and gentleness) and seeking to model their life and character after the Father's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

HOW WOUNDING CAN AFFECT OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

THE SPIRITUAL SENSES

To rightly understand how much the wounds of the soul have hindered the spirit-man from rising above the habit patterns of the old man, **we need to understand how the spirit-man operates.**

1) THE SPIRIT OF MAN COMMUNES WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

(1 Cor. 2:10-13; John 4:23,24)

It is through the spirit of man that we sense **the voice, presence, and dealings of God.** The Spirit communes with our spirit through fresh **revelations, dreams, and a still quiet voice.** This voice we sense can sometimes find difficulty in speaking louder than the voice of our inner pain and turmoil.

(As I read this the Spirit said:

> *I put the hunger in both of you to want to come closer to Me and to experience My love and presence--for your own various reasons. And I will complete the good work I have started in you. I brought you both to this region, to CTC, to help you realize your need and to help fill that need. At your former churches you wouldn't likely have even heard of Jack Frost. I brought Beth to OP for her job, knowing I would eventually lead her to LS and CTC…and then you too. I wanted My best for both of you, and I knew of your spiritual slumber and wanted to fix that for you both. I am doing that by first making you both aware of what you are missing (by bringing you to conferences and to CTC), then putting the desire in you to change that, then answering that desire. I do it all and I get all the glory. It is to My glory, and for your good, that I do this. Aren't you glad?)*

The Spirit of God speaks to the spirit of man and then through our soul. We have to make a choice to listen to our spirit and respond with our mind, will, emotions, and personality. If our soul is deeply wounded, it focuses more easily upon our pain, frustration, and disappointments; thus the voice of the Lord seems dim. Then those in spiritual slumber end up responding to the voices of the flesh or carnal man more easily than to that of the Spirit.

Examples:

There are people who have **a deep sense of the Spirit of God during worship** while others have no sense of His presence at all. Worship is mechanical to them, so they simply go through the motions.

During personal ministry, some people are **able to sense the anointing** (the manifested presence of God that can be felt with the 5 senses) while others have no sense of God's moving at all. However, they still are able to receive by faith what God is doing as Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." (John 20:29)

Some people have a **deep sense of personal conviction or dealing of God** (conscience) while other Christians rarely sense conviction or the dealing of God over their sin. Thus they remain as carnal Christians and walk unchanged for years. (2 Cor. 7:9-11; 1 Tim. 1;5)

2) THE SPIRIT OF MAN RECEIVES UNDERSTANDING AND REVELATION OF SPIRITUAL THINGS

(Job 32:8; 1 Cor. 2:12, 13, 15)

It is through the spirit of man that we are able to **receive understanding of the Word of God** and receive **fresh revelations and insights** into spiritual things.

Examples:

There are times **the Word comes alive** to us and we drink from it; yet there are times it is dead and lifeless to us.

There may be a musician whose performance is precisely correct but empty of life and meaning.

A preacher or teacher may say all the right words and is an excellent orator, but there is no life or anointing to the message that would bring challenge or a change of heart.

3) THE SPIRIT OF MAN HELPS HIM TO OVERCOME SICKNESS

(Proverbs 18:14; 17:22)

A person whose human spirit has overcome the woundings is able to throw off minor infirmities easily. Even if the illness is terminal, the person will often remain vibrant and full of the sense of life.

4) IT IS IN THE SPIRIT OF MAN THAT A SENSE OF FAITH AND HOPE IN THE FUTURE DWELLS

(Hebrews 11:1; Romans 4:17,18)

It is in the spirit of man that faith and hope dwell for a change in present situations… People who live in their woundedness live with the pain and circumstances of the moment, and they have little hope for their circumstances to ever change. They think of their past and only see the memories that cause pain. Consequently, they have little sense of life getting better in the future. They live in the

pain of now with no faith for change. Present problems are all they are able to see. Since they have little hope for the future, they often live for the thrill of the moment, without any thought of the consequences of their actions. This is a means of fleeing or escaping their present problems.

5) IT IS IN THE SPIRIT-MAN THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SENSE EMPATHY AND COMPASSION ONE FOR ANOTHER AND TO BECOME ONE IN HEART WITH EACH OTHER

(Acts 4:31,32; Gal. 5:22,23; Eph. 5:25-27; 1 Peter 3:1,4)

It is the spirit-man who enables us to move past surface relationships with people and to touch them spirit to spirit…Through our spirit we "tune into" (become sensitive to) each other's needs and feelings. Especially in marriage, we need to be sensitive to each other emotionally and in the spirit or else we will not know the other's needs.

When we live burdened down by the pain others have brought into our lives, then our conversations are often guarded and tedious. We have difficulty developing and keeping relationships because we live within the realm of our own need for healing and therefore, are not able to sense the need of others.

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SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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)

JOURNAL 2-17-06 Friday

A DREAM ABOUT PUTTING ON A BLUE SPARKLY COSTUME

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In this dream I was in a room where a group of us were getting ready to put on some kind of performance or do something together that was special/unique. I was getting dressed in my costume. I went into the long coat closet to try to dress in private. The closet was like the coat closets we had in elementary school--long and narrow. I tried to turn off the lights so no one would see me dress, but I couldn't get them all turned off. Later someone showed me a rheostat that turned them down. I dressed in a top and pants that were bright medium

blue with an overtop that was white underneath and light blue on top of that. The light blue layer was fringed at the bottom. Then I was going to put on over that some necklace-like article with lots of sparkles. I really thought my outfit was pretty.

Other people were getting dressed too for the performance. I looked at sparkly buttons lying on a table that were going to be glued on somewhere to a surface or costume. The buttons were blues, greens, and clear crystal-like sparkles. I saw one of those I wanted to put on a chain and wear. It was outlined in gold.

My plans were to go out after the performance and eat with the group. I had plans to ride to the eating place with another person, a man, in his car.

Someone came into the dressing room area and asked me lots of questions about whether this or that was ready, and I said I didn't know the answer to those things. They weren't things I took care of.

This dream, I think, deals with what is happening in the church right now. We are preparing, putting on the garments, for revealing the Lord's glory through us. That is the performance that we are preparing for. My garment indicates it is spiritual and pure and beautiful to look at. I try in the dream to put on my garment in the dark, without light, so others won't see me getting dressed. I think this refers to doing this in private, not in public. It can still be seen since I couldn't get the lights completely off in my dressing area. This means people can still see what is being prepared to some extent. The sparkly buttons and costumes refer to showing the glory of God. After the performance my plans are to go to a place to eat along with the group. I think this refers to the Christians going to eat at the wedding supper of the Lamb after this "performance" time coming up. I plan to get there with "a man," whom I think is Jesus, in His car, His mode of transportation. I couldn't answer questions about what and how and timing because I didn't know those answers.

This dream shows a picture of preparation for the spiritual event coming with Christians showing the glory of God in their coverings/mantle, and with them then leaving to go to the wedding supper of the Lamb afterwards.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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. (Psalm 27:5 NIV)

SPIRITUAL HEALING RAYS COMING IN MY QUIET TIME

In my soaking quiet time with the Lord this morning He began to tell me that I was to think of this time with Him as a time when He beams Spiritual Healing Rays (SHR) into me. These Spiritual Healing Rays are going into the cells of my body and working healing there. They are causing my cells to be open and receptive to healing, and therefore healing prayers would be effective on my body cells. Then He began to bring my thoughts to my first two years of life as a child and what those years might have been like.

In my childhood I grew up as a fourth child, with an older sister (8 years older) and two older brothers (4 and 2 years older) around me. My mother was soon pregnant with a fifth child who was born a little over two years after I was. She had all the cooking, cleaning, laundry, and child care to do by herself during all this time. She gave me what she had to give--taking care of my food, clothing, and basic needs, but she didn't give me the love and attention and holding I needed; no one did that. She didn't have it to give, as this was not given to her during her own childhood. She was the oldest among a large family and probably had her needs cared for in the same way she took care of mine--adequate for physical needs, but inadequate for emotional and spiritual needs. I can imagine my first two years primarily spent in a play pen watching my older siblings go by--wanting to relate, but gradually realizing that wouldn't happen. I then can imagine when my father came home to this bunch of children, and he was tired from working all day. He just wanted some peace and quiet, and he didn't likely take time to hold, love, and give attention to me. I soon learned to fear him as he tried to find some peace in his own home and may have growled at us to be quiet. One thing I learned in childhood was to "be quiet" if you wanted to please the adults.

As I sit before the Lord in His presence this morning, He brings this picture to my mind. I realize I felt isolated from others and grew up with a barrier between me and them--with my looking at others but not being in close relationship to them. I have continued to put up walls of distance between myself and others. Now He is trying to teach me to see these walls and trying to get me to take them down and be open to closer relationships. He is teaching me it can be safe to have closer relationships within His church family. I have had some dreams with walls in them. Perhaps that is what they represented--my protective distancing myself from others. I'm asking Him to forgive me for putting up these walls between myself and others. I want to be able to relate better, more closely, with other people. Forgive me for the walls, Lord, and help me risk sharing myself with others more openly and freely.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-18-06 Saturday

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING LARGE MOSQUITOS ON A COUNTER AND CLEANING WEBS FROM MY PAST

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In this dream I was seeing a counter (white or pale gray), like I've often seen in a kitchen. There may have been a small pink towel (face towel size) on it. I saw two large mosquito-shaped insects on the counter at the back. Then I soon saw there were many more, maybe 10-15 or so in the same area. I took pieces of something, maybe paper, and smashed them. Then I noticed that there was webby stuff on the wall in the corner above that area. I thought those insects might be nesting there, so I began to clean out that area too, maybe with a cloth rag.

I think these insects refer to irritations or disruptive forces in my life. I see them first as two distinct forces, then see them greatly multiplied. I kill them with paper which can refer to some type of communication. This may refer to things I learn from reading books from various authors (like the book about *Healing The Wounded Heart* by Jack Frost I just read), and/or with things I write on paper (like my journal). The pink towel can be showing that this is from my babyhood time and how things were absorbed during that time. What I absorbed or learned then can bring unrecognized weakness/childishness in my emotions, body and spirit. In the dream I not only got rid of the insects, but then cleaned out/destroyed the place they were bred and birthed. That represents getting rid of the snares/lies that they came from. The countertop may refer to a place where work is done, so it may mean work being done in reference to me and these disruptive forces. The wall area may refer to a barrier/obstacle, a limitation/unbelief, where these lies nested.

I would say this dream depicts my seeing and dealing with, getting rid of, irritations and disruptive forces coming from lies and snares I absorbed as a baby/child. This is good and I believe it is true. It is now happening and done. The dream shows me a picture of that.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path…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 27:11, 13-14 NIV)

DURING QUIET TIME

You are going to see changes. I've opened up things inside of you as I told you yesterday. Beth's changeover/transition time is for you too. You think of Madame Guyon and her time of writing while in prison. You've had your time of being "closed off" from people along with writing too. I will use your writings to bless others as I've used hers…but not in the

same way. You will be used to help people know what is going on inside of them. Remember how people took her writings and compiled the essence of them? You too.

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. (Psalm 29:1-2 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-19-06 Sunday

A DREAM ABOUT RIDING SEVERAL BUSES

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I was riding school buses. I would take different buses depending on where I was picked up and where I was going. I was supposed to be taken to my dentist and I told the driver where my childhood dentist was. I mentioned Fairfield Ave as near it. On the way I realized that was the wrong dentist and tried to remember what one I went to now as an adult and where he was located to tell the bus driver.

One bus I rode was a passenger bus. The driver was a young woman. Two girls rode along with her. I saw her open a door to the left of the driver's seat and go into a large room there. I could see into the room and was so surprised, as I didn't realize it was there.

Sometimes more than 1 bus came to the same bus stop. I was about to get on 1 bus that I thought I was supposed to take and it went without me. I was surprised because I thought the driver knew I was coming behind him just as he was headed back to the bus. Another bus was there so I got in it. It was unfamiliar.

On one bus the kids kept changing seats and it was hard for me to get an unoccupied seat. These seats looked like old schoolroom wooden desk seats like I had in 3-4 grade.

Riding different buses refers to going to different churches or being part of different ministries at various times in my life. A dentist represents one who works to help others articulate their thoughts

or helps them express themselves. So in this dream he may represent the Holy Spirit who works with me daily to articulate the thoughts He gives me and helps me express them, usually in writing. I realized in the dream that I didn't want to go to the childhood dentist, but to my adulthood one. This might refer to wanting help expressing my thoughts as an adult now rather than as I did in childhood. I now want to think from the perspective of an adult rather than a child caught in childhood perceptions. The street name indicates the way I travel there is a fair view.

A passenger bus may refer to Christians and the driver may refer to an angel. Two other angels were also in the bus along with the driver. This driver angel/Holy Spirit had access into a place (a room) that was to the left (referring to spiritual access) of the driver (who represents the one taking us on the trip, the journey, together). Rooms can refer to various issues in our lives, so this room may refer to a spiritual issue right beside us. It may well represent the spiritual realm (the Kingdom of God) which is normally unseen but right beside us and can be opened up to us as a surprise, perhaps by an angel of God or by Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

> *And I want you to know that I WILL open that spiritual door to that spiritual realm sometime to you. This dream picture is a prophetic promise picture of that.*

Sometimes there is the opportunity to go to a number of different churches (different buses) as they come to the same bus stop or are available in the same city/area. In this dream scene it may refer to my thinking I would go on one certain bus (a certain church group), but it went without me. That could refer to two previous churches I attended for awhile. But the bus I finally got in was one that was unfamiliar at first, and that may refer to my moving to Lee's Summit and attending Christ Triumphant Church.

A seat or chair may signify a short or temporary rest period. It may represent quietness or rest. So on this bus, representing perhaps my current church group, I am journeying with the children/people who kept changing seats, so I found it hard to find a place to sit and rest there. The wooden desk seats represent a short or temporary rest time of learning as a child. I watch other people in the church move around from one temporary rest to another in their own journeys and look to see where I can sit in the same bus/church and travel with them.

These scenes symbolize my wanting to now express myself and think from an adult perspective rather than how I used to think. It also shows that the spiritual realm is surprisingly close and can at times been seen into when the Lord opens the door. I am seeking to find my place of rest in my current church and watching other people seeking theirs too.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me… weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:2, 5 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-20-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT TAKING OUT CONTACT LENSES TO GO SWIMMING

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In this dream I was preparing to go swimming in a pool. I was trying to take out my contact lenses because I thought I might lose them in the pool. I borrowed some lens fluid from a child there. I put my lenses in fluid in a bowl. It seemed to be senior swim time at 7:00 Saturday morning.

This dream refers to being at a swimming pool…a spiritual place or condition that I am preparing to get immersed in. It could refer to my church, my home, or my family. I want to swim…which refers to a spiritual activity, serving God, operating in the gifts of the Spirit, prophesying, and/or worshiping. To prepare to do that I plan to take out my contact lenses which are used to help me see better or to have better visual perception. I wanted to do this so I wouldn't lose them in the water of the pool. So I put them in special fluid that would preserve them well. I placed them in a bowl which could refer to placing that visual enhancement in some vessel, a doctrine, a tradition, or a form of the truth. The form of the truth I currently placed them in is the church I attend and its related affiliations. This was at a time for seniors to swim and they may refer to the mature/elderly serving God, those with knowledge and wisdom gained over the years. 7:00 could refer to this time being a time of completion, perfection, and resting. Saturday is the 7th day of the week, so it could also refer to the same thing, but it could also be referring to the "last day" of the earth's time or the last part of my time on the earth.

This dream shows me preparing to immerse myself in the pool of God's activity at my church and its affiliated people and ministries. This is a group of those mature in spiritual things. It is done during a time of completion of my life and ministry on earth.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands. (Psalm 31:14-15 NIV)

A DREAM ABOUT EARRINGS ROLLING DOWN TO A TABLE

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In this dream I saw 4 crystal-like jewels in earrings. They were lying on something which was on a slant (like maybe a purse) and they rolled down to the table as I watched them fall.

They were really pretty and were different colors…blue, red, and clear. They were about 1/4 inch in diameter. I didn't see the settings that made them earrings. I just seemed to know they were for the ears.

The earrings refer to that which prepares what is heard (ears) to look good, to be pretty, to be a delight to those seeing it. This seems to relate to my writing because I take what I hear and prepare it to share with others so they can find pleasure and help through it. If these crystal earrings represent my writings, then I am seeing them roll from my purse, my identity/treasure/heart to a table which refers to communion with God in this scene. The colors represent the many aspects of what Jesus (Light) is like and who He is. I didn't see all the colors of the rainbow, but several which may represent my portion--which He gives me to show others. The blue and red represent spiritual passion, divine revelation and enthusiasm/zeal for the Lord. Four refers to ruling and reigning in the world and/or creation.

This dream seems to be showing me a picture of Jesus being displayed before others on a table of communion. This display is coming out of my heart and identity in Him as I hear Him and share it with others.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. (Psalm 31:19 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-21-06 Tuesday

A DREAM ABOUT TEACHING A PIANO STUDENT ABOUT TO PLAY A SOLO

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In this dream I was the teacher of a girl piano student. She was soon to play a solo at a recital which I think was at a church. I was wearing a beautiful lacy long cream colored dress. She told me she was planning to wear a gown like it, so I said I would wear something else.

A teacher is one who has something to teach to others. In this dream I was that teacher and the knowledge which I was imparting was about playing the piano. Playing the piano can refer to worship, prophesying, and/or ministering in the gifts of the Spirit. I was teaching this to a girl. She could represent me, or perhaps someone else who is younger than me (in the natural or spiritual). The beautiful cream colored dress represents my mantle, covering, or anointing. Cream colored could represent gentle joy, an inner peacefulness, and acceptance of life. The person I taught planned to wear this same dress, so she took on the same mantle, covering, or anointing.

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

This dream is a picture of the sphere I am to function in and what I am to take to others…gentle joy, inner peacefulness, and acceptance of life.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2 NIV)

IN QUIET SOAKING TIME--NUGGETS OF THOUGHTS FROM THE LORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-24-06 Friday

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

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

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

Therefore I am taking a day of rest set apart unto the Lord and am spending the day being in His presence and listening to the teaching I really want to listen to. I am so thankful He has guided me to set apart a Quiet Soaking Time early in each day to come to Him and see what His best is for me for that day. It makes such a difference in my life!

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

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

JOURNAL 2-27-06 Monday

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING MINT PLANTED IN A Z PATTERN ON A MAN'S CHEST

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In this dream scene it was in December and yet flowers and plants were growing in the ground. People were outside working on flowers. One man said he had mint growing in a patch where I saw plants. He then seemed to plant some mint and another green plant onto his shirt/chest area in a large Z shaped pattern.

In this dream it shows beautiful flowers and new plants growing in the ground even though the month is in winter. Winter is normally a time of dormancy and waiting for spring. This reveals something is growing in spite of it being the time when things would not normally be growing. The flowers can symbolize glory and/or fragrance of God. It shows a scene where people are outside working on flowers--the fragrance and glory of God. The unknown man in the dream could represent me. If so, then I had a patch of new plants, including mint (catnip mint) growing in my ground area and I also planted them on my chest. My chest may represent my heart, my identity, and my center of emotions. Mint means to me something with a delightful fragrance and new plants mean to me something new, living and growing. These are now growing in and upon me, in my heart, in my emotions, in my identity. This was a delightful dream and felt wonderful.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. (Psalm 32:10)

THOUGHTS FROM READING AND DEVOTIONAL TIME

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

> "We are all in the process of becoming what we dare to envision. What is your image of yourself in the fullness of Christ? What would you be like when filled with His Spirit, transformed by His love, shaped by His will? Picture yourself! Never let go of that

compelling vision. The more we get to know Christ, the more we become like Him in attitude and action, thought and character…What a difference it would make if He had our attention and willingness to be recreated in His image!" (pg. 65, *God's Best for My Life*, by Lloyd John Ogilvie)

(From the back jacket cover of the same book) "Better than our fondest hopes and expectations, God wants to give us His best for our lives:

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

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (Psalm 33:4-5 NIV)

JOURNAL 2-28-06 Tuesday

Last night at Prophecy Class, as we were seeking words of knowledge from the Lord, Liz asked me if I had loneliness. I indicated that I didn't like to spend nights alone, but days I was ok. Then she prayed for me. As she prayed I thought about the time I had been spending lately dealing with areas of woundedness coming from my childhood. So I told her that as a child I feel that I put up a barrier between myself and others as protection when I didn't have my needs met for love, etc. (also security, value, and purpose). Then she prayed again for that box or wall that I put up for protection to be broken down so I could come forth and relate to others now. She really has a gift of hearing the Lord and praying forth what He puts in her. I felt so blessed and favored!

Then later Kim stood, went to each person, and prayed over them. When she prayed over me she mentioned things like purity, uncluttered stream to the Lord, prayers that went to Him, etc (these weren't her words, but I forget them) that gave me such a sense that the Lord really does hear my prayers, and there is an open stream of communication between Him and me. I felt very encouraged by her words to go on to the Citywide Prayer Network today and begin a prayer time weekly with them for my church and my city. Also tomorrow I have committed to begin prayer and fasting for 40 days and felt encouraged to do this because of what she said over me.

Mike led the group last night and he gave us the assignment to come next time with 3 scriptures that apply to us. So this morning I am remembering many scriptures that have helped nourish and sustain me. Here are some I want to take to the group next week:

SCRIPTURES THAT HELP NOURISH AND SUSTAIN ME

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I man 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)

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

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

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19 KJV)

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 5:4)

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

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:1-3 NIV)

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

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 KJV)

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV)

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. (Psalm 33:11-12 NIV)

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and begins the first day of Lent. Tomorrow also begins the FACEDOWN 40 days of prayer and fasting (March 1 to April 9) for a great awakening like at Azusa Street 100 years ago now on April 9th. We are asking God for a great awakening in our universities, among our children, in the cultural power centers of our nation, and among all people. We also are praying and fasting for God to contend with the spirit of Islam and the Prince of Persia so that thousands of Muslims can be brought into the knowledge and salvation of Christ Jesus. We are also praying for the protection of Israel and that they receive Jesus in their hearts. This is being sponsored by Mike Bickle, Francis Frangipane, Lou Engle, and Dutch Sheets. They are asking that a million people sign up to pray along with them. Information regarding this can be found at www.facedown40.com. This ends on Palm Sunday, April 9th, but the Lord is leading me to continue through Easter Sunday on April 16th which ends Lent. There are devotionals, articles, and a

description of this fasting call that can be found on the web site mentioned. The Lord has led me to fast/give up desserts during this time period.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. (Psalm 33:18-19 NIV)

(Watch for *In His Time, part 4* coming soon)