ABOUT AGING

AND

LEAVING

THIS EARTH

INTRODUCTION

This material was written over time from 2011 through 2016. There were times when I felt these events would take place almost immediately, but I eventually learned they were prophetic for sometime in the future. The writing in *blue italics* indicates things I heard the Lord say.

As I write this book I am eighty years old. I am reminded of the Scripture verse that says:

We can expect seventy years, or maybe eighty, if we are healthy, but even our best years bring trouble and sorrow. Suddenly our time is up, and we disappear. (Psalm 90:10 Contemporary English Version)

Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away. (Psalm 90:10 New Living Translation)

As I write this book I am being led by the Lord to bless you who read this book. Therefore I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that you will seek the Lord and find Him, just as I have in my lifetime. I pray for you that the Holy Spirit of God will lead you into all righteousness and truth. I give you these Scriptures which Jesus gave to His disciples. I recommend that you read the book of John in the Bible, and that you ask the Holy Spirit to lead you and teach you. I pray that you may have revelation from Him regarding what is truth and what is not truth:

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:15-17)

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. (John 15:26)

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13)

THERE ARE BENEFITS THAT COME WITH AGING

You were meant to grow old and grow more and more feeble. This is the product of the fall – death physically. You were not meant to live forever in perfect health – not in this earthly life – not after the fall. And you were not meant to live a long time after the flood of Noah. So your body is doing what it is supposed to do as it grows more and more feeble and fragile and incapable of having the youth you used to have. I am not going to reverse that for you. There are benefits that come with aging that I want you to experience. You will have your perfect health when I rapture you, so this present/current body situation is only temporary. And I will strengthen you and enable you to live the way I want you to live during this current time. You may keep asking for that. Will you accept this?

If that is what You want me to do, Lord, then I will accept this. I ask You for grace to travel through this current "old age" part of my journey with You on this earth...grace, and strength, and love...but most of all love.

Ok it's yours, Joan. I grant what you have requested. I will show you what pains you can ask to be healed/relieved from.

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A TIME CARD

The Lord began speaking to me about a "time card." He said:

There is a time card for you. This time card means that eventually there will be a last day on it...

- A last day to get up in the morning with the aches in your body
- A last day to work with others on their situations here on earth
- A last day to live in this house with your daughter

Then there will be something else for you after this last day on earth as a human being — and it will be glorious and wonderful. You can look forward to this last day here because it is close/soon.

Then He reminded me of the scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

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COOPERATING WITH AGING

As I was resting the Lord began to speak to me about cooperating with aging. These are ideas He gave me:

- Accept not doing things you used to do tennis, walking in malls, driving long distances
- Accept your change in sleep patterns
- Accept you need naps
- Accept you are closer to the time to come to be with Me and prepare for it
- Draw closer to Me every day and get to know Me better
- Look forward to what's coming, not back on what you've lost
- Ask Me how to deal with the physical challenges of aging. I will help you
- It's because I love you that I let you "wind down" and draw away from earthly life.
- It is MY BEST FOR YOU.
- The best is not in this earthly vessel, but in what's to come if you belong to Me
- Overcome, overcome, overcome all that old age brings so you can grow through it and reap the rewards of this
- Close yourself off with Me more and more and seek My face
- Return to Me and I will return to you (as we were before you came to earth)

- Let Me become everything you need sleep, rest, meaning, purpose, joy, peace, love
- You were not meant to stay forever on the earth only to learn and be trained for what's next
- Get ready to go on to what's next
- *Don't fight it embrace it*

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DO NOT FEAR

Now do not fear. Do not fear anything — but Me. I am the only One you are to fear — and you do. You do have fear of the Lord in you. I know because I know your heart. But I don't want you to fear anything or anyone else. I am your protection and guard. Whatever I allow you to have is for your good — I will bring good from it…even old age and the breakdown of things in your body. So do not fear them. You may not LIKE them, but do not fear them. I have allowed it for a reason.

PSALM 91 (NLT)

- 1. Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2. This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.
- 3. For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.
- 4. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
- 5. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.
- 6. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
- 7. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.
- 8. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished.

- 9. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,
- 10. no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.
- 11. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.
- 12. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
- 13. You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
- 14. The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.
- 15. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.
- 16. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.

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WHAT THE LORD TELLS ME ABOUT PSALM 91

As I began to read Psalm 91, His Spirit hit me so I couldn't even speak for a while. I knew it was His presence.

- How do I put into words what it's like to live in My presence with it surrounding you? That's what I did in Psalm 91.
- Even though things happen which frighten you, this Psalm tells you what I do for you.
- First of all you find rest in Me.
- A disease that stalks in darkness is heart trouble and you are not to dread that. (vs 4)
- You are to open your spiritual eyes and see the wicked punished. That happens when they go to hell. (vs 8)
- I am saying you will not die from diseases and disasters; they will not touch you. This means you will be raptured instead, to leave this earth. (vs 7)
- That's what I'm showing you today. These are My promises to you as I apply this scripture to you.
- No evil disease, no evil spirit, no evil person will conquer you.

- Why? Because I will order My angels concerning you! They'll take care of it for Me and for you. My angels are mighty and powerful more than you know or realize. They will protect you wherever you go. (vs 10)
- Print this out with the scripture list. Carry it in your purse and have it in your house. Read it as needed. I will remind you to. This will help you immensely. Put ALL of Psalm 91 on it in NLT.
- Give them My salvation (vs 16) What does it mean. It means all that I promise you...My faithful promises are your armor and protection (vs 4)
- They are My promises for you today. What I reveal to you is yours to have. And I have revealed these promises to you. They are yours to have. Believe them, receive them, and declare them out loud now.

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A DREAM ABOUT MY TIME ON EARTH BEING ALMOST OVER

I was in a house and was sweeping up some litter. I seemed to have a bunch of items, which I kept in a box. I was invited/expected to go to a gathering of people to celebrate someone's birthday or something for a young woman. We were to bring gifts. I was trying to get ready to go. I still needed to shower and get the gift ready to take with me. I asked my daughter what time the party was and how much time I had left to get ready. We both looked at a clock on the wall and she said I still had 25 minutes. It seems like the clock hands were at 5 minutes after 12:00. This would mean the party was at 12:30. I knew I wanted to shower in that 25 minutes.

Then we two were looking through my bunch of "treasures" I had stored under a chair or table to see if I had a gift wrapped to take.

I saw ladies in the next room in the house where I was who were starting to play cards, and was thinking I really preferred to stay here with the ladies rather than go to the party for the young lady that I had been invited to.

A man walked by me as my daughter and I were sitting on the floor looking for the gift. He touched me on the back or shoulder as I sat there and as he walked by.

This house is you. This is about you and the things going on inside you. You do some cleaning, you have some treasures/gifts which you can share with others. You look at the time and see that it is 5 minutes after 12. Look that up and see what it means and what 25 minutes means until you are to leave. Also playing cards versus going to take a gift to someone. It's not negative, it's positive.

- <u>Clock:</u> late, early, delay, the last days, the coming of the Lord, appointment
- Five: serve, grace
- Twenty five: beginning ministry training, the forgiveness of sins
- <u>Twelve</u>: joined, united, govern, government, oversight, apostolic fullness, discipleship, the church, people of God
- Thirty: maturity for ministry, begin ministry
- Table: communion
- Chair: to be in a fixed location, quietness, position
- Cards: facts, honesty, truth
- Birthday: day of birth
- Party: celebration
- <u>Unknown man:</u> angel, Jesus
- <u>Backside</u>: past, something that is behind you, something that is over with
- <u>Shoulder:</u> strength, carrier of burdens, government, authority, responsibility, bearing the burden of another

Lord, are You saying my time's almost done here on earth? That it's almost time to go to the new birth into the new body You have for me in heaven?

Are You saying my time of carrying another person's burden is almost done?

Are You saying it is past time, by Your grace (5), for my government (12), to begin in the next phase of my life in the millennium?

Yes to all of these

It's about an appointment at 12:30, which means maturity for ministry. I just need to shower and find the gift to take with me to celebrate a new birth. Am I the young woman having a birthday party?

Yes

Are You the man who comes by and touches me?

Yes

Does this mean the past is over and bearing another's burden is over?

Yes

Are You saying in 25 minutes the forgiveness of my sins will be complete?

Yes

I'm telling you it's not much longer, Joan, and your time here on earth will be finished. It is almost over. I want to encourage you in that. This is a positive dream, a good dream, from Me. You are coming to Me with all the gifts you have developed and given to others while on earth.

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A DREAM ABOUT BEING GIVEN THE GIFT OF GOING TO HEAVEN AND BEING MADE BEAUTIFUL

I was sitting in a chair in an office. I was putting on some white trousers and my legs were showing. I was a bit embarrassed by this because one of the elder statesmen came into our office at that same time. He wanted someone to deliver money to some girl. He wanted one of us to do this, not him. So the pastor brought this elder statesman over to me, as he thought I should write the note to go with the money and get it to her. He made a comment

about "maybe she could get something she liked with the money" and mentioned Clinique. The amount of money was \$100.

Legs refer to man's walk and strength and support. Pants refer to covering, righteousness, spirit-attitude, anointing. White refers to pure. This shows me putting on the purity and anointing of the Lord as my covering over my walk in life.

The Elder statesman represents God who wants to give a gift in secret to a girl. This gift was \$100 (full measure, full reward, God's election of grace, ingathering, final harvest of souls) in money (which represents favor). Clinique represents (as He and I discussed it) that which makes one look beautiful and new and young again, and changes one's face to look beautiful. From what I have read, everyone in heaven looks beautiful. I feel this represents God's favor to me (the girl) to give me this gift. It is being done in secret/private/unseen by others.

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TRANSLATED

During the night the Lord and I talked a long time about my being raptured from the earth. He talked with me about how I would feel about being taken before the official rapture of the Church, but still being raptured. He used the term "translated". He and I have talked many times about the Rapture and I felt that He would let me stay until then, as I wanted to experience that.

Being raptured or translated would mean that I would just be "taken" in a moment of time out of my body and go to heaven with Him, but my body would be left on earth.

He contrasted this to "The Rapture" where the bodies of people would actually be changed into spiritual resurrected bodies and those bodies would leave earth and go to heaven with Him.

He told me He had taken many other people in this former way. The first of two examples He gave me was Moses, whom He took, but his body was left behind. We read in Jude 9 that an angel and Satan argued over who got to have Moses' body.

The second example He gave me was a friend's grandmother who lived a regular Sunday, went to church, ate lunch with her husband, and was sitting at a table in their home that afternoon, and just dropped her head forward and was dead. I often thought that I would want to go like she did.

I told Him I didn't want to go and leave certain important people in my life unless they didn't need me anymore. He basically said that if He did this, it would be used for their good.

I said I was willing if that is what He wanted – "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done".

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A DREAM ABOUT LOOKING FOR CURRENCY TO TRANSITION OFF THE EARTH

In this dream I was at a conference at some college-like area and the conference was finished. It was time to go find my car and go home. It seemed I had come directly to that conference from a trip and had not gone home in between, so I still had the trip stuff with me. I was looking for my car, trying to remember which of the many parking areas I had left it in.

Then I was in the room where you pay for your parking ticket. I was sitting at a table and a man was sitting to the left of me. A lady was sitting across the table from me waiting for me to find the money to pay for the ticket.

The total cost I owed them was \$12.50. Since I had been on the trip and bought things, I didn't have much cash with me and hadn't taken any blank checks on the trip. I kept digging through my bags to try to find the money I needed. I found a little bit, but not enough. It seemed I still owed them \$11.00.

I kept wondering how I could figure out a way to pay them so I could go get my car and leave. I was wondering in what way the Lord might provide for this, and was thinking of possibilities.

This is the story of your life, Joan. Your money (time) is almost all used up. You only have a little bit left. What you still owe the earth is \$11.00 - which refers to your transition time. You are wanting to "go get your car and leave". Your car is your ministry or the eternal things you take with you when you leave earth.

You have been on a trip and at a conference. These represent the things you have been spending your life doing. I am the man sitting beside you watching this take place. Twelve is for government, joined, united - and fifty is for Jubilee, liberty, freedom, Pentecost, and Holy Spirit.

Joan, this is what you gave to the earth while here — you taught others about Me, and discipled others, and encouraged them to find Me. You did this literally in your work, and you did this through your lifestyle. You are now preparing for the Transition. You don't have the currency for the Transition, but you are looking at how the Lord might provide that, as you did in the dream.

The Spirit was on me as I wrote the interpretation of this dream, especially the first sentence about this being the story of my life. I felt Him hit me and tears came to my eyes as He did.

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GETTING READY

During the morning time with my daughter at breakfast she told me about the movie she watched yesterday regarding a little girl whose mother died. This brought up the subject of death and we got to discuss what I wanted when I died – to be cremated or not. I said I did not want to be cremated.

Then I told her the Lord had been talking to me about leaving to come home to Him in heaven. I told her about the idea of being raptured, but leaving your body on earth, and told her the two stories of Moses and a friend's grandmother having that happen to them.

She said she liked the idea that I wouldn't have to go through any further difficulties (like in walking, etc.) as she could see how much harder it was for me to go up and down the stairs.

We talked about my journals and what I wanted her to do with them – that the journals belonged to her. She was to do with them as the Lord led her.

I said I would give her a list of pertinent information that would help her deal with things for me – like Medicare, Social Security, insurance, etc. After she left for work I printed out this pertinent information.

Then I went into an intense time of crying and sobbing deep within myself. It continued for a long time. It was like grieving for having to leave them. Finally it subsided and the Lord had me rest awhile and He comforted me. He promised me He would prepare them to go on without me and had me place them in His hands. I did. Then I heard Him say this later:

I promise I WILL get them ready for you to leave, and that you will see and know this readiness and be comforted.

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DEALING WITH LEAVING

Today I spent more time dealing with my leaving the earth. It brought many tears again, but was not as difficult as yesterday. When the tears came, I would say "God help me" and He would. He led me to "cut my ties" to many people and things on the earth, including the wonderful house I now live in. (It reminded me of the time when I had to move out of a previous house, which I considered my dream house, and He had me go around inside the house and "say goodbye" to things I really liked in it.) But at this time He didn't yet have me cut my ties to these special people in my life.

He reminded me today of the time when He told His disciples that it was better for them that He go away (so the Holy Spirit could come to them). He said to me today that it was better for the special people in my life that I go away now, because they will experience and be given some things after I go that they don't get now while I am here. So I believe that and trust that.

He led me to begin reading *The Torch and The Sword* by Rick Joyner today. It is the 3rd book in the trilogy after *The Final Quest* and *The Call*. It really ministered to me as the Lord taught Rick that he was to find and equip those whom He called "messengers of power" who were to go out into the final harvest and work great works for Him there.

As I read this, I grew to understand that my work for the Lord on earth had also been to equip His followers. He reminded me of my 18 years of discipling others while I attended CBC in Columbia, and of my years of discipling special people more recently. He said I was not to be one of the "messengers of power" but they are. He told me that I have fulfilled my destiny that I came to earth to do.

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A DREAM ABOUT A CALL THAT IT IS MY TIME TO GO HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD

The setting of this dream was my childhood home. In the first scene I was in my bedroom and got a phone call. My door was open and I wondered if my voice woke up my daughter, who was in the room across the corner of the hall to my right side, as her door was open also. After the call I talked with her as she was also awake from the call.

This is My call to you that it is time to come home and be with Me.

A DREAM ABOUT A REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CLEANSING ME

In the second scene I was in the hallway outside the bathroom. I was watching how the wind was blowing so hard through the window that was open in that bathroom that it was sucking things up off the floor of the room and pulling them out the window. I tried to close the window. I looked outside to see if the stuff was lying on the ground there.

This is a room for cleansing. The wind is My Holy Spirit. I am pulling out of you all the things that need cleansing so you are then totally clean. The window symbolizes that this is a revelation of this cleansing.

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A DREAM ABOUT A REVELATION OF THE AFFECT BEING LIKE A TORNADO FUNNEL CLOUD

In the next scene I was in the same bathroom looking out the window and saw a huge very dark low ominous cloud just up to the left (east) of the window, and then watched in awe as a huge funnel cloud passed by our house just to the east of it. I went looking for other people in the house to see if they were aware of it. There were several people downstairs looking east out the windows there. I told them about the funnel cloud.

This represents another revelation — that your passing will be like a tornado funnel cloud to those who love you and will miss you. It will not touch them and tear them apart, but it will greatly affect them and will be a significant event to them in their own lives and in their relationship with Me. I will use it for good in the lives of all who know you and love you.

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PRAYER WILL STILL BE MY WORK

This morning I was having a hard time dealing with the issue of leaving some special people and couldn't hold back the tears. So the Lord had me play the CD of "We Are Called" and worship Him through it. Then He talked to me a long, long time about how it would be good for them when I go, even though it would be hard for them to go through missing me. But He said He has things planned for them, which will not take place until I leave, and these are very good things. So it is good for me to go and for these new things to come about. He will bond them together in a deep friendship that will help sustain them. I am thanking Him for that.

The Lord says I will be praying for them in heaven just like I do here on earth. They can know this and believe this. They can ask God to tell me to pray for them just like they ask me directly here on earth, and He will tell me to. He will alert me there to pray like He does here. Prayer for them will still be my work there.

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ARISE AND SHINE

Ever since I awoke this morning around 5:00 am I have been singing the song over and over in my head: "Arise and Shine" from the worship musical: *We Are Called* (by Steve Fry). I want to put the words here...

ARISE AND SHINE

And the glory of the Lord
Shall be revealed and
All mankind together will see it

For the Earth shall be filled With the glory of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

Lift up your heads oh ye gates
That the King of Glory may enter
I will shake all the nations
Says the Lord and
Fill this house with glory

Arise and shine
For your light has come
And the glory of the Lord
Is risen upon you
And the glory of the Lord
Is risen upon you

For the Earth will be
Filled with his glory
For the Earth will be
Filled with his glory
For the Earth will be
Filled with his glory
And the Lord will rebuild Zion
And appear, appear in glory
Rise and shine your light has come
Rise and shine
For your light has come

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord all ye nations
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing of his power and majesty
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord all ye people
And nations
The Lord is Almighty God
He is revealed to us
We are the chosen ones
Given his light to shine.

Arise and shine For thy light has come And the glory of the Lord Is upon you Arise and shine For thy light has come And the glory of the Lord Is upon you Arise and shine For thy light has come and The glory of the Lord is upon you For the glory of the Lord Is upon you Arise and shine Arise and shine Arise and shine.

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TIME TO ADJUST

The Lord keeps showing me how He is working all the details together for my leaving the earth and coming up to be with Him. He had me share this with my daughter, and we have gotten to discuss things that will be of help to her as she deals with all the closing details. It has given both of us time to adjust to the reality of my leaving while we still have each other. It will make it much easier for her than if I suddenly died without her being forewarned.

Yesterday the Lord led me in writing a "last letter" to my brothers and sisters in our Round Robin letter which basically gives a testimony of how the Lord has worked in my daily life, and gave me the opportunity to inform them again about my website at www.DoveMinistry.net if they want to read more stories which I recorded about HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS. I included three of those deeds in the RR letter. One story was about "I Came To Say Goodbye" about my aunt. I thought it appropriate, as I feel this letter is my "goodbye" letter to them.

A DREAM OVERVIEW OF MY LIFE AND MY MANTLE

The setting of the dream was a gymnasium with risers on the sides. I seemed to be barefooted but dressed otherwise and was down on the floor of the gym.

While I was standing on the gym floor a man, who seemed like my pastor, who was quite a lot taller than I was, talked to me. I had to look almost straight up to see his face as he stood much taller than I did. There were several other distinguished looking men, who seemed to be Christians, there talking with me also. I felt admiration for each of them.

Then I was on the opposite side of the gym, still on the floor, and I talked with a lady whom I seemed to know. She had 2 daughters with her, and one of the daughters talked with her about giving me money, so she got out some coins and gave them to me as they walked away. The other daughter walked away while they were on the floor talking with me.

As I stood there, rather surprised at her giving me coins, another lady came down from the bleachers and gave me some coins, and I think a third lady did too. I put them into my purse, which I had in my hand.

Then I climbed up the steps to the section where my seat was. I had left my green coat there. There was a picture/painting that I had left there and some person came up and said she wanted the picture, so she took it with her.

- Gymnasium: great discipline, doing something over and over, place of training, exercise
- Barefooted: vulnerability to pain, humility
- Floor of gym: place of discipline/training
- Pastor: Jesus
- Other distinguished men: Christian men I admire and look up to through their books, DVD's, speaking on TV, etc

- Woman: Angel
- 2 daughters: my daughters
- Coins: (silver) revelation knowledge
- Bleacher area: (chair) rest or position, quietness, position of authority
- Coat: my mantle, covering, anointing, protection, authority, righteousness
- Green: Life, new life or birth, new beginnings, restoration, the Spirit of the Lord
- Painting with my coat: my mantle in picture form, memory, past experience, to bring to remembrance

My interpretation:

- 1. This is about me and my life and the training I went through in my life. I am in a place/state of being vulnerable to pain and humble.
- 2. I associated with, learned from, looked up to Godly men who were near Jesus
- 3. I participated in the training/discipline of Jesus, was vulnerable to pain and was humble
- 4. Angels came to me and ministered to me
- 5. I was given revelation knowledge
- 6. One daughter walked away from me, but was still on the gym floor, meaning she was still in training with the Lord
- 7. The other daughter prayed for me and helped me (asking for help from the angel) and was in the bleacher sitting area doing this.
- 8. My coat/covering/mantle was about my life. The picture of it/memory of it was given to someone who wanted it.
- 9. This can mean those who want what I displayed (in the picture) in my life can get it by asking for it.

What the Lord told me about the dream:

You've done it up rightly. This is the gist of what the dream means. It is somewhat a picture of your life and some of your experiences and relationships. I am the "tall One" who looks down and talks to you telling you what is going on. You are the one who needed to go through the training of earth life and do it in humility and sometimes pain...a vulnerable position. Your daughters are with you going through training too. You are given revelation knowledge from above. At the end of the dream, your life, you leave a picture memory

of what you were like and your mantle to those who would seek it/ask for it. This is a good dream and it is of Me. It is like an overview of your life.

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TALKING OVER MANY THINGS

Today my daughter and talked over many things that might be helpful to her after I leave the earth.

I told her about her being able to ask God to ask me to have me pray for when she needed it...that my work in heaven would still be to pray for her. She said rather than texting me to pray for her, she could then ask God to have me do that.

I told her He told me there were things He would do in her life that could not work out until after I was gone, and these were good things. She shared with me how she doesn't want me to have to go through the deterioration in aging like her father has, and she doesn't want me to go through what is coming upon the earth.

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A DREAM ABOUT THE MULTIPLE DELIGHTS IN HEAVEN

The setting of this dream seemed like an open market with lots of different types of booths to view. I had been told at the place where I worked that many people came there for lunch. There were lots of people there – looking, eating, cooking, serving and selling – and I interacted with the people.

I saw booths displaying various things for sale. One booth had food to eat and I waited there awhile to get some food. I saw people preparing many

different kinds of food. One food item was like roast beef with chopped potatoes and vegetables, only the roast beef looked light in color, light gray, and it seemed like they called it white meat.

I saw another booth and looked around in it for a while. It had products displayed that were decorated with pink roses – like china objects, ceramic objects, etc. It reminds me of the little post-it note holder I have with a tiny pink rose on it and the 1928 jewelry I have with tiny pink roses.

Another booth seemed to have delicious looking soup. Another seemed to have desserts. I went from booth to booth looking them over. I felt like I could have whatever I wanted to buy of all these things.

I realized after exploring there a while that new foods were continually being prepared, that there wasn't just one time or place to eat, but I kept finding new places where different foods were being prepared. And they were continuing to be prepared long after the lunch hour.

That dream is from Me. I love to display, in human terms, the delights which are available in heaven...where there are many people, of all types, and many delights to view, and taste, and choose from. You kind of suspected this dream was about heaven. Yes, it was. This is where you get food, all kinds of food as needed or wanted for various occasions. This is where you meet many different people, doing lots of different things. Things they enjoy doing. And this is kingdom living at it's fullest while here on earth. The roses stand for this being a gift from God and something beautiful.

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COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY

This is the scripture the Lord is giving me for today:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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 NIV)

Your dream was about the heavenly delights coming for you after you transition to heaven. You have been tasting of the difficulties and sadness of leaving the earth for the last couple of weeks or so. And you sure have become burdened with those — what your daughters will face and deal with, what special people will face and deal with, what your brothers and sisters will face and deal with. And this has been hard, a burden, a heavy load. Now it's time to come to Me and be relieved of that burden and find rest for your soul. Don't worry, I WILL prepare them for what's coming when it's My right time to do so. That is My task, not yours.

The yoke/teaching that I ask you to accept is this: that this is My will, that this is My plan and it's a good plan, that this is best for all the people you mentioned, and that I will bring good to all of them through this. You will watch and see this as a "witness" from heaven, and you will be delighted and happy at all the good I bring about through your passing over death here below to life above.

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A DREAM OF SIX SCENES ALL REFERRING TO MY TRANSITION TO HEAVEN

The setting of the first scene was a church office. I was there to type something. PJ was there and also SK. Another lady came in who also wanted to type. P, S and I were going to go to lunch. I wondered how I was going to get the bulletin typed (which I felt I needed to do) if she was using the typewriter. P told the other lady that staff used the equipment first, and he was implying that I was staff, so when I needed to type, I was to have access to the typewriter. She seemed to receive and understand that. She (and another lady who was in the office) stayed to type while we were at lunch.

P represents Me. S represents other Christians who commune with you and Me. This means that I am with you and looking out for your interests. I will not allow any one to take the place you have in Me and with Me. You and I are planning to have communion together

We walked along the street toward the area where we would have lunch. It started to rain, so I ran back to the office to get my umbrella. I got it, but it kept folding back up and didn't work right and wasn't of help, so I just walked back to the area where we had headed. I realized I didn't know where they went to eat, so I didn't know where to join them.

This means you don't know the way to the place you are trying to go to, but My Holy Spirit is with you raining on you as you go.

While I was back at the office to get my umbrella I thought about my baby being at home with a baby sitter and wondered if I should call and give the sitter my telephone number so she could reach me if necessary. But I didn't.

As you suspected, this refers to your "baby" who is B. She will be left with Someone to watch over her and take care of her while you are gone. That baby sitter is Me. I will watch over B and take care of her. You cannot give her your phone number, as you don't know what it is.

There was a scene, which seemed to be at another church with a different group of women with whom I was familiar. I knew I could be with them, but knew I had made the decision to be with P's church instead.

You could have stayed in some past church way of thinking and relating to Me (as CBC or CPC), but you went on to be in My church instead during your life. And this was a good decision and the right decision.

I was in the restaurant area trying to find where P and S went so I could join them. I saw BB, VB, and PB - and BB said we could eat at the Derby (a restaurant right there) so we began standing in line to get in there to eat.

BB, VB, and PB are friends who "stand in line" together with you to eat/commune together. Derby refers to the Kentucky Derby representing a race, which you run during this lifetime. You are together with other Christians and you all stand in line to finish the race and commune together afterwards. Yes, they will all be there in heaven with you eventually.

In another scene I was sitting with SB and another woman. I saw that SB had colored her hair so the under part (root level) was green and the outer part was blond. She also had green eyeliner and green lipstick on. I admired the color as it was a soft pretty color and mentioned to her that it looked nice.

<u>Lips:</u> producing spiritual fruit, offer prayer, praise and worship, testimony

Green: life, new life

Hair: covering, covenant

Eyes: desire, longing for God, vision

All of these have new life coming from them. SB represents a fellow Christian friend who used to be really close to you. She was involved in worship, praise, discipling, teaching, and giving testimony through her life. She is a representation of you and those like you who will be together eventually, as you all belong to Me. The unknown lady in this scene is an angel being with you two as you talk together.

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SCRIPTURE CARDS

I spent about an hour listening to "We Are Called" and worshiping the Lord. I also spent much time listening to the Centurymen CDs which B gave me, and I really enjoyed many of their songs. I really like to hear men's choirs and this is an excellent one. They do worship songs, gospel songs, praise music and their arranger has done unusual arrangements of these.

I also spent time writing some excellent scriptures on 3x5 cards so it is easy to review them. Some of these are Scriptures I have been touched or taught through, and some of them are the Scriptures we memorized when I took MasterLife that I want to review. Also some are from my cloth blue book, which MF gave me, in which I have written favorite scriptures. I also thought B might find them useful and helpful for her use, so I gave the cards to her.

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IT IS CLOSE

Today as I sat and listened to the Lord He first had me quiet my thoughts by telling me to "Be still and know that I am God". When He says that I try to still my own thoughts, and to do that I tell them to "be still". Then I sit quietly and He speaks to me. Whenever my own thoughts try to take off again, I quiet them again and listen to the Lord. I can ask the Lord questions and we discuss them.

Today He brought back to my mind the episode that took place in my life when I was a child and my dad punished me by putting me outside on the front porch by myself in the dark for a while. As an adult the Lord took me through a healing of that experience and gave me a picture of His coming to me on the porch, walking hand in hand with me off the porch, down the steps, out into a big field-like area where we used to have a garden, and there He and I took hands and danced around in a circle. Then He stooped down and watched me as I hopped and danced around by myself in front of Him.

Today He said He was going to come to me similar to that and get me "out of the darkness of earth" and take me to heaven with Him. He said He personally would come and get me, and with Him would be some angels too. The whole group of us would be instantly together in heaven. He said He did not want to give me a specific day or time. But He said it was "close."

FROM COMPROMISE TO PERFECTION

During the night I awoke and heard these words (or I heard them in a dream): *From compromise to perfection*. I felt this referred to the transition from earth to heaven. Earth life is often a time of a compromise of what was God's very best (as in the Garden of Eden before the fall of Adam) to the perfection of Heaven.

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A DREAM ABOUT THE WITNESS OF MY LIFE ON EARTH

The setting was the room where the President was lounging in a bed-like recliner. I walked over to where he was and opened up and showed him a large brochure with colored pictures that ran the full two sides of the brochure. It was about 24" wide and 18" high. I turned it so we looked at several different pictures. The last picture I showed him seemed to be of a dog racing across the page with the exact same picture repeated (with about 3 across the top, then across the middle, then across the bottom). The dog looked rather like the shape and size of a wolf or German shepherd. The dog was running at great speed like in a race. He seemed interested in them. Then I left.

In the next scene the President was outside giving some speech or was with people. I came into the same room as before to look for a certain key. I was allowed to do this, so I felt quite bold to walk in there. I looked for the key in a desk. Then I went over to the shelves along the wall, which had glassed fronts and displayed many different beautiful things - like large gemstones. I seemed to be looking for #6 item there. All the while I knew that what I was doing was open and visible to the President who was outside, across the street and could see me.

Does the President represent You, Lord?

Yes.

- President: God, Father, head person
- Six: image, man, flesh, toil and strain of the flesh or natural realm, work, secular completeness
- Stone: witness, Word, testimony, might, permanence
- Recliner (bed): rest, salvation, meditation, intimacy, peace, covenant, privacy
- Key: knowledge, authority, wisdom, understanding, ability, important or indispensable, Christ, power to bind or loose, lock or unlock
- Picture: memory, conscience, past experience, circumstance, imagination, a message within itself, to bring to mind, former time of undergoing something, a significant occurrence, something hidden brought to light
- Book: record, Word of God, heart of man, witness, remembrance, conscience, education, knowledge
- Dog: (note type of dog and relationship to dog)
- Wolf: predator, devourer, Satan, evil, false ministries, wolf in sheep's clothing
- Desk: place of work and storing items needed for work

My interpretation:

I brought a picture in a book to the Lord and we looked at it together. It was in a place of privacy and intimacy. The picture looked like a dog running a race or being chased.

I searched for a key and used it to open an area where things were stored representing witness and testimony. I looked for number six which may represent the toil and strain of the natural realm and/or secular completeness. The Lord was watching me.

What does this mean, Lord?

It shows you and Me looking together at the witness and record of your life in a private place of intimacy, just the two of us. In this record you see the enemy fleeing, running away as fast as he can.

It also shows you opening up the witness or testimony of your life on earth as a "man" or person and I am watching you as you do this. We will do this together when you come up here.

There are things and situations where you were a witness for Me when you didn't even know it. I will show these to you when you come up here. You will see the life record for you here and will be pleased and surprised at what you discover there.

It will be like a gemstone – something beautiful made of earthly material. You don't even know what all I formed in you while in the earthly realm and I will watch as you discover and see this being opened up to you here in heaven.

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THE ANSWER

This morning B and I talked about something she discovered on a Christian radio website she visited recently. She found there an ad for Christian materials that can be donated and sent overseas to those needing materials. We had been talking about what she should do with the many discipleship materials I have stored in her basement. This is the answer. We want me to look through all those materials and see which we would like to donate...and we can start sending them even now.

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A DREAM ABOUT B GROWING IN SPIRITUAL STRENGTH IN HER WALK WITH GOD

The setting of this dream was inside a building with lots of people moving around in different rooms. The focus was on a girl, who was trying to do a twirling motion on her left foot/toe while her right leg was out in front of her. The motion seemed impossible without prayer and support from the

people around her. She tried it over and over. She would move to a different location and have the people standing around watching her move back so she had room to do the motion, then she would try it.

Some of the time I was involved as a person sitting on the floor watching her and supporting her. Some of the time I sat on a chair along with other people. And some of the time I seemed to be in the air overhead watching down on her. At one point she called out a man by name to come over and do it with her. I saw that part from the air above her.

Legs: support, strength, spirit, man's walk, man's strength Left: spiritual. God manifested through the flesh of man

My thoughts as I type this dream: this may represent B as the girl trying out how to walk in spiritual strength in life. At first I am sitting on the floor next to her, then I am sitting on a chair on the sideline watching her, then I am up in the air watching her. This may represent different positions I took as she went through life, and the position that is coming – from the air. The man may be someone she knows that she calls to come alongside her and walk the spiritual walk of life with her. I heard this from the Lord:

That's it, Joan. Just leave it like that.

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A DREAM OF SEEING B AND K FROM HEAVEN AND BLESSING THEM

In this dream scene I was seemingly in the lobby of the hospital watching a woman and little girl walking out. The little girl was on crutches. They both looked quite tiny to me. I seemed to be much larger and seemed to be up in the air near them, watching them. I said something to them about this being a bad day for them, but that this might really be a good day because sometimes good things come from what looked like something bad. Then I said "God bless you" to them.

My interpretation: The thoughts I get about this scene are - I am watching this from a heavenly perspective and am looking down on these two people. That's why I seem large and they seem tiny. My thought is these two represent B as the grown woman, and K as the little girl on crutches. In the dream I speak to them and say that even though this may seem like a bad day, it can really be something good, and I blessed them.

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SOWING AND REAPING

I listened to We Are Called today and was deeply touched by participating in it. Also today the Lord said these things:

Enjoy this day. It's a gift. Each day I give you is a gift that you and I get to spend together on this earth.

It was a good thing for you to stay with them (special people in your life) and now it's a good thing for you to leave – for them. I will use them both in a mighty way in ministry for Me – and they are both ready. Whatever they do, you get to benefit from the fruit of their work – just like Stephen got to benefit from the fruit of Paul's work – it's the same principle.

He reminded me of what Paul Keith Davis said about Stephen who was martyred and his life was sown into the kingdom. Then Paul the apostle's life was reaped and so Stephen reaped the benefits from the fruit of Paul's ministry.

He applied this idea to me - the principle of sowing and reaping. I have sown into their lives and will reap benefits from what they do.

WAIT BEFORE ME

I want to do what You want, Lord. I ask You to put in me a desire and "want to" to do what You want, and then tell me what you want. I know that You know what is best. I ask You to show me what that is, and put the desire in me for that, so I can truly walk in what You want me to do and be for You.

I will answer that prayer, Joan. Wait for Me. Wait before Me. I will show you the way to walk and what is My best for you and for them. I promise. Take My yoke upon you for My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Just listen for My way. I will show you. You have just now put your hands in My hands for Me to lead you in My pathway of righteousness for you. I WILL show you the way.

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TWO ILLUSTRATIONS OF PEOPLE RAPTURED

The Lord revealed two more illustrations of people being "raptured" from the earth but with their bodies left behind, like He said He would do for me.

One was Smith Wigglesworth. I read that he went to church, sat down at a table there with his head leaning on his hand propped on the table, and just died there. They found him sitting like that...but he was gone.

The other was Stephen, the friend of Paul Keith Davis from Codiac, AK with whom Paul Keith went fishing many times. He said Stephen told his wife that he was so ready to go be with the Lord that it was only her and the children that kept him on earth, and he wasn't sure if that could keep him here much longer. Then one day he went to the airport and just fell over dead. He was young, maybe in his 30's and in good health.

COURAGE

I told B about today, and the process I went through until I was finally able to say that I would do whatever the Lord wanted, what was His best. I also said that I was pretty sure I was to choose as His best to be raptured with my body being left on earth as we had discussed previously, but that I would wait to see what happened – it was now in the Lord's hands and He would show me the way.

She said she wanted my mantles as her inheritance. The Lord said she could have them now. I asked Him what they were and He began naming them and she wrote them down. He named courage first and I was surprised to hear that. Then He named these: caring, intercession, giving, discipling, revelation, worship and humility. So we declared she had them now.

Later, when I was in bed meditating on those mantles, He began to show me many times in my life where He said I displayed courage:

- When I played French horn solos in high school
- When I took piano lessons
- When I went away to college on my own
- When I took a job in Peru and moved away from home
- When I married and we moved to Cambridge, MA
- When I went to Japan and traveled in the Orient
- When I came home from Japan by myself
- When I went through divorce
- When I went through the 5 years of living by faith without salary

I had not thought of those as courage.

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CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Cloud of witnesses – the Lord said I would become part of the great cloud of witnesses. He and I talked about this and He indicated not everyone in heaven is part of this cloud of witnesses, only some.

He wanted me to look this up today, so I did. It is mentioned in Hebrews 12:1 – just after it lists those who by faith endured much – like Abraham, Joseph, Moses, etc.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses... (Hebrews 12:1)

It is, in my understanding, this cloud of witnesses that gets rewards, benefits and fruit from those who come after them into whom they sown. Therefore they will reap from the fruit of those into whom they sown. So, they are watching from heaven to see the fruit of what they sowed.

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A DOVE

Today in my quiet time He said these things:

You are like a dove...with a gentle and quiet spirit. That's why I showed you those 2 doves on the rooftop of your house on Juniper Drive...and why you named your website www.DoveMinistry.net.

You ARE a part of the great cloud of witnesses already – those known for their faith walk while on earth – and you will be when you come up here. The great cloud of witnesses are those who watch what is going on, on earth – partly because they invested their earth lives in Me and in others, and therefore have a stake in what people on earth do, and their rewards come partly through them.

AN URGING TO FINISH MY WORK

This morning just after B left I heard the words: "That's it." Hmm. Those are the words I heard after my last phone call with my mom when she was in the hospital. When I asked the Lord about it, He said He wanted me to discern those words. He said they were from Him. But they do not necessarily mean that was my last time to talk with B. Nevertheless, I feel strongly to work on the books He is leading me to write, and try to finish them as soon as possible.

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HIS PROMISE

Today the Lord spent a long time talking to me about my leaving this earth. He again reaffirmed that this was His best for me, and for other special people in my life. They will grow through this experience in a good way as He is in it.

I read Revelation 3:7-13 (one of my favorite parts of the Scriptures) and I was touched mightily as I read verse 10.

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

This is His promise to me.

THY WILL BE DONE

I found this Quiet Time writing today when sorting things in my computer room. It is interesting to read now because He has been answering it. I believe it is from spring of 2011 or before.

3:00

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

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

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

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

So – that is my choice: IF You want to use me, and IF You want to change me to do that, since You know me and know I have nothing to give unless

You produce it in me, then I choose to do Your will, O Lord. You know how much I desire to leave earth now, this coming Rosh Hashanah, and come to heaven and be with You. You know my true heart AND You can change me. Thy will be done, Lord God. Thy will be done.

3:39

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

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

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

3:52

Ok, Lord, the choice is Yours.

3:56

Then, I will change you – to desire to do My will at all times. That's all you need to know right now. My will WILL be discovered as you live it out day by day. I'll only let you know as far ahead as I want you to know. Is that ok with you?

Yes, Lord, that's ok with me.

Thank You for wanting me to be Yours, and paying the penalty for my sins, and keeping me in Your watch care every day of my life. I owe You everything...my life, my love, my all. I want to please You and serve You all the days of my life – now, during the Millennium, in heaven, through all eternity. You are my Joy, my Righteousness, my Peace, forever.

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

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

You have made the right choice, Joan, to let the choice be Mine - I am pleased with you.

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A DREAM

A couple of days ago I had a dream, which is still in my memory. When I awoke during the night last night I heard that He wanted me to record it, so I asked Him to remind me when I was at my computer. This morning while at my computer, He reminded me...

A DREAM ABOUT SEEING 6 INCHES OF WATER IN THE BOTTOM OF A WELL AT MY HOUSE

In this dream I was in a house and I could see into a well shaft, like there was a cut-away section so I could see inside the well. I saw at the bottom of the well that there was only a little water left – about 6 inches or so. I knew there was not much left and somehow sensed that was important.

Ask Me what it means.

What does it mean, Lord?

It means - time is almost all used up. This water is an indicator of time in this dream. There is only a little left. The well represents your

life on earth. That's what it means. Add it to your file on leaving the earth.

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CLOSING THOUGHTS

The Lord led me to read back over this material today, October 13, 2016 and to put this into a book. He wants my readers to see how the Lord can show you something, and say it is "soon", but in earth time that may be a longer period of time than we think of as "soon."

I thought all of this would take place in 2015, and then circumstances changed so drastically that I realized it would not. So I am looking back at this from more than a year later and wondering about the delay. I believe it is not a delay, but it just seems that way to me. I have learned He sometimes tells me things that will happen shortly and they do. But sometimes He tells me things, and I expect them to happen shortly, and they don't.

So I am writing this book, partly I think, to help the readers see that just because the timing of something isn't what WE think it will be, it isn't because the Lord has forgotten you or because the event will not take place, but because time is so different from His heavenly perspective. And His timing is perfect, so we need to be patient and keep trusting Him to complete what He said He would do.

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