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*Sing to the Lord a new song;  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
Proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
(Psalm 96:1-3 NIV)*

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This has been my goal in all my books:  
to praise the Lord,  
to proclaim His salvation,  
to declare His glory,  
and declare His marvelous deeds.  
May this last book do that also.

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(The words in *blue italics* are words the Lord spoke to me. I have put in boxes some of my favorite Scriptures I like to read through on a regular basis.)

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and His love.

This is the song that keeps going through my head last night and this morning. And it speaks of what is in my heart - to tell the story of Jesus and what He did for me and for us. And it IS like a longing in me, or a continuous desire in me, to tell others the story of Jesus and His love. This is done through the books He has given me to write for Him. My desire is that He leads just the right people to these books, and uses these books to tell His story and bring Him glory.

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*Live in Me. Live in Me. Live in Me.  
I in you, and you in Me.  
That is the answer to everything in life  
For I AM LIFE.*

*I am the Way and the Truth and the Life.  
John 14:6*

*This is what is important in life - to put ME FIRST. Always seek Me and ask Me when questions come up in your life and when you need answers. Then you will have the truth about the situation and can make your decision based on that. I am the Truth. My Word is Truth. The truth is what you need for all decisions. So seek Me first about all things.*

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

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*I'm doing you a favor, Joan. By letting you have all these aches and pains. It is for your benefit and not to harm you. It doesn't mean I'm angry at you, or that you have done something terribly wrong. It is to benefit you - in the long run...the long run being - in the everlasting life you will come into when you leave the earth. In THAT life you will have great benefits for having gone through the things you have suffered on the earth - ALL the things. Remember Paul talked about having a "better resurrection"? That is what I am referring to.*

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection  
and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings,  
becoming like him in his death,  
and so, somehow,  
to attain to the resurrection from the dead.  
Philippians 3:10-11*

*For we who are alive  
are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake,  
so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.  
2 Corinthians 4:11)*

*Though outwardly we are wasting away,  
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.  
For our light and momentary troubles  
are achieving for us an eternal glory  
that far outweighs them all.  
2 Corinthians 4:16-17*

*Others were tortured and refused to be released,  
so that they might gain a better resurrection.  
Hebrews 11:35*

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## THE REFLECTION

**The quieter the water  
the more perfect  
the reflection.**

**The more you know  
who you are in Me,  
the quieter your soul  
is before Me,  
the more perfectly  
you reflect Me!**

*And we, who with unveiled faces  
all reflect the Lord's glory,  
are being transformed into his likeness  
with ever-increasing glory.*

2 Cor. 3:18

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My parting words today are about the various seasons of life we go through. Each season of life has its joys and its difficulties. It is important to thank God and praise Him through the joys of life and enjoy those precious times with friends and loved ones and with the Lord. But it is also important what we do with the difficult times. Those times can be used for great benefit in your relationship with the Lord as you praise and thank Him through those times too, trusting that He will use them for your good. Then you will become an "overcomer."

*To him who overcomes,  
I will give the right to eat from the tree of life,  
which is in the paradise of God.  
Revelation 2:7*

*He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white.  
I will never blot out his name from the book of life,  
but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.  
Revelation 3:5*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.  
For those God foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the likeness of his Son,  
that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.  
Romans 8:28-29*

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**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry.  
(Psalm 34:15)**

**The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose  
hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)**

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Another important word I want to share with you today is this: start your day, every day, by drawing near to God. Greet Him first thing in the morning (*I say good morning Heavenly Father, good morning Lord Jesus, good morning Holy Spirit*). Then keep drawing near to Him throughout the day and ask His guidance and ask His advice on what you do and decisions you make. Talk to Him as your best Friend, for that is truly who He is. Take communion each morning and "remember Him." As you do this daily it accumulates and grows into a deep, trusting, and abiding wonderful friendship with the Lord. When you are old you will understand and see how important this has been, and be very grateful for it.

*Come near to God and he will come near to you.  
James 4:8*

*He took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying,  
"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."  
Luke 22:19*

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;  
planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.  
They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming,*

*"The Lord is upright; he is my Rock."  
Psalm 92:12-15*

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**The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. (Hebrews 13:6)**

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

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#### DAILY PRAYERS

- *Come away My beloved*
- *Be still and know that I am God.*
- *Practice every day. That way you will come to know Me more.*
- *This is My secret truth to you today. Keep looking to Me.*
- *Check out what you hear with Me.*
- *Pray it out loud as I lead you to.*
- *Don't share it unless I tell you to.*
- *Ask for clear communication & cleansed hearing and seeing.*
- *Ask Me to guide you into all the truth I want you to have.*
- *Ask Me every day to keep your mantle of humility on for protection and so you can see clearly.*
- *I KNOW ALL THINGS and I CAN COMMUNICATE ALL THINGS as I choose to you. That is the new way I want to be for you – the One Who Communicates All Things To You. Ask Me to be that for you today and every day of your life.*
- *Ask Me to hide you under My wings for every day of your life. (Overshadowing you)*
- *Ask Me to hide your family under My wings for every day of your life.*
- *It's time for Me to handle your physical body care now, so keep seeking Me for that daily as you do for safety, protection and provision.*
- *I want to renew your heart and mind with MY WAY of thinking. Ask Me for that. I will. You will see.*

- *I will change you as you keep humbling yourself before Me, and asking Me to change you so you will be like Me.*
- *That's what I wanted to teach you today – to ask Me to change you so you will BE LIKE ME. I am working to make you like Me. That is My goal. And that is also your goal. So we will keep working on this together. I will show you the way.*
- *Pray the Lord's Prayer – for your prayer bundle and for all the Saints*

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**Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. (Matthew 14:29 NIV)**

**And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. (Mt 28:20)**

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SOME OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTORED ME  
WITH THEIR BOOKS, CASSETTES, CD'S, DVD'S, VIDEOS AND MESSAGES

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**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)**

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#### PSALM 91 (NLT)

1. Those who live in the shelter [secret place] 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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**Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:12)**

**All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)**

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**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)**

*It is being done, in you and those you pray for. You hadn't thought of it that way, had you? But it is. My kingdom is coming in you more and more and more - as you pray this prayer over you each week. And it will continue to come this new week also. What a wonderful way to begin your new week - asking for My kingdom to come into you more, and asking Me to come into your whole prayer bundle more this coming week. I say "yes" to that request.*

*You always thought of it coming in the world setting, but I make it individual, one person at a time. That's the way My kingdom comes - one person at a time. I started on earth with asking My first disciple, then another, then another, etc. until I had twelve. It progressed from there to the faithful committed 120 on Pentecost. Then to 3000, then to 5000, and so forth.*

*I know you think of My kingdom coming as worldwide when I return again. And it is that too. And that return is imminent. It is so close, you would be surprised if I told you when. But I won't. I can't, because I am not allowed to reveal any thing the Father doesn't want revealed. I and the Father are One. I know His will as His will is the exact same as My will.*

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**The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Psalm 34:4)**

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I was captured in my thoughts by several things which I want to note here:

- Our teachers - Isaiah 30:20-21 - the adversity is our teacher!
- Communion (Passover) bread - is the bread of affliction. (Deuteronomy 16:3)
- Isaiah 54:16-17 The Lord created the destroyer to work havoc.
- "We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body." (2 Corinthians 4:8-12)
- Isaiah 48:10 we are tested by affliction
- In faithfulness you have afflicted me. (Psalm 119:75)

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**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 paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

**Don't be afraid; just believe. (Mk 5:36)**

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(Quote from a Joyce Meyer book) When I am applying the blood, I usually pray this way:  
"Father, I come to You in Jesus' name, and I put the blood of Jesus on my life and on all that belongs to me, on all that over which You have made me a steward. I put the blood of Jesus on my mind, my body, my emotions and my will. I believe I am protected by that blood. I put the blood on my children."

I went and got all of our checkbooks and my pocketbook and Dave got his wallet and we laid hands on all of them and put the blood on them, asking God to protect our money, to cause it to multiply and to see to it that Satan could not steal any of it from us.

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**1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.**

**Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

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*Through the Blood of Jesus I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the Blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven. In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7*

*The Blood of Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me now and continually from all sin. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*

*Through the Blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as though I had never sinned. Since we have now been justified by His Blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him. Romans 5:9*

*Through the Blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through His own Blood. Hebrews 13:12*

*My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I am redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the Blood of Jesus, therefore the devil has no more place in me and no more power over me. Do you not know that your bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price, therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

**They triumphed over him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Revelation 12:11**

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*Put down the steps you take to come into My presence.*

- Sit quietly, rest, clear my mind
- Greet the Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Continue as led: tongues, thanks, praise, love, singing to Him
- Tell Him of my thanksgiving and gratefulness
- Ask Him to sprinkle me with His blood
- Speak: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Ask Him to
- Wait until He comes and speaks. See what He wants to talk about
- Then I can ask Him questions and listen for His answers
- Then I can listen for directions for my day
- Try to maintain this communication throughout the day and night

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**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.  
(Psalm 23:4 KJV)**

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*Watch every day. How do you do that? You come to Me each morning for our special time together and ask Me to fill you with whatever I have for you that day. Then it will be in My hands what I put in you. And I will put the right stuff in you for that particular day. Trust Me in this.*

**Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

*This is your scripture to stand on as you ask Me to show you who I am and what I am like. So use that scripture each day and "call to Me" and I will answer you.*

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**Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)**

**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:25-26)**

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*I am the Lord who instructs you, Joan.*

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

*I instruct you in self-discipline and in sound doctrine.*

**God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)**

*I instruct you in how to live a full and abundant life while in this world.*

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

**Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me find life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34-35)**

*I instruct you in how to approach Me and how to draw close to Me.*

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. (James 4:7-8)**

*I instruct you in the importance of following Me and following My instruction.*

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

**If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)**

*Without My instruction you would flounder around in the world and not follow a straight path.*

**Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. (Proverbs 4:13)**

**Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. (Proverbs 16:20)**

*My instruction is worth more than anything the world has to offer you. It is more precious than things the world calls precious.*

**Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her. (Proverbs 8:10-11)**

*You can receive My instruction, but to do so you must walk closely with Me.*

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. (Psalm 89:15)**

**Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)**

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord. (Isaiah 2:5)**

*You can receive instruction from My Word, but even to do that you must have My Spirit bring it alive for you and give you revelation about it.*

**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; )**

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. (16:13)**

*You will never go wrong if you follow My instruction, even if it might look that way for a while.*

**Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. (Proverbs 8:33)**

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

*I and My Word are one. I am My Word, and My Word is Me.*

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)**

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**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)**

**My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest. (Exodus 33:14)**

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- Jesus came to set the captives free.
- What are we captive to? Sin. So Jesus came to set us free from sin.
- It is sin that causes or allows sickness.
- Jesus had no sickness or affliction except what He allowed due to obeying the Father (Thy will be done, not My will)
- In order to be set free from sickness we need to be set free from the sin that has allowed it.
- Jesus told the man (paralytic) who was let down through the roof that his sins were forgiven and equated that with healing him. (Matthew 9:1-7) (Luke 7:48)
- Jesus said to some: "Go and sin no more." (John 8:11)
- God allows or gives the affliction due to sin.
- To get free from the affliction, we need to discover what sin is behind it, and deal with the sin, then the healing will come as there will be no basis for the affliction after that.
- The Word calls the affliction a "teacher" - we are to learn something through it. (Isaiah 30:20-21)
- Sometimes the sin can be from generations preceding us whereby their sin comes upon us or affects us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generation following them (i.e. heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure)
- God told the Israelites as they left Egypt that if they would follow all His ways and commands (which would keep them free from sinning), then He would not put on them any of the diseases of Egypt. (Exodus 15:26)
- Jesus suffered so we could be set free from sin
- Some suffering/affliction is used by God to help others...i.e. Jesus' suffering for us. We share in His sufferings. Steven's stoning helped produce Paul the apostle.
- When we fast, it is like giving ourselves suffering which has a purpose - to draw closer to the Lord and develop a deeper relationship with Him.

**He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven, is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." (Matthew 13:52)**

*Sin is not believing what God says.*

**Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw**

yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.'" (Matthew 21:21)

Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.' (Mark 7:15)

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' (Mark 7:21-23)

But wisdom is proved right by all her children. (Luke 7:35)

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

**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 50:4)**

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*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

*Do you believe Me?*

*I know you do. I know your heart. Just like I carried that lamb on My shoulders until it was healed, I have been carrying you. Healing is coming gradually, but in the process you are overcoming, and that is what you wanted very much to do - be an overcomer.*

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**Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3)**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)**

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Today I read the May 30 devotional from *Streams In The Desert* book, and it was just beautiful to me. It equated our Christian walk/journey to music and learning to sing the part we are to eventually sing in God's heavenly choir. It used the scripture about the 144,000 who were the only ones who could sing the song of the redeemed.

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| <p><b>Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!<br/>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,<br/>Who forgives all your iniquity,<br/>Who heals all your diseases,<br/>Who redeems your life from the Pit,<br/>Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,<br/>Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed<br/>like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5 RSV)</b></p> |
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*Ask Me what I want you to do next.*

What do You want me to do next, Lord?

*I want you to sit and listen to Me awhile.*

Ok. That's seeking You, isn't it, Lord?

*Yes, it is. For you it is. That's the way you seek Me - sit quietly before Me and wait for Me to speak to you.*

*Today is another new day, Joan...but a SPECIFIC new day that I want to comment on. It is "Memorial" day. I want it to be a "memorial" day for you, but a memorial of what I want you to remember. Ask Me what that is.*

What is it that You want me to remember, Lord?

*I want you to remember My sacrifice for you. I want you to contemplate it, think about it, meditate on it, again and again as I lead you throughout the day. Will you do that for Me?*

Yes, Lord, I choose to do that for You.

*Ok, we will begin now.*

*You know how I deliberately came to Jerusalem for Passover Week, and how I rode in on the colt as prophesied. You know how I presented Myself before the leaders for them to look Me over to see if they could find any "spot or blemish". That way they could see I was the perfect spotless lamb suitable for the Passover lamb.*

*You know how I taught My disciples the night I was betrayed. You have read that teaching over and over as it has been very special to you. You know how I agonized in the garden with My disciples nearby waiting (and sometimes sleeping) near Me.*

*You know how the leaders of the Jews came and took Me for slaughter - that was their intent - to slaughter Me. I was their Passover lamb that all their "practices" pointed to.*

*And you know how they didn't recognize it for what it really was that was happening.*

*You know how I was beaten and mocked and spit upon and humiliated in front of people and soldiers. You know what the Jews said about My blood being upon them and their children - and it was and is.*

*Someday they will "see" when I open their understanding, and they will repent bitterly for what they did, and they will be forgiven. Imagine how they will feel after being forgiven of THAT.*

*AND you know how I was resurrected by My great power on the exact day and time it was to happen - after three days and three nights in the tomb.*

*All of this is what I want you to remember today, Joan, and thank Me and praise Me for this great sacrifice.*

I remember, Lord. I remember. And I praise You and worship You and thank You - over and over and over, Lord. Thank You for Your great and mighty sacrifice and for my salvation. Thank You for choosing Me and electing Me to belong to You. You knew me before the foundation of the World, and You chose me. Thank You. I did nothing to deserve this - it was by Your choice and Your grace. Thank You, Lord Jesus!

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**Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)**

**But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head. (Psalm 3:3)**

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*For now give Me the next hour and let Me minister to you.*

*I am your Rock that you stand on.*

*I am your Anchor that holds you in place and steady in the time of storms and turbulence.*

*I am the One who covers you with My wings and protects you.*

*I am your Refuge, your Fortress, your Covering, your Protection.*

*I am your Light to light the way, your Counselor, your Wisdom.*

*I am your Understanding, your Knowledge.*

*I am the Mighty One with all power to help you on the way.*

*I am the narrow Door leading to salvation and hope.*

*I am your Love, your Kindness, your Joy, your Hope.*

*I am Everything you need. Count on Me and lean on Me.*

*I want you to do this.*

*That's Who I Am and Who I want to be for you.*

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**Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)**

**The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, and he will show them his covenant. (Psalm 25:14)**

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*Today is a new day. Every day is a new day. Every morning you get to begin again and start over with a new day. I love new days! I know you do too and that you get to start each new day with fresh new energy - and you really like that.*

*I want you to know I am with you as you come into the secret place in the closet together with Me today, in this new day.*

*And I have a new word for you this new day. Ask Me for it.*

*My new word is: Be still and know that I am God.*

*It is in the stillness that you meet Me. It is in the stillness that you hear My voice. And it is in the stillness that I quiet your heart and prepare you for this new day.*

*It is very important to come into our secret place each new day. In fact it is essential for you to function in My best for you. For it is in the secret place where I will tell you what is My best for you for this new day.*

*Therefore: wait. I say it again: wait. Wait in the secret place until you know what I want for you for this new day.*

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**Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. (Psalm 34:9)**

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

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)**

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*This is My word to you today, Joan...I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. There are many on earth who think they can come to the Father in other ways, but that is a lie. It is NOT*

*the truth. I am the truth. What I speak is the truth. And the ONLY way to the Father is through Me. That is because it MUST be through the forgiveness of your sins, and that comes ONLY through Me and My sacrifice on the cross of My life for your sins.*

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
John 14:6*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But to save the world through him.  
Whoever believes in him is not condemned,  
But whoever does not believe stands condemned already  
Because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.  
John 3:16-18*

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**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)**

**For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)**

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*Come away, My beloved, come away with Me.*

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not 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. (Psalm 23:4)**

*"And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own."*

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Song: In the Garden

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the Voice I hear sounding round my ear  
The Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.

*That's who I am, Joan. I am One who walks with you and talks with you, and tells you that you are My own. That's why you like that song so much - it expresses our relationship with each other so well.*

**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:20-21)**

*We walk together, and we talk together, like two friends walking down the road of life together, holding hands, and enjoying each other's company.*

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

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2:5)**

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. (Psalm 89:15)**

*I am the God who walks with you. I am the God who talks to you. I am the God who tells you that you belong to Me.*

**Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? (Amos 3:3)**

*I protect you. I guard you. I watch over you.*

**And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)**

*For you belong to Me and I will not allow any who belong to Me to be snatched away from Me. I treasure you too much to do that.*

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| <b>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything</b> |
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**under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)**

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*I am with you, Joan. I am ALWAYS with you, day or night, winter or summer, spring or fall. Wherever you go, I go. Wherever you stop, I stop.*

**And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)**

*It is My promise to you, given many times in My Word - I will never leave you or forsake you.*

**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)**

*I have given this same promise to many, MANY, who belong to Me. I have kept that promise as I am always faithful to My Word.*

**Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)**

*There are many who would like this promise but don't understand the basis for it. They want Me near when it is convenient for them, and then they leave Me far away when things are going well for them.*

**The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:8)**

*This is not the way My presence works. If you want Me close to you all the time, then you must first of all belong to Me. Then you must seek Me daily to walk with you and be with you. And I will.*

**As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)**

**Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)**

*I will be with you when you don't "feel" Me there, but what you really want is to KNOW and feel and understand My presence all the time. To do that, seek My presence daily. And I WILL reveal My presence to you.*

**Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished. (1 Chronicles 28:20)**

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**The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. (I Corinthians 2:14)**

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*I am the Lord who protects you. I protect you day and night, night and day, winter and summer, summer and winter, day after day, year after year.*

**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 27:4-5)**

*I protect you ALL THE TIME. There is no time that you are exempt from My protection. So you can count on it.*

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

*My protection is far-reaching - reaching out into places and areas that you don't even think of.*

**This I declare about the Lord: he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. (Psalm 91:2)**

*And My Holy Spirit protects you and He leads you, guides you, warns you, and teaches you.*

**For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. (Psalm 91:3)**

*My protection is hovering over you just now, even now, as you write this book. It's from My angels. They are hovering over you all the time.*

**For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. (Psalm 91:11-12)**

*And My angels fill your house and surround your house with full-time protection too.*

**The Lord says, “I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. (Psalm 91:14)**

*My Name is upon you also as protection. So I am living inside you and My name is on you.*

**Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. (John 17:11-12)**

*My protection is part of My love for you. You want to protect those whom you love, and so do I.*

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

**When I am afraid, I will trust in you. (Ps 56:3)**

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**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 16:6)**

*Yes, Joan, this is for you. How many times have you said that I am your portion and your cup.*

**I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” (Lamentations 3:24)**

**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)**

*The path of life is known to the righteous, Joan, and you are righteous in My sight. I knew you would be righteous even before the foundation of the world. I KNEW YOU. I provided for you to find the path of life – and I AM THE PATH OF LIFE. I provided for you to know Me.*

*The joy that was set before Me was later when I got to heaven, Joan, and it is that way with you too. The joy will come when you come into My presence in heaven, and it will be never ending/forever. It will be a joy like you have never known on earth as it is impossible to know the fullness of this joy while on earth, only in heaven.*

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**This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that if he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)**

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

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**The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 51:11)**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)**

**And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. (Psalm 17:15)**

*Yes My daughter, you will SEE ME and you will BE SATISFIED. How many times have you wanted to actually see Me while on this earth. How many times have you heard of others coming up into heaven, and you wanted that to happen to you. Well, this will finally be satisfied when you “awake.” That will be one of your rewards – to see Me. That will be the greatest reward, Joan, because you want to see Me, to be close to Me, to be in My presence, and then you will get all of that as a reward. I know how many times you*

*have wanted Me to hug you and have thought what that might be like. Well, you will experience that as a reward when you come here.*

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**But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. (Isaiah 43:1-2)**

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**Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)**

*This is for you, Joan. I want you to aim to delight Me by delighting yourself in Me every day of your life. I will give you the desires of your heart, not only on this earth, but especially in heaven. Is the desire of your heart for heavenly rewards? Yes. And I have put that desire in your heart for heavenly rewards. And so, you will receive those heavenly rewards as desires of your heart. Your delight and My delight are aligned together – they are the same.*

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**One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:4-5)**

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**Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. (Psalm 37:5)**

*How many times have you yearned for justice to be seen and known, Joan? This is a promise I make to you: the justice of your cause (namely knowing Me) will shine like the noonday sun. AND I will make your righteousness shine. These are rewards for you – your righteousness shining and the justice of your cause shining. You may not see that fulfilled here on earth, but it WILL BE fulfilled in heaven as your heavenly reward.*

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

**Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy. (Isaiah 60:5)**

**Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:3)**

**Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:43)**

**The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (Proverbs 4:18)**

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**O Lord, I say to you, "You are my God." (Psalm 140:6)**

**If I have found favor in your sight, teach me your ways so that I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)**

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**The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. (Psalm 37:18)**

*I know all your days, Joan, not only the total number of days you will live, but what each and every day will bring to you and hold for you. You are blameless in My sight, not by your own goodness, but because you are cleansed completely by My blood. Therefore you belong to Me, and I know the days for you and what they will bring. That is why I can make promises to you about your protection, safety, food, enlightenment, revelation, peace, etc.*

*I already know about these and am speaking to you on the basis of what I know will take place.*

*And your inheritance will endure forever: you have an inheritance in Me for all the things you have done, are doing, and will do for My kingdom. And I also know ALL about these. They will endure forever and bring great rewards to you forever. You never lose those rewards/inheritances once you get them at the judgment seat. They are yours forever.*

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

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

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**What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts. (Psalm 65:4a)**

Is this a scripture on rewards Lord?

*Yes it is. I choose those I bring near Me, both on this earth and in heaven. Those who are near Me "live in My holy courts" and have great joy. I choose them based on what they DO and what they SAY. This determines WHOM THEY BECOME. My choosing them is My reward for them.*

**Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. (Psalm 65:4)**

**Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. (Psalm 84:10-11)**

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**Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. (Hebrews 10:22)**

*Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you.*

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

*One way you become more like Me is to read My Word. My Word is alive and active and causes changes to come inside of you.*

**The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

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**Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want. (1 Peter 4:1,2 TMB)**

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*I am the Lord, Joan, who has plans for you, for My people. I form these plans and I carry them out carefully and precisely at just the right times.*

**The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1: 4-5)**

**Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare. (Psalm 40:5)**

*I have plans from before the foundation of the earth for you and My people. I see to it that all things work together to bring these plans about.*

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30)**

**For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (Ephesians 1:4-5)**

**For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (Ephesians 1:9-10 RSV)**

**In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. (Ephesians 1:11)**

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)**

*These are good plans. These are perfect plans, because they are Mine. They WILL happen. Nothing can stop them as I am All Powerful.*

**The plans of the Lord stand firm forever; the purposes of his heart through all generations. (Psalm 33:11)**

**Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established. (Proverbs 19:21 RSV)**

**What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. (Isaiah 46:11)**

**If this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God! (Acts 5:38-39)**

*I give specific plans to you as you walk through your life. You know, as you have experienced it many times. I tell you when to write a book and tell you the title of the book, and tell you what to put into that particular book.*

**Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you. (Jeremiah 30:2)**

**Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. (Revelation 1:19)**

*One reason I do this to you is because you treasure My words and My speaking to you enough to set aside your mornings to spend them with Me and listen to Me and write down what I tell you. If you didn't do this, then we couldn't write the books together that you have written. It takes both of us, working together, to create these books.*

**Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)**

**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)**

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*I decide which gifts to give to which men.*

**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 4:12-13)**

*I decide when to give them and when to take them away if they aren't used properly.*

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)**

**A time to keep and a time to throw away. (Ecclesiastes 3:6)**

*I may not actually take the gift AWAY, but I can cause it not to produce the fruit intended.*

**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. (Matthew 7:15-16)**

*I have plans for My kingdom, and they WILL come about just as I have planned them.*

**To me...this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 3:8-10 RSV)**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)**

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

**If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Exodus 33:13)**

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**Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)**

*I am, Joan. I am the giver of every good and perfect gift. I give the best gifts that can be given - life and love. You need both of those every day of your life. And I give them as you look to Me and follow Me.*

**God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)**

**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)**

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**I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)**

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

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During the night I had a sudden pain in my left side towards my back. It made me wonder if it was heart pain. I pondered that and heard the Lord say not to worry, not to fear, but the worry kept coming anyway. During the time I was worrying (and in unbelief) I couldn't hear the voice of the Lord clearly and easily as I usually do.

Finally I heard Him say, "Stand on the Word." So I began quoting His Word regarding healing, such as "He sent forth His Word and healed them." I thought of Betty Malz and her amazing story in which God brought her back to life about 20 minutes after she had died, and when she came back she "saw" those same words in the air in front of her. She spoke at a Christian Women's Club luncheon which I attended in Columbia, MO. As I proclaimed His Word in my mind and heart, gradually I came out of fear and unbelief and doubt, and could hear the Lord's voice again. Then I was able to go back to sleep.

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**For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7 NLT)**

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)**

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This song is going through my head today. It is a song from "Carousel" which I sang at the Sunshine Society Banquet at the end of my senior year of high school.

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When you walk through a storm, keep your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark  
At the end of the storm is a golden cloud  
And the sweet silver song of the lark  
Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain  
Though the winds be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart

And you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone.

It is the truth that I never walk alone. The Lord is always with me. I know He is and I often feel His presence and hear His voice. He is my life's companion and I never get lonely. This is one of the great blessings of belonging to Him and being part of the family of God.

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**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)**

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I Am The Lord Who Holds You Accountable

*This is a very important topic, Joan, and that's why I want you to write about it. Many people in the world do not believe there is a hell, or a judgment time. They do not know they will be judged, or what they will be judged about. And this is My judgment, Joan, this which is written about in these scriptures. This is what I want people to know and understand.*

**But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37)**

**A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)**

**If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins. (John 8:24)**

**There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. (John 12:48)**

**This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)**

**Every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son - both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die. (Ezekiel 18:4)**

**Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)**

**If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. (Hebrews 10:26-27)**

**The wicked will not stand in the judgment. (Psalm 1:5)**

**You may be sure that your sin will find you out. (Numbers 32:23)**

**God will bring every deed into judgment including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)**

**The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)**

**We will all stand before God's judgment seat. Each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:10, 12)**

**We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10)**

**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. Each person was judged according to what he had done. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:12-15)**

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

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)**

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*I call and I call, Joan, and those who listen to Me and follow Me will live because of Me. My desire is that all men would be saved from destruction and would live forever with Me and My Father. But many won't listen, Joan. You know why? Because they are more interested in things of this earth. They are caught up in daily life, and in "things." But I still call, and I keep calling. I want people to listen to Me and be saved.*

**Here I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)**

**My sheep listen to my voice. (John 10:27)**

**I have other sheep that are not of this pen. They too will listen to my voice. (John 10:16)**

**His sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:4)**

**Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)**

**Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew 7:24)**

**This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)**

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*I am here, Joan. I am your hope. I am your anchor - that which holds you secure and steady when the rough times come. You hold onto Me, and I will take the waves that try to come over you and sweep you away. I keep you safe from hitting rocky places. I, and only I, can do all these things for you. Hold onto Me, Joan, when the storms come and the waves come, and the winds blow. I am your anchor.*

**We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. (Hebrews 6:19)**

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**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)**

**I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)**

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I read in Bob Sorge's book *Secrets of the Secret Place* about "deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Me." He said "take up your cross" refers to crucifying the things of the carnal nature and of this world (negative things) that need to be crucified. He said that "deny yourself" refers to positive things which you give up (i.e. fasting food, giving up sleep, giving up entertainment, etc.) in order to draw closer to the Lord and become more intimate with Him. I like that explanation.

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

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

*Keep your mind "stayed" on Me, Joan, and I will keep you in perfect peace. That is the last word I want you to write in this book. Keep your mind stayed on Me.*