

THE
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OF
GOD

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**His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**

**(Psalm 91:4 NLT)**

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This verse says that the Lord's faithful promises are your armor and protection.

What do you do with armor?

You put it on your body to protect it.

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What do you do with things that protect you?

*You use those things to build a house around you to protect yourself.*

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So, let's look at some promises of God that He gives you to protect you.

Then you can put them on, and use them to build protection around you.

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How do you do this?

*By believing them, declaring them, and speaking them over you.*

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This is what the Lord told me about His Word:

Remember My Word does not return to Me without accomplishing what I sent it to do.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower, and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth; It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

(Isaiah 55:10-11)

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Let's begin with my favorite Psalm which is Psalm 91. I like to read this Psalm in the morning to remind myself of many promises God has for me each day. I also like to pray this Psalm over me and my loved ones daily. You may want to do that too.

**Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings.**

**His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**

**(Psalm 91:1-4 NLT)**

Declare this every day over yourself and your loved ones:

“Lord, You alone are my refuge, my place of safety, You are my God, and I trust in You!”

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**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 NIV)**

This Scripture became very real to me recently when I became sick with Covid-19. As I became weaker and weaker, I sought the Lord for help. He gave me this Scripture verse. It was like I could sense Him speaking it to me day after day. It became very real to me then, and it still is real to me day after day as I read it. I wrote the verse on a 3x5 card and put it in a prominent place where I would see it each morning.

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**Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.  
(Psalm 30:4)**

You can also appropriate the promises of God through singing to Him and worshiping Him. Here is a song which I have sung many times:

(A song)  
Standing on the promises of Christ, my King  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

As I sang this song, I felt the Lord prompting me to write down some of His promises that are special to me. Here are some of my favorites:

- I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)
- If you seek Me you will find Me. (1 Chronicles 28:9)
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)
- If you remain in Me and My word remains in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. (John 15:7)
- If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14)

- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me. (John 14:3)
- I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)
- All the promises of God are "yes" and "amen" in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians 1:20)
- He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

I will mention some of these favorites later in this book.

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One day the Lord taught me about considering myself dead to the power of sin.

When he died, he died once to break the power of sin...So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:10-14 NLT)

Then He said this to me:

You suffer because of sin and its power, right? Jesus broke the power of sin, right? You are to consider yourself dead to the power of sin.

How do you do that? Speak the word. What words? The ones I just gave you. And speak them over and over until they take root and grow in your heart.

- I live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- I hold firmly to the word of life. (Philippians 2:16)
- The word of God is alive and powerful. (Hebrews 4:12)
- I don't just listen to the word, I do what it says. (James 1:22)
- God's words will never disappear. (Matthew 24:35)
- Jesus' words remain in me, so I may ask for anything I want. (John 15:7)
- I have the Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. (Matthew 6:10)
- I come to the light so others can see that I do what God wants. (John 3:21)

- I go to God's word and wash in it. (John 9:10-11)
- Jesus died to break the power of sin. (Romans 6:10)
- So, I consider myself dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:10-14)
- I speak the words until they take root and grow in my heart. (Matthew 13:23)

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**(Psalm 103:1-5 RSV)**

This is what the Lord told me about blessing the Lord:

*Blessing the Lord is the great privilege of My people Israel, and of My people, the sons of the kingdom. I hear those words when you bless Me. I treasure those words of blessing towards Me. I want you to know this, My child. Blessing Me does things that you know not of. So, bless Me whenever it comes into your heart and mind to do that.*

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The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.

(Psalm 91:14-16 NLT)

Here is a story from my life some years ago which illustrates this Scripture regarding how God protected me when I called on Him:

TROUBLE ON THE HIGHWAY

“God, help me!” I shouted as my car slid out of control on the slippery Indiana highway on that cold rainy day in February. I instinctively shut my eyes as my car careened down into the ditch on the right side of the road and into a field. I “felt” the car moving for a while as I sat braced for an impact or whatever might happen. I was totally out of control of the steering of the car. The car gradually slowed down enough for me to open my eyes and discover I was almost back on the highway! I was approaching the same roadside ditch I had just driven through, but this time from the field side of it! I accelerated the car trying to return to the road, but got stuck in the ditch.

As I sat in my car along the highway trying to grasp what had just happened, I began to see an amazing picture of what God had just done for me.....

The day began with plans to fly our private plane from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Columbia, Missouri, for a job interview for my husband. I was busily packing the clothes for our two daughters so we could make a stopover at my sister’s home in Marion, Indiana, and leave the girls there while we visited Columbia. I anxiously watched the cold rain and low clouds, wondering if they would hinder our flight and make us late for our appointment that evening.

Just then my husband called saying the weather was too bad to fly privately and we would need to catch a commercial flight very soon. Would I make the trip by car to Marion? Would I drop off the girls at my sister’s home, and return to Indianapolis in time to catch the commercial flight? There was just barely enough time if all went perfectly!

Driving at a high speed, I quickly made the trip, but I learned that the cold rain in Indianapolis changed to freezing rain and snow as I went north toward Marion. Cautiously I arrived at my sister’s home, left the girls, and began the return trip - knowing I would not make the commercial flight on time unless I drove fast.

As I drove too fast for the icy road, God and His angels were watching over me, even in my unwise choice of speed. All of a sudden, I realized the car was sliding, and it was totally out of my control!

As I shut my eyes with the approaching danger and yelled, “God, help me!” God took over.

When I looked around as the car came to a stop in the ditch, I knew He had taken over, because I could see where His angels had steered the car - off the road, through a ditch, into a large open field, around a tree in a U-shaped turn, then back up to the edge of the road where the car stalled in the ditch.

The car and I were totally uninjured, not even scratched!

I walked to the nearest farmhouse where I used their telephone to call an AAA service truck to pull my car from the ditch. Needless to say, we missed our commercial flight and had to postpone our visit to Columbia until the next day.

I knew, as I pondered the event, that an angel had guided my car that day because my eyes had been shut, and a car does not steer itself where my car went!

Some weeks later, as I drove along that same Indiana highway, I noticed something which again caused me amazement about God's guiding hand. I noticed that "my field" with the tree in the middle was the only open area for a long way that was without buildings, fences, or signs which my car could have hit!

What could have been a tragedy turned out to be an enduring memory of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

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Here is a wonderful promise the Lord has given us – that He has plans for us. He knows what those plans are, and He will reveal them to us and bring them about at the right time as we listen to Him and follow Him.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

**(Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)**

Here is my story of plans God had for me and how He revealed those plans to me:

#### THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU

For several months the thought had been slipping quietly into my mind...the thought that someday I would move from the house I owned at that time. I would glance briefly at that thought and then let it slip by, feeling the move would come at least one or two years in the future. I had good reasons why I should wait that long to move...logical reasons. They made sense to my mind. But that was not the Lord's plan.

It was Friday, June 23, and I was having my Quiet Time. The Lord spoke to me saying He wanted me to place my house up for sale. In spite of all the previous thoughts about this, I was still surprised. I had not given much thought to actually doing it. I wanted to be sure this was really God's will before I acted on that word. That would be a big step for me to take by myself. I had never sold a house before! So, I waited.



On Saturday, June 24, He said the same thing to me again in my Quiet Time. Since the word was reinforced, I began to look at it much more seriously.

On Sunday, June 25, as the Lord spoke the same message to me, I was convinced I needed to act on it. So, on Monday morning, in my Quiet Time, I agreed to put my house up for sale. Then, with His guidance, I carefully outlined the steps I would take and the approximate times I wanted to take them.

At first, I thought I would place the house on the market in September to give myself preparation time. But He said I should plan so the new family could move in before school started. So, I made plans to close on the sale during the third week in August, around the 21st if possible.

I planned to begin renting my new home on August 1st so I could have three weeks to move my things, have a garage sale in the old house, and have time to clean the house I was selling before completing the move.

I believed these plans were from God, and yet, what amazed me was this only allowed one month for God to sell my house! At that time many houses were sitting on the market in our city for 6-12 months without selling!

On Wednesday, June 28, my prayer partner and I prayed about this, and the advice that came was: "Call the Realtor right away and set this up." What Godly advice this turned out to be!

The Realtor and I met on Friday, June 30, one week after the Lord spoke to me to sell my house. I shared with her about the Lord's instructions, so we were both excited to see what He was going to do!

It was scary to sign my name on that document to sell my house while not knowing what lay ahead. I was agreeing to a huge transition without knowing its far-reaching effects. But what enabled me to sign was the assurance this was from the Lord.

I wanted the multiple listing realtors to tour my home on Wednesday, July 5, during the following week. Therefore, my realtor said she would have to list it on the computer on the following Monday, July 3rd. I agreed to that, thinking I would have the 4th of July holiday to thoroughly clean and prepare the house for showing before Wednesday, July 5. Little did I suspect what God was already doing even as I made these plans!

On Monday, July 3rd, my house listing was placed on the computer system. A realtor saw it on the computer and came over that very afternoon. That evening she brought her client to view the house, and they wrote a contract on it that same night. I had not even cleaned it yet! That extra special cleaning was not what the Lord needed to sell my house. He just needed my obedience to list the house at the exact time He told me to. He did the rest!

God knew something which I did not know when He said I should list my house for sale. He knew there was a buyer who wanted a house just like mine and wanted it in my neighborhood. He knew she would make an offer on a house down the street from mine during that first weekend

in July just before my listing was put on the computer. He also knew she would miss buying that house because someone else made an offer just prior to hers. She was eager and ready to move as soon as possible. God was already at work in the situation. He just wanted me to join Him in what He was doing!

And guess what! The closing date she wanted was August 21st!

In fact, God worked out every detail of the schedule we set that Monday, June 26th, when I said “yes” to His request and we set the plans. He even helped me find a lovely home to rent beginning August 1st as we had planned.

Once again in my life God revealed Himself, His purposes, and His ways by displaying one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

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For years and years, I have read the Bible. I found as I read it that certain Scripture verses stood out to me – like they had special meaning. I underlined them in my Bible even though I didn’t necessarily know WHY they stood out as important to me. One of those verses was Habakkuk 2:2-3

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

(Habakkuk 2:2-3 NIV)

The idea of writing down revelations and making them plain on tablets became very real to me later when the Lord gave me instructions to begin writing a book. He gave me all the ideas for that book and led me as I wrote it page by page.

I did not know at that time that He had in His mind to have me write MANY books. But gradually, over many years, He led me to do that. Each book came as a surprise to me and a delight to write.

Now, many years later, I see how the Scripture from Habakkuk came true in my life – at the appointed time.

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**And my God will meet all your needs  
according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippines 4:19)**

What a wonderful promise this is! I want to tell you a story of a time when God met my needs just like He promises in this Scripture. Here is that story:

**CHEMOTHERAPY**

It was Friday...the day for chemotherapy again! How I dreaded those days! Twice a month for four months I had been taking treatments in that therapy room with other cancer patients. Some had much worse stories to tell than my story, so I learned to appreciate how well God was taking care of me even through the mastectomy and chemotherapy I had to endure. God was with me - and how much I needed Him! Especially today!

It all started with a routine mammogram which I did not want to have, but thought I should. Then came the letter saying something looked suspicious in the X-ray. Next came surgical biopsy day with many of my dear, dear Christian friends waiting and praying with me for a report of "no cancer." Finally came the telephone call telling me there was definitely cancer, and I broke down and cried and secluded myself for the rest of that day as the news took on reality for me.

But God was with me. He brought my daughters and Christian friends to comfort me in my grief. I praise God for them!

During the next two months I went through the mastectomy and surgical recovery period with a love blanket of support from my daughters, my church family, and my friends who gave me food, flowers, cards, love, and prayers, as well as much appreciated visits and telephone calls. I did not know how much those things meant until I needed them myself!

But now that time was past. And today I had to face another chemotherapy treatment. I would show up at the treatment room where the male nurse would insert a needle into my left arm to begin an IV setup. He would draw blood samples to test to see if my system was strong enough to take the treatment. Then I would wait for an hour or two until approval was given and drugs were sent to the therapy room for me. After that the drugs would be dripped into my veins for several hours - first the anti-nausea drugs, then the chemotherapy drugs selected by me and my doctor. Then I would wait...and pray.

Before I began chemotherapy, I had asked the Lord how to pray about taking this therapy, and He instructed me to bind the bad effects of the drugs, and loose the good effects, so I did that

day by day. I especially prayed not to lose my hair. I heard some stories from those who did lose theirs, and kept praying to be spared from that. God answered that prayer, and I was so thankful for that blessing!

But today this therapy day was different than the others. In my instructions I had been told to report any intestinal problems I developed. Well, they had been developing, but I had not yet told the doctor about them. Today I knew I must because I was getting sick for one to two hours at a time more and more frequently. I never knew when or where the sickness would hit me. As I reported this, the words came that I did not want to hear: "We may have to postpone your therapy treatments."

One of my greatest desires at that time was to finish those treatments as soon as possible! I certainly did not want to postpone them. So that evening I cried out to the Lord, "What do I do about this, Lord? How do I handle this? How do I pray? I do not want to postpone these treatments! I want to get them finished and get on with my life again! Please help me!"

And my wonderful God, in His still small voice, said, "*You can ask Me to heal you, and I will.*"

Well, I asked! And He did! After four months of times of sickness coming with increasing frequency, for the next two months of therapy I had no more sickness!

As I write this story years later, I still have no sign of cancer in my body! So, I share this story with you to "*declare His glory*" and tell of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

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For God does speak – now one way, now another – though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears.

(Job 33:14-16 NIV)

We know from this Scripture that God may speak to us through dreams and visions. He has done that for me at various times. One dream that is outstanding for me is a dream He gave me regarding discipling other believers. That is the passion He has given me – to help other believers grow and mature through sharing with them how the Lord has helped me grow. Here is that dream:

A DREAM ABOUT A MULTIPLYING BIRD

In this dream I was inside a house looking out a large window (I think in the front of the house). First, I saw a bird outside which looked like a hummingbird, but was larger. Its coloring was in greens like a hummingbird. It was about 6-7 ft up above the ground suspended in the air.

Then it became much larger and I saw this huge bird there. Its front looked similar to a stork with a long bill and neck, then it became a huge oval-shaped body, maybe 6 ft long and 2-3 ft wide with a large fluffy multi-feathered plumed tail. Along the top of the body there were many nests, maybe 8-10 nests, and on each nest sat a mature bird. In the tail there were many smaller birds mixed in with the plummy feathers.

I kept exclaiming about this unusual bird and trying to name what kind of bird it was, but I could not think what to call it. I knew it was not an eagle. Later, as I looked at the names of some birds in the dream book, the closest I could come to what its head and beak looked like might be a stork. I don't remember any colors associated with this huge bird.

Possible meaning of the dream symbols:

Hummingbird: beautiful bird which can suspend itself in the air and which is enjoyable to watch

Stork--expectant: new birth, new baby; new experience; that which is forthcoming. They carry out God's purposes

**"Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons."
(Jeremiah 8:7 NIV)**

Bird--Spirit: Holy Spirit; message. They can also refer to leaders or messengers

**"...a bird of the air may carry your words; and a bird on the wing may report what you say."
(Ecclesiastes 10:20 NIV)**

To me this big bird refers to lots of things being birthed from it, lots of mature birds, nests with eggs to be hatched, and growing birds too. This can refer to my books which are being used by the Lord to hatch and grow what He wants in the lives of many. This also could refer to my church where He is doing that also. It also could refer to the church universal doing the same thing. This bird will be beautiful like a hummingbird and will be suspended in the air for all to see.

What the Lord has shown me here is a picture of that which is coming to carry out God's purposes. It will birth God's message and carry it to others.

Later the Lord said that this is a "calling" dream. He said, "Look at it again and I'll show you more."

As I looked at it again, I felt one meaning of the dream is that I have disciplined a whole group of "mature" Christians who each have a nest of their own that they are birthing and discipling. This

may be through Discipleship Training and it may also be through the books He has given me to write.

**For a bird of the air may carry your voice, and a winged creature may report your words.
(Ecclesiastes 10:10 TLV)**

I get the thought that the “bird of the air” is the internet...also “a winged creature”.

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**I warned you when you felt secure.  
(Jeremiah 22:21)**

There are times when God warns us of impending danger to protect us from trouble. This happened to my brother. Here is that story:

#### THE TRAIN TRACKS

John was driving his car home one day along a country road which had little traffic at that time. He had driven along this road many times and felt comfortable knowing what to expect. He was coming upon a railroad track which he had crossed many times before.

This railroad track was one of those lines which probably used to have trains along it regularly, but now it was seldom used any, if at all. John certainly was not accustomed to seeing trains on it. It was the kind of tracks where you seldom stopped and looked because you had been over it so many times without seeing a train.

But this day a very strange event took place as John approached those country train tracks. Just before reaching them, he suddenly saw flashing red warning lights signaling an approaching train. He was so surprised by this he had to slam on his brakes to stop in time. Just as he screeched to a stop at the edge of the tracks, a train passed by immediately in front of his car!

He was visibly shaken by the incident! He went home afterwards and shared this mysterious event with his family.

You see, there were NO ELECTRIC SIGNAL LIGHTS at that crossing! There was no ‘natural’ reason for him to see flashing lights!

This has been remembered and discussed for years in our family. It is one of those mysterious ways of God which we cannot explain but at which we marvel!

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**For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways.
(Psalm 91:11 KJV)**

This is a wonderful promise from God which probably happens many times in our lives when we don't even notice it or recognize it. Here is the story of one time in my life when I definitely felt the Lord gave His angels charge over me:

CHARGE OVER THEE

My sister, Lois, and I were driving along a highway in Indiana heading toward Fort Wayne. She had just received word that a friend of hers needed her immediately so she dropped everything to go. As she left, she asked if I wanted to ride along to keep her company. So, together we left the Christian Conference we were attending - telling friends we would return the next day.

As we traveled along the two-lane highway, we came upon a large semi-truck and began to pass it. When we were about half way around it the driver of the truck, apparently not seeing us in his side view mirror, began pulling into the passing lane where we were.

The next thing I knew we were careening off the left side of the highway with our car turning completely over and finally coming to a stop in a cornfield! It was the strangest sensation turning over in a car...one which I hope I will never feel again!

My eyes were shut as we turned over, but I was quite aware of every sensation. I felt all the bumps and jolts, but at the same time became aware of a stinging pain in my finger! I pulled my hand back from the pain thinking I must be receiving a cut from broken glass in the windshield. My strangely calm thought was: "This must be what it is like to turn over in a car."

As we thudded to a stop, right side up (Praise the Lord!), I opened my eyes and began to look around. There was dust or smoke all around the car. At once I realized the car could catch on fire! I said we should get out immediately in case the car caught on fire. We assured each other we were OK as we hunted for her glasses which had been thrown off her face.

Then we tried to open the doors. They would not open!

At that moment I began to feel panic! I began to pound on the door frantically. But it would not open!

Just then Lois got the door on her side open, and we realized we could get out, so the panic stopped immediately.

As soon as we got out, we walked away from the car through the field to the side of the highway where we sat down a moment to try to grasp what had just happened and what to do next. Then we heard people yelling at us to come across the road away from the wires hanging near us. We had not yet noticed them!

After we crossed the highway to those friendly voices calling to us, we sat down again in our shocked state and began to listen to them speak. They said, "We never expected anyone to come out of that car alive!" They told us that we had hit a pole and broken it in two so that the wires were hanging down around the car. My side door, which I had frantically tried to open, was lodged against the pole we hit. Thank the Lord I could not get it open, because I might have walked into live wires before realizing it.

After the ambulance got us to an emergency room, they had Lois lie down because she had a headache. When the nurse asked me if I was hurt, all I had to report was a cut finger - the pain I felt while the car was turning over. A little later I overheard the nurse quietly tell someone that our blood pressures were "sky high!" She immediately had me also lie down when she discovered that.

Due to the high blood pressure, they asked us to be admitted overnight for observation even though we were not hurt. As we lay in our hospital beds, we called back to the Christian Conference we had just left, and the whole conference group stopped and prayed for us immediately.

We rested in our beds, bathed in prayer, thanking God for His protection. He had just performed one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS* in our lives as He kept us safe through the accident.

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**The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

**(Psalm 23:1-4 NIV)**



This Psalm 23 Scripture is a wonderful promise from the Lord. He confirmed it to me one day through a vision which He gave me. Here is that vision:

#### VISION PICTURE OF JESUS WALKING WITH ME AS A SHEEP

The Lord showed me this picture in a vision. Ahead of me I saw Jesus, walking beside a sheep through a valley. He reminded me that I was that sheep, and He was walking with me through the valley of life. At any time I needed to, I could reach up and take His strong, righteous right hand, and hold on to it. He showed me the picture of myself there beside him, holding His hand, when I was so little that I had to reach up high to take His hand. Then, as I grew, I kept hold of his hand all my life as I matured. He stayed the same all the time, holding on to me.

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**With God all things are possible.
Matthew 19:26**

ALL things are possible! Even having a baby after trying for many, many years! This is how that happened to me:

GOD'S MIRACLE BABY

It was Tuesday afternoon and I was walking up to my sister's house. I had been invited to come and share something with the prayer group gathered there. This was a moment we had all been waiting for - a long LONG time - and it was finally here.

This began several years before when the doctors had done all they knew at the time to help my husband and me to get pregnant. After exhausting their efforts, they told us to consider adoption, so we went through adoption procedures. Through this God brought us a baby girl who was a delight in our lives.

Later, when we moved to another town, a different doctor told us of one more possibility we might try - major surgery. By this time, we were so happy with our adopted child we would have been quite content to adopt a second time. But something inside kept saying to me that perhaps I should try this one last possibility. So, in the spring, I had surgery and went through weeks of pain and fatigue to recover.

By Thanksgiving we learned I was pregnant, so we spent the holiday telling our family and friends the good news and we all rejoiced together!

But the day after Thanksgiving, my body began a process of miscarrying that baby. I spent most of the week in the hospital, then was sent home with the instruction to spend the rest of the nine months off my feet to try to save the baby. How do you manage a home and a 22-month-old child while in bed?

In the midst of the situation, I kept talking to God about it. "God, if You want me to have this baby, that is OK. You know I want to. But if, for some reason, it is not best for this baby to come into the world, I accept that. Please do what You know is best. I leave this in Your hands." And shortly after arriving home, the miscarriage was completed.

Well, that did not stop my sister's prayer group! When I got pregnant again within a few months of the miscarriage, they took this new baby as their prayer project! They prayed for that baby's life and health and for that baby to be able to be born. Since I had miscarried once, and possibly twice, the doctors did not have as much hope for this third time, but that did not deter those prayer warriors. They had faith!

The pregnancy went smoothly! And a beautiful little child was born. She even surprised us by coming three weeks early in time to be a Christmas present! Little Elizabeth was a miracle of God through prayer - reminding me of Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, who had her own miracle birth experience.

So, today, all these thoughts flooded through my mind as I approached the house where these prayer warriors were gathered to see "their miracle baby." Baby Elizabeth and I entered, and we all praised God together! Today was a day to ponder His ways, to look back and see *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS*, and to declare His glory.

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**For if you forgive men when they sin against you,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
But if you do not forgive men their sins,  
your Father will not forgive your sins.  
Matthew 6:14-15**

One of the Lord's marvelous deeds is giving us the opportunity to become clean before Him through Jesus' work on the cross. There was a day in my life when He took me through a giant step in the process of becoming clean from past grudges, hurts, and unforgiven circumstances. It all began at the very last meeting of the conference...

## NAILED TO THE CROSS

The conference I was attending in North Carolina was on “Prayer for Spiritual Awakening.” One thing I learned is that if you want spiritual awakening you need to pray, but I also learned that effective prayer must come from a cleansed vessel. God began a process of cleansing in me that day. He started to clean me from past experiences.

I sat listening intently as the speaker shared a fresh experience of God’s work in his personal life - an experience only two weeks old. I thank God for this man who was willing to be vulnerable enough to share how God revealed his own needs for cleansing and how God taught him to be free from the bondage of past events in his life. He shared how he took each revealed memory of past hurts, grudges, and unforgiven events to the cross, confessed his part in those events, asked forgiveness, and then nailed those sins to the cross in his imagination as he accepted in his heart Christ’s finished work of paying the penalty for them.

I knew deep down inside God was calling me to do the same. I felt like the conference was just beginning for me because there was so much inner work I wanted to do before returning home.

But the conference was over. Even so, my heart was filled with the intense desire to be alone with God and let Him do that cleansing work in me also. Oh, how I wanted to stay!

We packed the van with our luggage and began the 1- and 1/2-day trip back to Missouri. The drawing by God to come apart with Him and begin that cleansing work was so real I could not escape it, nor did I want to. However, God knew what to do with all those travel hours!

As the miles flew by and people became quieter, I began looking out the window and drawing apart in my mind to communicate with the Lord. “Lord, please show me those areas in my life that need cleansing! Take me back, Lord, in my memory to times and events which I need to confess before You.”

And He did! The first event He brought to my mind seemed so insignificant to me, I would not have considered it if He had not shown it to me from His viewpoint. He reminded me of a time when I was six years old and my mother was in bed recovering from the delivery at our home of my baby brother. My aunt was taking care of our family until my mother was able again. I had injured myself and wanted a bandage on the wound, but she would not give me one. I went to my mother and asked for one, and she let me have it.

The Lord began to show me I had never forgiven my aunt for not understanding the need of a small child, not just for a bandage, but for the love and concern that mother gave with that bandage. I had held a grudge against her ever since that day and did not even know it!

First the Lord had me confess my sin of holding a grudge, then forgive my aunt for not helping me. As the speaker taught us, I pictured myself taking my sin to the cross and nailing it

there. Christ had already paid the price for it and I accepted that payment and thanked Him for it.

What a wonderful cleansing followed! All the way home, for hour after hour on the van, the Lord took me back in my memory and worked cleansing from past events. The prayer Jesus taught became very real to me: *“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors!”* As I forgave others, He worked cleansing in me of my debts. Those debts got nailed to Jesus’ cross all the way across the country from North Carolina to Missouri as God worked one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS* in my life!

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**“Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God.”
(Revelation 3:12)**

If you want to build yourself up, praise God.

These are the words that came to me in a dream during the night. In this dream I was being driven in a car into this lovely woodland glen area. As soon as I entered it, I felt the wonderful presence of God. There were rays of mystical, almost foggy, light coming down from above, almost like fingers of cloudy shapes. I kept saying “Oh God, Oh, God!” I moved around in that area in the Presence until I heard these words and knew they were a very important message for me: “If you want to build yourself up, praise God.”

After that I kept trying to find a piece of paper to write them on to put in my Bible so I could continually remind myself of it. Other things kept happening to keep me from writing it down, but I kept saying it to myself over and over so I wouldn’t forget. The idea was to turn my palms up toward God and praise Him. This was to be the antidote to my discouragement. This was the revelation from God I must remember.

You really are with me, aren’t You, God? That You would give me this wonderful encouraging dream when I was so stressed and discouraged yesterday. That You would really be with me and know what I needed, and visit me in a dream like this. Thank You, God!

Interpretation of the dream:

The car represents my life. Since I wasn't driving, I think the Holy Spirit was taking me there. The beautiful woodland glen was a place of God, refreshing, rest, renewal in the midst of the woods, the unknown, the fearful, the dark place. The white clouds with rays of light represent good change, glory, renewal, revival. It was the Presence of God for me to enter. In that lovely place He gave me a message - that if I want to build myself up, I need to praise God. That is what I should have been doing yesterday. He told me on Monday to do that each day. Praising Him in the midst of trouble makes me an overcomer. The Scripture on the calendar today is: "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God." (Revelation 3:12)

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**We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body -  
whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free -  
and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.  
1 Cor. 12:13**

One of the promises the Lord gives us is that we were all given one Spirit. And together we are considered as one body by Him. He gave me an example of this promise one memorable day when I was on a trip to Los Angeles.

#### BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT INTO ONE BODY

My husband and I had traveled from Missouri to California for the American Academy of Family Physicians Convention where he was to be initiated as a new member along with hundreds of others who had passed their board exams. The night for the initiation ceremony had arrived and we were preparing to attend.

I was ready to go when, at the last minute, I decided to change to a red dress. This red dress had pinned to its collar a dove pin, a tiny silver pin which to me stood for the Holy Spirit. It identified me as a Christian - like the first century Christians used the sign of the fish to identify themselves. But tonight, in my hurry to change, I did not notice that pin. I just followed a sudden urge to change to that red dress.

As my husband and I parted at the huge theater, we made plans to meet after the ceremony by the front entranceway. Then he went to the stage area while I sat in the theater to watch. We did not think when we made those plans about the thousands of people at the convention and how difficult it might be to find someone after such a meeting. But God had a plan for the waiting time!

After the ceremony I went outside and stood near the entranceway on the sidewalk in front, waiting. I waited and waited, wondering why we had not been more specific in our meeting place. Standing there in my bright red dress, I was easy to see. But it was not the red dress that caught someone's attention, it was the tiny, tiny Holy Spirit pin!

A woman came up to me, introduced herself, said she was from North Carolina, indicated she was a Christian too, and said, "I just wanted to meet my sister in Christ who was wearing that Holy Spirit pin!" With that we hugged, and she disappeared in the crowd.

My heart leaped and joy exploded within me! God lifted up my spirit like a cloud floating above the world! In that moment, I had experienced supernatural instant communion with someone I had never met before - another member of the "Body of Christ".

The joy of that moment returned in memory many times over the years to bring a smile to my thoughts. To me this remains as one of HIS *MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

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**"But I [Jesus] say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!"
(John 4:35-36 NLT)**

When I read this the Lord told me I was a planter. He said I planted with my prayers and with my writing. He said:

Do not feel you are of no use to My Kingdom, for you are of use. You are a planter and not a harvester. I take the seed (prayers and writing) you distribute for Me, and I place them where I want them to be planted. Trust Me to do this. I will bring about the harvest through others, but you will get equal reward.

This reminds me of a dream I had about a big blue tractor. In that dream I was driving a large blue tractor with which I was plowing a field.

When I asked the Lord what the dream meant, He said this to me:

You have a ministry that seems slow to you. It is involved with planting and preparing people for seeds to be sown. I want you to see it is slow but powerful and from Me. Just be faithful each day. I will produce the crops from what you sow for Me. Powerful = full of My Spirit and My Spirit will do the work.

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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.  
(Psalm 27:4 NIV)**

I had a vision while at CFO camp one summer. It began just as we started singing a worship song to the Lord. I closed my eyes as we sang and saw this vision:

I saw Jesus standing in front of the whole congregation. He had His arms stretched out over us in blessing. Everyone in the congregation had their heads bowed down, except me. I stood toward the back of the group looking at Jesus, and He looked directly at me. I could see three angels standing along the right wall holding three trumpets pointed down.

Then the group stopped singing and I opened my eyes and felt stunned by what I had just seen! The group began to sing another song, and I closed my eyes, and saw the same vision again...only this time the angels standing along the right wall had their trumpets pointed straight outward. Again, I was stunned at what I saw!

Then this happened a third time. This time the angels had their trumpets pointed up towards the heavens. Again, I was stunned at what I saw!

I pondered what I had just seen. I wrote down the vision and thought about what it might mean for a long, long time. As I asked the Lord the meaning, He showed me several ideas. One day as I again thought about that vision, He said to me:

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

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**In his heart a man plans his course,
but the Lord determines his steps.
(Proverbs 16:9)**

Know that you may plan the course of your life, but, if you truly belong to the Lord, He will determine your steps. This is a wonderful promise for those who belong to Him, listen to Him, and follow His voice.

THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS

For many months my husband had been seeking a different job. Each time he was informed of another job possibility we would discuss it, consider living in that area of the country, look at the job, and try to see if this was the right place for us to move. We wanted a good job for him, but we also wanted a good place to live and raise our children of two and five years old.

The answer seemed to be “no” to each one, until he was contacted by Duke University about a position there. This was different. It had many attractive features and the decision was not an automatic no. But, even so, he was not quite sure.

He asked his contact person at Duke to allow him until the end of that month of December to make his decision. All during that month the answer did not come with peace to him. He wanted an assurance inside that this was the right step to take before giving up his old job and moving our family.

At the end of December, with no answer clear, he asked for the month of January to finish making the decision, and was granted that request. In spite of all his efforts to come to an understanding of what to do, the assurance did not come! It was so frustrating! On the one hand, it was a good job with people he liked. But, on the other hand, he did not feel a clear direction to take that job.

By the last day in January, he knew he had to make a decision one way or the other. So, he told me he would go ahead and accept the job even without a sureness within himself. But God had a different plan!

At 4:30 on the afternoon of January 31st he called the contact person at Duke University to say he would accept the job. But that person’s secretary said he had left to go to Europe just

shortly before the phone call, and he would not be back for nine days. She really wanted to know my husband's answer, but he said he would wait to talk to the contact person.

During those nine days, he was contacted about a job in another state and went to look at it. And this job was just what he wanted! There was no hesitating or waiting. He knew this was the right place for him! So, in God's perfect timing, he accepted the right job, and we moved our family to Columbia, Missouri, which proved to be an excellent place to live and raise our family.

God had picked the best place for us! But not only that, he had kept us from making the wrong decision until the right job came!

Not only did God have the right job for my husband, but our children were able to attend the Columbia Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade and also graduate from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

When Columbia was selected by *Money Magazine* as the second-best city in which to live in the United States one year, it only affirmed the decision God helped us make in 1974 when we moved there. In my opinion God had truly performed one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS* for us!

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**I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
Psalm 16:7**

Even at night the Lord can counsel you! It is a wonderful promise from the Lord! Here is a story of how that happened to Jean and Jack:

A SIGN

God sometimes shows HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS in our lives when we are in great need and we cry out to Him for help. That is what happened in the lives of Jean and Jack at the stressful time of a job change which involved a move to a strange city. Jack had just gotten a new job near Columbus, Ohio, which was a much larger city than where they lived in Indiana. At the time of this story Jack was already in Columbus and Jean was preparing to drive there to meet him. Together they planned to choose a house to buy so the whole family could move.

Jean felt overwhelmed with the task before them. How were they to find a house in that large city which was just right for their family? The day before her departure to drive alone to

Columbus, she was especially concerned with what lay ahead - the decision about the right house. Jean was a Christian and knew God could help her. So, in her need, she cried out to Him, "God, will You show me a sign to help find our house?"

That night as Jean slept, God gave her a dream. Although she awoke not remembering exactly what she dreamed, she did remember a strange thing about that dream...the word *sawmill* kept being repeated in the dream. When she got up, she did not think too much about the word *sawmill* because it did not mean anything to her. But - it did to God!

She started out on her trip to Columbus and things went along quietly for her. As she neared Columbus, she began to look for the exit she was to take to meet Jack and the Realtor. Her thoughts were about where to turn off the highway.

As Jean says: "Then all at once I saw it! - a sign along the highway said *SAWMILL!!!* Immediately bells started ringing in my head, and I praised the Lord for His sign to me!"

When she finished her journey and met with Jack and the Realtor, she told them about all this. The Realtor was really surprised because one of the homes she was going to show them was in *Olde Sawmill Addition!*

Yes, they did buy that special house in *Olde Sawmill* and they knew they had the house the Lord had chosen for them! God had just performed another of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS* in their lives!

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

Hope in the Lord is an anchor for our souls. It is firm and secure. It is a promise we can depend on. This is what the Lord told me about this anchor:

The greatest anchor for your life is to sit in My Presence each day and listen to Me. When you have "the mind of Christ" I am able to put My thoughts into your mind and heart as dreams and revelations and visions.

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**“Because he loves me,” says the Lord,  
I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life will I satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”  
Psalm 91:14-16**

What a wonderful promise! He will rescue us! Here is a story of a time when He rescued my husband and me when we were in great need of help:

#### I WILL RESCUE HIM

“Oh, God, help us!” I began to pray as my husband and I flew in a twin engine plane toward the airport at Marion, Indiana. “We need Your right now, Lord! This plane is having engine trouble! Help my husband land this plane safely!” I prayed hard and fast, over and over, as we descended toward the landing strip.

The plane which my husband was piloting suddenly had one of the two engines quit working as we were in mid-air. Even though he had had training in what to do if this should ever happen, this had never happened to us before! He navigated the plane with his attention riveted on the instrument panel trying to keep the plane level with power coming from one side only. This was very difficult! While his attention was riveted on the instrument panel, my attention was riveted on the Lord. We needed Him right now!

Joyce, my sister, was standing outside the small airport building at Marion with our two young daughters watching for our plane to appear. Kim and Beth were excitedly watching for their Mom and Dad to come and get them after their trip. They loved to visit Aunt Joyce and Uncle Edd, but they also missed Mom and Dad. Their eyes repeatedly looked across the sky to see the first sign of the arriving plane.

As they watched, a plane did indeed come into view off at a distance, but there was something strange about that plane. It had a long trail of gray-white smoke coming from one of its engines - an ominous-looking trail! They began to wonder if this could be their parents' plane.

Joyce, suspecting the worst, knew this probably was! But she did not want the girls to see it coming in and watch what might happen! So, she skillfully took them back into the airport building and tried to divert their attention...all the while wondering what was happening outside.

She was a praying Christian woman, and she also was calling on the Lord in her heart as much as she could while entertaining Kim and Beth.

Gradually, in what seemed a long period of time, my husband maneuvered the plane toward the runway - closer and closer - while I watched breathlessly and prayed all the way. Was there a fire? We could not see it if there was! Would we be able to land, get out of the plane, and get away from it in time? Unanswered questions assailed my mind in those moments before landing.

God was right there with us in those moments of desperate prayers. We landed safely, got out of the plane, and saw the reason for our engine loss as we watched the smoke coming from it. The smoke was being blown behind us as we flew, so we could not see it while in the cockpit.

We had an extra thankful and joyful reunion with our loved ones in that airport that day! God had spared our lives from the danger near us and kept us for His purposes. He had revealed Himself as our protector and deliverer. He had truly performed one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

As I reflect back on this event etched vividly in my memory, I am reminded that God kept us safe from a possible fuel tank explosion from that burning engine. And I am also reminded that the engine loss could have taken place over a large city or over the countryside instead of near the airport of our destination. God was, indeed, watching over us even before I started praying!

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**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
(Psalm 34:7 NIV)**

Here is a story about a time when the Lord delivered me, just like He promises in this scripture:

THE FARMER

I was driving home from Marion, IN where I had just left my sister at the hospital to deliver her first child. At the hospital they would not allow me to stay with her, so I waited until her husband got there, and then I left to return home to New Haven, IN driving along a local highway.

Suddenly something happened to my car and it stopped running! Steam poured out of the front of the car. I did not know what had happened, nor did I know what to do.

Just then a friendly farmer came up to my car and offered to look at the engine and see what the problem was, so I allowed him to do that. I was certainly grateful for any help at that point.

He said the fan belt had broken and the radiator had lost its water. He said he had extra fan belts in his barn and he would go get one and fix that for me. He soon did that, and put water in the radiator again, and told me I was ok to drive now.

I offered to pay him for his help and he refused. So, thanking him profusely, I went on my way.

Later, as I thought more about what had happened, I realized that I had not seen his farm or house. He had just suddenly appeared at the side of my car...and I thought this probably was God's angel which He sent to help me when I was in need.

And the Lord assured me that was right.

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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 NIV)**

One day the Lord gave me a lesson based on His promises while sitting in the beautiful Shelter Garden in Columbia, MO near the waterfall and pool. I needed an answer about a very pressing question that was on my mind at that time.

As I watched the water in the pool moving along, I noticed a leaf that had fallen into the water. It was being carried along by the water wherever the water took it.

The Holy Spirit began to show me that my life was to be like that leaf, and He was the water carrying me along where He wanted.

I was not to tell the water where to carry me - just relax and rest in the water's ability to carry me to the right place for me.

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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 NIV)**

There are times we experience things we just do not understand! That's when I like to remind myself of the Scripture from Proverbs 3:5-6 (which is one of my favorite verses).

Perhaps you have had times also when you experienced things you just didn't understand. When that happens to me, this verse is a comfort to me. It reminds me that my dependency is not to be on my own understanding of a situation, but is to be on God.

What does it mean to "acknowledge Him" in all my ways? To me that means to say to myself and to others that I am in His hands. It also means that I am to look to Him for guidance when I do not know what to do in a situation. I am to thank Him and praise Him each day of my life and acknowledge He is in charge of me.

I am so glad He says in this verse that He will direct our paths. He sees which direction we should go much more clearly than we do. He is all-wise while we know only partly. We can trust in His wisdom and guidance to take us the right way--the best way for us!

Sometimes the Lord gives me a vision picture that appears before my spiritual eyes. Here are a few examples of those:

PICTURE OF A PATHWAY

One day He gave me a vision picture of this very thing. In this picture I was walking on a pathway and Jesus was walking backwards ahead of me, facing me, and holding on to my hands. He let me know that, if I would keep my hands in His, He would keep me on the right pathway and keep me from falling off either side of the road.

PICTURE OF A FAN

Another day I saw a picture of an opened fan looking like a turkey tail. At the top of each fan section an instruction was written. The understanding came to me that different people in the Body of Christ were to respond to these different instructions according to their giftedness and God's leading. As they did this all the instructions could be completed--as each one did his part. The piece of fan given to me had this instruction on it: "Follow Me."

PICTURE OF A MAZE

I saw in my mind the picture of a maze, as if I was looking down on it from above. I saw myself in this maze, letting the Lord lead me each way it went. The thought came to me: How could He really teach me and test me on following Him if He did not lead me in some ways that were different, not logical to me. If He only led me in ways I expected, ways He had led me before,

that would not really test and grow my ability to follow Him. Even if He said, "Do nothing," I was to follow that. That might be the best for me at that time. Then I wrote these words from Him:

*I am leading you,
You do not see each turn
Or see to the side.*

*Just keep following Me
Moment by moment.*

*It is a lonely path
But I am always with you.*

*I will always show you
The way to go.*

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**He who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
Psalm 121:3-4**

#### HE WHO WATCHES OVER YOU

My husband and I were returning to Indiana from a trip to Missouri in our small plane. It had been a long day and we were both tired. As we flew through the darkness late that night, the humming sound of the plane began to lull us both to sleep without our realizing it.

The next thing I remember is suddenly awakening. I looked at my husband and saw that he was asleep as I had been. I quickly woke him up!

He immediately looked at the gauges on the instrument panel of the plane and saw that we had dropped about 1000 feet while we slept! Had we continued to sleep, obviously we would have crashed. But, just in time, we had been awakened!

God had not been sleeping, but watching over us to perform one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

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**He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
(Psalm 91:11-12 NIV)**

As an adult I realized I was afraid of heights. I did not like to go near the edge of a cliff and look down. I did not like to ski downhill from a high mountain. I did not realize there might a specific reason why I had that fear. But there was...

It happened when I was still a little baby. My parents had gone on a trip and left me in the care on my aunt. Something happened to me then which I never knew about until my aunt told me about it when I was an adult.

One day she said to me that she could see that I turned out all right. Evidently, she was afraid I might not be ok - because of this event which happened when I was a baby and she was taking care of me.

My aunt then told me that when I was a baby, she bathed me on a table thinking that I didn't yet know how to roll over. She must have turned away for a moment, and she said I rolled off the table onto the floor.

As soon as she told me this, I began to think about that and how that might have affected me. I realized THAT WAS THE REASON I was afraid of falling from heights!

I thought about the many ways I might have been injured through that fall, and how that might have affected my life.

Now I realize that was a time in my life when I believe the angels literally "lifted me up in their hands" and kept me from being injured.

I asked the Lord about that, and He affirmed that was true!

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**You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;**



**you will trample the great lion and the serpent.  
(Psalm 91:13 NIV)**

One day the Lord gave me a vision picture of an ant on my kitchen floor. He indicated to me that satan was small like that ant. He impressed me that “in Him” I had the power to win battles over satan due to the great power of God in me in comparison to satan’s power.

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**Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved.
In quietness and confidence is your strength.
(Isaiah 30:15 NLT)**

IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE

*In quietness and in confidence
Is your strength, My child.*

*Face each day and each moment
With quietness and confidence,
Knowing I am with you always,
And have an answer for
Every question, every decision.*

*I am your quietness.
I am your confidence.
I am your God.
I am your Lord.*

I am your all in all.

*I am your provider.
I am your source.
I am your sufficiency.
I am your power.
I am your strength.*

I am all you ever need.

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More of my favorite promises from the Lord:

**If the Lord delights in a man's way,  
he makes his steps firm;  
though he stumble, he will not fall,  
for the Lord upholds him with his hand.  
(Psalm 37:24)**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling –  
Even the Lord who is my refuge –  
Then no harm will befall you,  
No disaster will come near your tent.  
For he will command his angels concerning you  
To guard you in all your ways.  
(Psalm 91:9-11 NIV)**

**"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life will I satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."  
(Psalm 91:14-16 NIV)**

**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.  
(Romans 8:28 NIV)**

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

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

**I will never leave you nor forsake you.  
(Hebrews 13:5 NKJV)**

**“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.  
I am coming soon.”  
(Revelation 3:10-11 NLT)**

**“Behold, I am coming soon!  
My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone  
according to what he has done.”  
(Revelation 22:12 NIV)**

**He who testifies to these things says,  
“Yes, I am coming soon.”  
(Revelation 22:20 NIV)**