THOUGHTS And STORIES Book 5

A Devotional Book on Listening to the Holy Spirit

through Quiet Time journals, through dreams, through visions through stories

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DEDICATION

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

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Introduction

"When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

That is what I say as I write this journal devotional book today. I don't have any persuasive words of my own to offer to you, but I do offer to you a demonstration of the Spirit's power in these words. If you find any of these words helpful and meaningful in your own life, it will be by a demonstration of the Spirit's power, for I do not have that power with my own words. I offer you the words the Spirit has given me and pray for them to minister to you also.

These are nuggets for thought and meditation. Read them slowly and allow time for the Holy Spirit to "speak" to you through the ideas written here. He does this for me by putting 'thoughts' in my mind as I read. I put those words in italics in this book. It's important to stop and examine those thoughts and see if they are from the Lord.

".... the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... his sheep follow him because they know his voice." (John 10:3-4)

Ask the Lord *if* He wants you to listen to Him. Ask the Lord *why* He wants you to listen to Him. Ask Him *what* He wants to say to you today. You might want to write down those thoughts and ideas in your own journal - similar to what I do in my journal. These will usually be ideas specifically for you, that fit your life, that guide what you think. The Holy Spirit is our guide. Remember this Scripture: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you, and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8)

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3) One day in my Quiet Time the Lord drew my attention to this Scripture in Psalm 96:3. He impressed me He wanted me to write stories telling about *His Marvelous Deeds* and put them in a book. You will find some of these stories (in boxes) throughout this book.

The Scriptures in this book are all from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.

The words of the Holy Spirit are in italics.

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ANOTHER COUNSELOR

"And I (Jesus) will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever -- the Spirit of Truth...I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:16, 18)

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In my Quiet time I was talking to the Lord about what He was showing me to do. This is what He said to me in 2004 regarding His showing me He wanted me to give up my job, and move to a new city that summer:

I intended this to be "God-sized" so you would depend on Me and I would get the credit, the glory. I took Beth and you past the comfort stage you could do yourself on purpose. This way you both will be a demonstration of My power. If you don't go beyond what you can do easily without Me, how can I get glory from this?

Do you trust Me? Then go ahead in the direction I've guided you. I <u>am</u> with you, and I <u>will be</u> with you, so do not be afraid. I will provide all you both need. I will never leave you or forsake you. I will walk the way you are to go, and take you with Me. I <u>am</u> the Way. You are walking into this way with Me. You have not walked this way before.

COMMUNION AND INTERCESSION

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The Lord has given me around 6 years to live by myself at home in quietness (like the quietness of a convent) to develop a closer personal intimate relationship with Him. It's now time to re-enter the world of being with people more and take this relationship with me to share with other people. The Holy Spirit said:

This Quiet Time, which you have established here, will be with you and part of you the rest of your life on earth. You are ready now to go forward into greater revelations and visitations and this will begin after you move and are settled.

Are you willing to give up having a job and let Me provide the needed money each month? Look for Me to do that very soon. I want you to be at home there seeking Me in communion and intercession 5 days a week. This is the time I have been preparing you for all these years.

SOWERS OF SEED

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." (Mark 4:3-8)

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As I read this Scripture, this is what the Spirit said to me:

There are still many who are "good soil." I want you to help Me plant the crop, water it, and harvest it. I'm getting you ready to join a group of sowers (at Christ Triumphant Church) who will help you, train you, and work together with you. There are many who need to be harvested yet and you get to participate.

A RETREAT

"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation." (Exodus 15:2 KJV) ******

Today I am reading chapter 17 of *Secrets of the Secret Place*² by Bob Sorge. It is about "The Secret of Retreats" and he suggests having at least a 3-day retreat periodically which includes solitude, no entertainment, fasting, and the Gospels. These are a few of the ways he has found personal prayer retreats serve him:

- They intensify and accelerate my pursuit of God.
- They refresh and renew my weary spirit.
- They sharpen my responsiveness to receive revelation from God.
- They have been times of receiving divine guidance for specific situations.
- God has honored them by revealing hidden things.
- They have brought clarity into God's ways and works.
- When I have felt "stuck" spiritually, retreats have helped me to cross new thresholds in God.

God is showing me as I read this that He wants me to go on a retreat when I am here alone. I am to prepare food ahead so I don't need to cook. This is to be a retreat from TV also. And a retreat from library books. I can take walks outside, and take naps as needed, but just concentrate on worshiping, praying, soaking in His Presence, listening, writing what He wants me to, and reading the Word. This is what the Spirit said:

- *Make a commitment to at least 3 days.*
- Keep the possibility open to more days

- Don't answer the phone unless it's very important
- Take walks 2-3 times a day
- Get the mail but don't go through it until after the retreat
- Take naps whenever you are tired, then continue even during the night
- Don't go outside for any activities like shopping, women's Bible study, etc.
- Write in your journal as I lead you
- Read My Word as I lead you
- Pray as I lead you I might use this time for deep intercession for specific things
- No TV unless I guide you to do that at specific times
- No library books to distract you from Me
- Just Me

TO BRING YOU OUT AND INTO

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace." (Isaiah 55:12)

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The Holy Spirit says I will go out from my job and my apartment (and move to a new town) in joy and with peace. He says:

I am taking you through the steps (stages) to bring you out and into what I have next for you - and it is good! . You are now in a new beginning. New beginnings mean stepping out in faith. Faith means risk. I will provide for every risk you take.

KEEP PLANTING

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

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I remember a piece of a dream last night where we (I and at least 1 other) were preparing to plant something. I saw the garden/field area with a line dug across it to plant in - a line to use as a 'plumline' to plant in, and to gauge how to plant the rows on either side of it straight.

As I pondered this dream and what it might mean, the Holy Spirit said:

I am the 'one other.' You and I are preparing to plant something and we are looking at the place of planting and seeing a row there marking where to plant. The "where to plant" place, the field or garden, is your books. You are planting your self and the thoughts I've given you into your books. I want you to know this planting is a straight line, as you saw in your dream. It is ready to put seeds into.

I plowed the field, and I marked the row for us to plant in. You are doing your part in giving all your time to writing the books I am leading you to write. Together we are planting that field and together we will harvest it. You get to harvest it along with Me, whether you are here on earth or in heaven.

Keep planting with Me. Know that this is the most important work you will ever do here on earth - to keep planting in the field of writing your books. You will be thrilled when you see the harvest from this planting. We must do this together. I cannot do it alone, or rather, I will not do this alone. I need you to put the thoughts into writing and into book form. Then I will get those books printed at the right time and promote them and get them to the exact people whom I want to have them at exactly the right time.

PRAYER

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

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(From *Altar of Incense³* by Bobby Connor): "So, Lord, we ask you to grant us the desire to truly learn how to pray: not how to verbalize words but rather how to touch the Father's heart."

Bobbie said that prayer can be "The pressure of ritual versus the pleasure of relationship." I can relate to this comment because I experienced a change of my prayer life from ritual to a relationship. It's like the Scripture tells us:

"My Beloved speaks, and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." (Song of Solomon 2:10 RSV)

SEALS THEIR INSTRUCTION

"For God [does reveal His will; He] speaks not only once, but more than once, even though men do not regard it...[One may hear God's voice] in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men while slumbering upon the bed, Then He opens the ears of men and seals their instruction...." (Job 33:14-16 AMP)

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1. In this dream I was trying to get a tape player/radio to turn off. I knew that we had talked about it and knew there was an off switch somewhere. I kept turning up layers of the mechanism that made it run (like a 5x8 tape player size - pulled apart kind of like CD's can have pull-up layers to reveal another CD) until I came to the one that had an off switch. I pushed the button and the music still didn't turn off. So I tried a round switch on the outside of the player at the top which said OFF. I turned it and it seemed to just rewind the tape and start it again. I was getting concerned because I thought it might be time to get to school before school started. So I went to the tape player box-type thing sitting on a shelf and pulled the plug to get it to stop.

Tape player/radio can mean a sound, unceasing, continuous, unrelenting, contentious. This may refer to the "tape" playing inside me, in my emotions and soul, that I am trying to turn off - maybe this refers to the ideas I was taught in my childhood. These ideas were that I shouldn't draw attention to myself or I might be punished or be spoken to harshly, therefore I now don't want to draw any attention to myself because of fear instilled into me as a child. To get to the off switch there were many layers I tried to uncover and look at to see if the off switch was there. This seems to indicate that I need to go the source of the tape playing and pull the plug that gives it electricity or enables it to play. So the setting of this dream series is trying to pull the plug on what is causing the emotional tape to play in me. The plug represents the source that keeps the tape playing.

2. Then I started looking to see what time it was to see if I was already late to get to school before the kids got there. It seemed like I thought there was something special I was supposed to do before others got to school. I looked at many clocks. Every clock I looked at seemed to be broken or stopped or to have a time that might not be accurate. I was calling to/asking "someone" (whom I thought might be in the next room) what time it was.

Clock refers to time: late, early, delay. I realized there was something special I was to do and I didn't want to miss the time to do it. I was confused as to the accurate time, so I called to someone I didn't see to tell me what time it was. This someone is likely the Holy Spirit.

3. There was also something about flowers. It seemed like I was trying to pick out a beautiful bouquet of flowers, but the ones I picked up didn't have a "full bouquet," but only a partial bouquet that still needed some more flowers.

Flowers can mean glory: temporary, gift. This may refer to the previous dreams and that the dreams represent a gift of love to me - the understanding that I need to unplug the tape associated with when I was a child. But this gift is only part of the glory God wants to bring me; there is still more to make my bouquet of flowers complete.

I believe there is more to learn and do to be free, and I believe I will learn more about it

from the book Beth is buying today by John and Paula Sandford called *The Transformation of the Inner Man.*¹² It talks about the vows you make that God will not go against because your will made the vow. He will not go against your will. Perhaps I made a vow as a child to be quiet to keep myself protected from the moods of my father and my fears of him. I need to know how to cancel that vow and allow God freedom to heal me inside.

WINE AT A WEDDING

"On the third day a wedding took place at Cana of Galilee...When the wine was gone...Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water'..." (John 2:17)

Yes, I did that on the third day, and on this "third day" you are now living in I will also display My power and My glory in My people and with My people. You are one of My people, and I will display my power and glory in you - along with many others whom you know at CTC. I have put you with this group of people that I am preparing for the display of My glory. That's one reason I brought you here to Lee's Summit and CTC...to display My glory in you and others along with you...just like I did there in Cana.

And yes, I will drink the wine with you at the wedding supper up here in heaven - like I mentioned on My last night on earth as a human being. This will be a glorious wedding here! I started My ministry of power to the church with a wedding celebration for which I provided good wine. And I will culminate My ministry to the church with a wedding celebration with "good wine" up here in heaven. That is not by chance. It is My Father's plan for Me and for us.

A GOOD WORK IN ME

"God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns." (Phil 1:6 TLB)

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Dreams and Interpretation

1. In this dream I saw a flatbed wagon moving by, seemingly being pulled through the area near me. The wagon moved slowly. This wagon was open, no sides on it, and moved from right to left. On it was something shaped like a side of meat, maybe beef, only the side was standing up on one end of a side. I didn't see any reason why it could be in that position, or how it could stay there, but it was.

I am going to assume this dream is about me since I was the only person in it. If the wagon refers to moving something, then this "something" (maybe provision, prosperity, increase) is moving slowly from the natural to the spiritual. This "something" is not held in place by anything I could see (no sides on wagon, no wires attached, no thing to hold it up) so maybe that means it represents a supernatural provision, increase, prosperity. Since it is moving slowly, that may mean this provision is coming slowly. If meat represents work, then it could mean the work is moving along slowly, but it is moving.

2. Later I was seeing myself having a side of meat/beef sliced so the most fleshy part was sliced across in a big slab, then another slab.

If meat refers to work of God, then this "meat" may refer to my book which is cut into pieces...like this may represent the whole message/work which is divided into large pieces (or books in my case).

3. Later I seemed to be cutting up a side of beef to package and put in my freezer. I didn't know how to cut it in any special way, so I just cut it in pieces and wrapped them. I knew this meat was given to me by someone, like maybe an employer, and that if certain people with this someone came by, they could take whatever part of the meat they wanted. One man came by and just picked up one of the best pieces and took it.

If this beef refers to my work of God, I was cutting it up into pieces, wrapping and labeling each piece, and preparing it to be put in my freezer for later use. This may refer to my books which are to be stored until later when they would be useful.

The "someone else" who gave the meat to me may be the Holy Spirit, my employer. Perhaps this says people had a right, if they belonged to the "employer," the Holy Spirit, to have access to this meat if they wanted some.

4. More and more people kept coming into the area where I was working and I was trying to hurry and finish wrapping the pieces of beef and mark them. Some of the pieces had fat on them and I packaged that along with the flesh part. There was a really nice looking hunk of meat that I had not yet cut up into smaller pieces and wrapped. When I got to that hunk, I saw someone had (what looked like) taken a knife and chiseled out pieces of the best, most fleshy part of that really nice big hunk. My feeling was more of surprise that someone would do that.

This may be referring to more and more people coming to see what I was doing (preparing the books or becoming aware of them). Maybe the "really nice hunk" which I

was saving until last to package, refers to some book later (?) The knife refers to words (revelation; truth). If I assume the knife refers to revelation/truth, then perhaps this means words of revelation and truth will take out parts of the meat (work) that might have been packaged (put into a book at the last)...so the shape of that last work might be changed due to that. This wasn't necessarily bad, just a surprise I was responding to when I saw it.

5. I was thinking of roasting the pieces I was cutting and wrapping. I saw someone else cutting hers into very thin slices and wondered how she could do that and how easy it might be to cook/fry those thin pieces.

My plan seemed to be to eventually fix these packages (roasting the meat) so it would be edible...or useful to eat, consume, by me or others. This may refer to the books giving people food to eat later. This other person cutting hers (her work) into thin slices may refer to other people doing different work, or a different shape of the work, but still doing the work of God. This is what the Holy Spirit said:

Your books are slowly coming along. They are your work and are food for people to eat, use, be fed by. You are preparing them daily and marking the books to indicate what is in them. (title, etc). Other people may do their work in a different way than you do.

I am pleased with your work. It is a work of God. Others are aware of what you are doing gradually. You, and your work, are being reshaped, rechiseled, as you go, by My words, revelation, and truth.

This is a very positive dream showing how I see your work. Know that it is a work of God, and it is supernaturally moving and "standing up" as it moves along.

A FUNNY STORY

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THE CHICKENS

When I was a child we lived in the country on a 3/4 acre lot. About half of that lot was taken up by our house, garage, driveway, some trees, etc. The rest was mostly put into garden and an area for raising chickens. So each spring my father bought about 30-40 baby chicks. These were put into the chicken grazing area and taken care of so they would eventually furnish us with eggs and then meat. I guess that's one reason we often had chicken for Sunday dinner!

As youngsters we children used to participate in 4-H clubs and do projects for that. At the end of the summer we would display an example of our projects for judging, hoping to receive a high rating and some prize money which came with that.

One summer my sister, Joyce, chose "chickens" as one of her projects. She had to feed and take care of them and report on this for her project. And she had to display a chicken to be judged at the county fair. She kept very thorough records all summer long and intended to exhibit -- until it came time to do so. The hens were all bad looking, with basically few or no feathers on their breasts. She thought they looked so pathetic she didn't have any in the cage when the 4-H leader arrived to pick hers up and take it to the fair.

The leader convinced Joyce to quickly grab one and put it in the cage so her club could have 100% of the club exhibiting. That was basically the reason she went ahead and exhibited one of her hens. The detailed records she had kept showed the excellent layers the chickens were, and evidently the lack of breast feathers was a sign of a good layer. She didn't know all that until after she got a "championship" ribbon and saw the judge's remarks.

It turned out that the bad-looking chicken won the prize! We could hardly believe it! When we inquired about why that poor looking (we thought) chicken had won the prize we were told it was the way good laying chickens should be--in spite of its outside looks. Oh, did we get a laugh out of that situation! And to think she almost didn't send in an exhibit!

As I thought of this as an adult and chuckled about it again, the Holy Spirit impressed me that God is a little like that judge at the county fair. He doesn't look on the outside to see how "fixed up" and pretty we look, but He looks at our hearts to see how we are toward Him--whether we are healthy and right, the way He wants humans to be, with a heart toward Him, and whether we produce the fruit He designed us to produce. So maybe we also should put our attention on how we are on the inside, rather that how we look on the outside.

> "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

HELPING YOU GROW IN HIS GRACE

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1. In this dream I went into the secretary's office at the church where I used to work and saw that it looked much different than when I was there. There was a big open area in the middle that was down lower, like a sunken living room area. It was open and had no furniture in it. The work areas were around that and on a raised area. The desk was across the room from the entrance door and was placed with your back to the door if you sat at the desk. The desk was dirty like it needed scouring to clean it. As I sat waiting for copies to run I took something like an SOS pad from the desk and started scouring a portion of the desk to try to clean it a little. I thought I would show M about the SOS pad so she would know how to do that to clean the desk.

This dream refers to me and I participated in it. This room I entered may represent looking into myself. If so, then it showed a large open area in the middle of me that was "down lower" or sunken with no furniture. No furniture refers to no rest or position of authority. The raised area around the room may refer to the conscious level of functioning in contrast to the sunken or lower area. Entering by the door may mean I am coming into or looking into or experiencing an entrance into seeing me, my heart/identity/roots. The desk may reveal that there is cleaning needed done, it is dirty. I took an SOS scratch pad and started to clean it in spots. SOS is the signal for "help." I need help to do this cleaning.

2. To the left of the desk along a side wall was a work space like maybe for copying, etc. It had lots of dusty dirty looking stuff on it like it also needed to be cleaned. It looked like the secretary really didn't spend much effort keeping the place cleaned up and very possibly didn't care to.

The area for "copying" (which could refer to my copying my behavior from this area) was dirty. It needed to be cleaned up. This could mean the inner part of me that I copy my behavior from is dirty and needs cleaning.

3. I spent some time there copying some pictures on the copy machine, perhaps for my Mom. The pictures came out copied on 11 x 14 sized paper and came out landscape direction. I was surprised because I didn't expect that. It seemed I made about 25 copies each of 2 different pictures/drawings - maybe like child's drawings. I started to get out two quarters to pay for the copies, then saw I had a 50 cent coin, and chose that instead. I don't remember actually giving that money to anyone.

Pictures from Mom, means pictures from my past that I was copying. Those pictures were surprisingly large and came out a different direction than I expected. Picture may refer to memory, conscience, past experience or circumstance. So I think this refers to

past experiences which I am copying many many times...25 times. Twenty can mean unholy - tried and found wanting. Five means serve, works, service, or bondage (including phobias, sickness, debt), prison. So perhaps this refers to these past experiences being tried and found wanting along with bondage, phobias, sickness, debt. Two different pictures can refer to dividing, judging, separating, or discerning. Fifty means these pictures of bondage or works are being measured for the purpose of accepting or rejecting them, try or trial, test or to be tested.

4. On another side wall was a twin sized bed with blue sheets which the secretary could rest in at times. Once I seemed to see her getting up from that bed.

Bed means rest, salvation. It can also mean an evil covenant as in natural or spiritual adultery, self made harmful conditions. This seems to fit the theme of this dream about digging into and seeing that which is down inside me and dealing with it. Perhaps this means I created those conditions (within) during my childhood as I dealt with people and circumstances - like making inner vows - and now I live with the consequences of those - reaping what I sowed. Occasionally I rest (in bed) between blue sheets (spiritual covering). Perhaps this could refer to finding my rest/salvation while asleep and dreaming and then getting up from that bed to be instructed about the dreams that took place there...since this is in a spiritual place of learning -- school, church

5. I came to realize she was expected to baby sit/watch some child while she was at work sometimes. I thought her name, the secretary's, was Marilyn, but 1 or 2 people made reference to Bev, like that might be the secretary's name now.

The child she/I watched while at work probably was the child within me that needed to be dealt with all the time I am working or serving. I don't know what the name Bev means in this dream.

6. It also seemed like this room was a kindergarten room and she was to teach children, but I didn't see toys or tables at first. Later I seemed to see one area with some building blocks on some shelves, but that was about all.

This room (representing me and where I dwell) is a room of learning on a very elementary level, and I am to teach/instruct those children living there inside me. One area with building blocks may refer to the building this will take step by step to accomplish. It was not going to be play, like with toys, but building one block at a time.

7. Then I saw a room (that seemed to be next door) which was in the process of being converted into a classroom, maybe special education, and was only partially finished even though they were already holding classes there.

This seems to represent I am looking into special education to learn how to deal with this inner problem. It takes place in a place where I can learn, a place inside that's now being converted into a learning area, next door to the prior office area. This area is partially

finished so some learning is done but there is more to do. Classes, learning, is already being done there. I saw a wall which represents a barrier, an obstacle, a limitation, a defense, or an unbelief revealed there.

8. As I started to walk into that room I saw a place that looked like where the children would take off their shoes and slide them down this little ramp-like area, about 2 feet long, and then pick them up on the other side of the ramp and put them somewhere while they were there. I didn't see anyone do this, that was just what I thought that little ramp like area was for. It had 2 scooped sections which went down slightly.

At the entrance into this room for learning special education I saw a place for taking off my shoes which represents my heart, my walk, my thoughts. If I take off my shoes there I will enter without preparation, without understanding, without protection, without salvation from what is in there. The shoes, the protection, need to slide down that ramp and need to be divided or judged or separated, or discerned.

9. I looked up and saw across the room a place where the bare under-wall showed and still needed to be finished off, but there were also pictures put up on that wall seemingly to show off the children's work or help the wall look better.

So this may refer to a barrier or obstacle, limitation, defense, or unbelief which is partially fixed, some learning is done, but there is more to do. The pictures there may refer to my past, my memory, my conscience, past experience or circumstance. So inside this room is the place where I need to go to deal with those past experiences. It is "special education" for me.

10. Then I seemed to be in a gymnasium with bleachers. I was up high in the bleacher area and saw that I had left my purse there on a seat. I walked up a ramp area or steps to get to a walkway, then over to steps down to that seat. As I did I talked and joked with some people, who sat around in some other seats, about leaving my purse there.

This seems to represent that I am looking for my purse, my treasure, my heart or personal identity which is precious and valuable to me. I see it on a seat (a place of rest) in a gymnasium (representing great discipline, place of training). This could mean I need to be disciplined or trained to find my purse. This will be a process or steps, including time, sometimes up and sometimes down. This walkway or pathway is being led by the Spirit. In this place I have contact with strangers with whom I talk and laugh - perhaps angels who are there for me, or perhaps Jesus who is my helper...maybe both.

11. As I walked in the hallway I looked at people to see if I recognized them, and didn't really. I wondered if any of them recognized me but didn't know.

Perhaps this is saying that as I progress along this private walk with God into my life as a child I will look at people there to see if I recognize them and may not see who they

really are. I don't know if any of my past relationships would recognize me either.

We're making progress. We're going up stairs, and along pathways, step by step, toward the prize of a precious clean heart in you. I am with you all the way. I am putting the desire in your heart to go after that prize. It's time - My time - to do this. You are in the right place to do this too. You WILL reach your goal, your prize, your purse. Yes, you may go down some steps to get there, but you WILL get there, I promise. The journey will be one you can record in your journal and then we together will decide how much you should record in your books. I AM "keeping right on helping you grow in My grace until My task within you is finally finished." (Phil 1:6)

THE BUNDLES ARE BEING TIED NOW

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-30)

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The Holy Spirit said:

The bundles are being tied now!

This goes along with an idea that came during the night and I wrote it down:

There is a "deposit," a seed, planted in those elect of the Lord (those the Father has drawn to Jesus) that is "grown" eventually as allowed by the free will of the person. My children all have this deposit in them and He is growing it in them. If that seed isn't planted with the help of people, the Lord gets it deposited Himself--perhaps in a dream. It seems that in this way He plants the "wheat."

Because you are a Christian and prayed for them as children, this was deposited in them also. Their salvation is tied in with yours as recorded in Scripture. I plant My wheat, and My wheat is visible to the angels, therefore they watch over and help My wheat during their time on earth. They may help others also, but primarily they assist My wheat ...those who belong to Me.

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, LORD

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life." (Rev. 21:6) * * * * * * *

A Dream and Interpretation:

"It does matter. It does matter." Those were the words that came to me during the night. They seem to be referring to a dream I had about Amish young men who were going to be baptized in a creek, and there was something put into the creek, unknown to them, that would have poisoned them. Somehow that was learned in time and the baptism wasn't held and their lives were saved.

It almost seems like that was a piece of a former book I had read rather than a dream, so I was going to ignore the idea. Then the words came that it does matter, so I got up and wrote the idea. I had been reading *The Prodigal* a book about Amish just before going to bed.

This is a dream about people who follow very strict legalistic rules (thinking that's how they serve God) going to the water (Spirit, Life, God) to experience death, burial, and resurrection (salvation) and finding the water polluted with man's doctrines and way, iniquity. They learned about the pollution of man's doctrines and way, iniquity, and weren't baptized in that, and so their lives were saved (real salvation) So, am I the young man, Lord?

Yes, you are the young person (young in maturity in this area) who sees visions from Me as well as the old man (mature in some areas) who dreams dreams. You have grown up following very strict (some religious, some man's, some the world's) rules given you by your parents, relatives, school teachers, and church.

Now you are trying to experience death, burial and resurrection from those things in your heart that are wrong thinking, wrong attitudes, wrong resolves and vows made during that time of youth. But the water (teachings of some churches) you were going to was polluted with man's doctrines and way (iniquity) in thinking. I am giving this dream to you as a warning that pollution is possibly in the water (the church - as it was in the Amish church) you are using for cleansing. I want to save your life from it.

Don't go to your past instruction and thinking to learn what is clean because it was polluted. Come to Me and My Word as clean and pure. Let Me baptize you in and with My Word - as Sandfords are teaching you in the book--The Transformation Of The Inner Man. Let Me use that to cleanse you. Be willing to give up the polluted water in which you were taught as a child - by your parents especially.

Yes, Lord, I am willing to give up those polluted teachings and I ask You to teach me through Your Word and Your revelations (Your voice).

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." (Jer 2:13)

My parents were given polluted water by their parents, families, the world, and the church, and they passed those polluted waters on to me (taught me some wrong ways to think, feel, and act)...and I passed some of that on to my children. Now You, Lord, want to cleanse me by Your pure water so I can be really clean of inner iniquities (wrong ways of thinking, attitudes) and my life can thereby be saved from pollution. I say "yes" to You, Lord. Teach me Your ways!

SAVING THE BEST TILL LAST

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." (John 1:1-10)

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Yes, I am saving the best until last as in this story. The water represents thirst and the wine represents joy. There will come, and already is coming, a great thirst, and as the thirsty ones drink of the water I give, it will bring great joy.

This is the time of the last days. I have saved the best until last. Of all the wonderful stories and events you have heard, this will top them all...a double

portion, the former and the latter rain.

You will be a part of this. My Bride, My Church, will be where this happens - the wedding. The wedding is the time of publicly making a commitment to one another. This is what will be happening. Then, when My Bride is all gathered up, I will bring her to be with Me for the marriage supper of the Lamb. (John 14:1-3; Rev 19:7-9)

HEART OF STONE OR FLESH

"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh, and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

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A Dream and Interpretation:

This dream was hard to describe in words. It would have been easier to draw a picture of what I saw. In the dream there was a page where I could see the effects of what was happening. When I "went into" that page first, I filled in places between things on the left and right sides of it. Then I must have come out again, and the next time I "went into" that page, I went straight in (not filling in around things) and filled in all the lines or places directly. And the filled in area was yellow. It seemed like this was a great improvement and could be rejoiced in. There were no obstacles or stones to work around this time.

I know the feeling of this dream was that something good had changed and there was joy that this had happened. I think it referred to that inner place inside me (heart) where a change took place and this being yellow means it was a gift from God. This represented me and seemed to indicate I was having to fill in around "things" inside me that blocked the way. Then, the second time, I could fill all the space with this yellow filling it - those 'things' were gone. Those 'things' which my heart, inner self, had to shape around earlier were like stones or obstacles in my heart. In the second scene those were gone. So I see this dream as a prophetic picture of that happening in the natural and spiritual.

Earlier during the night I woke up from dreams which seemed to be a fulfillment of my desires to be improved or healed within my inner child, but I wasn't to remember and write down the dreams. I just knew the Holy Spirit was working good things inside me.

"The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts." (Proverbs 20:27 RSV)

A LIGHT

"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)

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I am the Light of the world. I light the way into every part of this world and even into the human heart. I light the way into your heart, and I see what is there. I can show you and reveal to you what is there if you ask Me. I want you to ask Me.

Then I will show you. This is what you have been wanting to know - what inner vows and judgments and thoughts did you have as a little child that shaped your life thereafter and even now. I know all these things, because I know you.

I will show you whatever I want you to know, a little at a time, so keep asking and it will be given you, keep seeking and you will find, keep knocking and the door will be opened unto you.

I want you to ask. I want to reveal your inner heart to you, and get it clean of obstacles that hinder your life and ministry. I want to do this, and so do you, so let's do it together.

So I ask You, Lord, whatever part You want to show me today, to show me...

I want you to know that when you were a child you went through great disillusionment as you reached out to your father and he didn't pay any attention to you. You wanted him in relationship, and he didn't want that. He wanted to be left alone and wanted to isolate himself from those around him. He felt safer then. So he ignored you and you felt rejected. You were rejected. So you were hurt, and that hurt eventually turned to bitterness. The bitterness turned into hatred for your father. When you tried to show that hatred, you received punishment. That made you hate him even more. The hatred ran deeper and deeper until you wanted revenge upon him. Your revenge was to close yourself off from him...to show him you didn't need him...that he wasn't important in your life (even though he was). This "closing yourself off" from someone whose love you really wanted carried over to others in your life.

What do I do about this, Lord.

You repent of dishonoring your father, and of hating him, and of wanting revenge on him. And it is taken care of on the cross. Now you are free from the dishonoring, the hate, and the revenge spirit. It is gone from your heart now, and will be remembered by My Father no more.

AN INSTRUCTED TONGUE

"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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Yes, I have given you an instructed tongue, an instructed mind, and I will (soon) waken you morning by morning to listen to Me and write what I teach you. You will be used by Me as a writer-prophet as Isaiah. All the other was preparation for now.

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give...Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time;...it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." (Habakkuk 2:1-3)

STOREROOM TREASURES

"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)

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You have been instructed about the kingdom of heaven and about its laws, so to those around you, you are a teacher of the law. You personify what the kingdom of heaven and its laws are like in your life. And, therefore, inside you is a storeroom with new treasures as well as old. I am showing you some "new treasures" in your dream life lately. Notice this dream from last night shows you actually on the campus where you learn and that you are an upperclassman. In past dreams you often were searching for this place of learning, but now you are experiencing it. This is good!

A dream last night:

1. I was on a college campus. I had a piece of leather (which may have been red - about 6" long and about 2 1/2" wide) on which was written (on the rough side) my class schedule. This was inside my coin purse which I had with me. I was paired to another student, a girl, to be my partner. We were with other students and we were finding our way to a large gathering of students in a big meeting room. In this room there were dots on the floor of the seating area and each

student was to sit on a dot...which we did.

Purse - treasure, heart, personal identity, precious, valuable. Red - passion, zeal, enthusiasm. This schedule of classes I had been assigned to was inside me, inside my heart, in my treasure place. It might represent the dream(s) the Lord has given me, that for which He has given me passion. My partner was, perhaps, the Holy Spirit. We were with other Christians and we each fit into a certain place (dots)

2. After that we went in a bus back to the main part of campus through town. I tried to watch where we went so I could find my way next time. We were let off the bus at a large gated area and we started to walk uphill over the lawn to campus housing.

Bus - Church, Christians, working together. Fence - boundaries. Gated area - openings in fence. We Christians are traveling together and let off at a campus place of learning and have to travel uphill to get to it.

3. During the whole time I seemed to know that my dorm, which I hadn't been in yet, was going to burn. I kept looking toward where I thought that dorm was to see if I saw something burning. At one point a group of us did see a tree trunk burning, and maybe some smoke up in the sky like it might be from my dorm, but I never did see it for sure.

This dorm would be my place of living, my house. This could represent my heart. I was watching to see if/when it would catch afire and burn. It could refer to my family or my Church also. Tree trunk could refer to a leader, a covering, burning. Smoke refers to Manifest Presence, evidence of the Glory of God. I seemed to be watching to see this happening.

4. At one point in time we got some cold drinks at some type of vending machine. I looked over the different possibilities and punched the button to get myself a strawberry drink.

Strawberry drink could represent red (passion) and water (Spirit). My choice was to drink something of passion and of the Spirit. Strawberry also could represent the fruit of the Spirit.

5. My partner took hers and my string with beads and buried them behind the wall at the floor level of one room we were in. It seemed this needed to be done.

Perhaps the string with beads represents vanity or pride. My partner, the Holy Spirit, buried this behind a barrier in the lowest position near the floor. This might refer to dying to that.

6. We had our class lists and I kept trying to glance at mine every so often so I

could see what classes I had been assigned. It seemed like I was an upper classman.

I am seeking to know what the Lord has in store for me - what I am to be learning now, what assignments had been given to me. Upper classman might mean I have been through part of the course or college degree and am in the final part of it.

7. I told a woman in charge of student projects they might do better if she gave them a large spoon to finish their projects.

Spoon is not in the dream book, but it is useful for eating. A large spoon to finish projects may refer to letting us have large amounts to eat for these final projects. The woman in charge might be the Holy Spirit and we Christians are the students. Eating refers to partaking, participating, experiencing. It may indicate we will have large portions of things needed for completing our assignments here on earth.

ANOINTED MINISTRY

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." (James 1:27)

The neatest thing happened at church yesterday. Kevin and Cathy Basconi have recently come to be part of Christ Triumphant Church and Kevin spoke in church yesterday. They are evangelists and ministers for the Lord in Africa (Barundi) where they hold meetings and organize and run orphanages for the many children orphaned there - particularly by aids taking their parents. They showed us pictures of some of the people there. One picture had lots of people standing and Pastor Alan asked him what that picture was. Kevin said it was an altar call...and there were around 380 people responding to the call to accept Jesus. Then Kevin showed us a picture of a bright spot in the sky and told us that a portal opened up there in the sky and the presence of the Lord came down upon the crowd of thousands. When that happened many more came to Jesus for salvation - around 3800 people! Thank You, Lord!

Kevin said he became a Christian in November of 2001 and interned under Todd Bentley in Canada. He went on crusades with Todd and learned under him. Now Kevin and Cathy have their own ministry called King of Glory Ministry, International. (www.kingofgloryministries.org). They minister in Africa. Kevin told us that while he was praying one day in a mud hut in Africa, the Lord spoke to him that he was to move to Kansas City and go to Christ Triumphant Church! He is delighted to have a "home church" now. He is returning to Africa soon for more ministry. Cathy told me the wives don't get to go this time, that God said not to. I surely want to get to know her better!

Kevin ministered in the service very similar to Todd Bentley. He said while he was

preaching (on being radically sold out to the Lord) that if anyone began to feel heat or electricity in any part of their body to wave at him or stand up. Every few minutes someone would do that and he would impart to them power for God to keep working - for healing - for whatever the Lord revealed to him. When Josh stood up, Kevin came over to Josh and prayed and imparted to Josh mightily. After the sermon he called up people for ministry prayer and many many came. He spoke to tumors and to spots before eyes. To one man he spoke healing of veins and arteries and plaque in them, and the heart. Cathy prayed with Beth for inner healing to come. It was a powerful powerful and exciting time together. We didn't leave until close to 2:00 and had been there since about 9:20 since we were greeters.

Oh God, You are doing such a powerful ministry in our church! Thank You for letting Beth and me see this and experience this and be part of it. Thank You for bringing us both supernaturally here to this community and church! You are SO GOOD to us!

A FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life..." (Proverbs 10:11) * * * * * * * *

May my mouth be a fountain of life through this book and what You give me to write in it today, Lord. Bless all those who read this book with your mighty Presence, Holy Spirit, and manifest Your Presence to them as they read.

SPEAK INTO LIFE

"For the word of God is living and active." (Hebrews 4:12a)

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I am to "speak into life" the words the Lord gives me. These are the Scriptures He leads me speak today:

Jesus said, "I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me." (John 8:28) Jesus said..."What I have heard from him I tell the world." (John 8:26)

I am to do this on myself first and see that it works - as God gives me the words to speak - and then, later, on others. (He had me speak wellness to all of my body.) Then He taught me with these Scriptures:

"...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

55:11)

"...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you." (Matthew 10:19-20)

"What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs." (Matthew 10:27)

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18)

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

PROCLAIM HIS NAME IS EXALTED

"Make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world." (Isaiah 12:4-5)

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This Scripture is for me today and is something God has called me to do through the books I write with Him. At one time in my life I "made Him known" through discipling others and encouraging them to grow spiritually. Now it is through writing. That is how I am "discipling" others now.

DRAW WATER

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3)

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I am to *draw* water from You each day. This is to be my joy and my delight, spending this time with You. Lord, thank You for being my joy and my delight as I spend time with You daily.

CONSECRATE YOURSELF

"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." (Joshua 3:5)

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It is time to go into the Promised Land. You have been wandering around in the wilderness for a long time and now I say it's time to go in. Consecrate yourself to this and to Me. I will lead you to "cross the Jordan" into the Promised Land of what I have for you. Consecrate yourself.

This is what the Lord spoke to me back in 1998. Now He has me in that Promised Land here in Lee's Summit, MO writing these books as He leads me, and participating in the wonderful church He has led me to. I put these words here for the readers who now need to "consecrate themselves" and go into the Promised Land the Lord has for them.

CUT LOOSE FROM THE PAST

"The wonders of God for a different tomorrow require the consecration of the people...they were to cut themselves from the past and anything else that would hinder their absolute devotion and expectation....For us, this means being cut loose from the past which binds our capacity to imagine what God can do." (*Lord of the Impossible*, Lloyd Ogilvie, p 98)⁵

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As I read this, I asked the Lord: What are the things I need to cut myself off from in the past? Here is what he showed me:

- 1. Expecting to do it myself. I now expect the Lord to do it.
- 2. Expecting to be limited by how much or what He will do for me.
- 3. Expecting things to happen through certain people.
- 4. Being suspicious of things I don't understand
- 5. Expecting things to get worse as I age instead of better.

I cut myself off from these things!

A STORY

A NEW CAR

"Lord, I need a new car! My old car is not reliable anymore and I need something I can depend on. But how am I going to buy one? I don't have the money and I have never bargained for a car before in my life. I always had help from someone else to take care of my car situation. Will You help me?" And help me, He did! Suddenly one day I received a totally unexpected check in the mail. God's perfect timing! My daughter, Beth, and I made plans to look at cars and gather information on buying or leasing a new one. She had leased a car previously for herself so she knew how to do this. Together we arranged for me to lease a car using the surprise check to get that arranged.

Then I needed to sell my old car - again something I had not experienced before. I felt totally inadequate and sought the Lord for guidance. He said He guided us not to trade in my old car so He could give me "another lesson" of walking by faith. Now I was to trust Him to take me through the steps of selling this old car.

He guided me to revise my estimate of its value, as it was worth more than I had thought. He also said He would guide me through the rest of the way in selling it. I thought I was to call used car dealers and see who might be interested in looking at it. So I called dealers and found 3-4 who would look at it and see what they would offer for it. I visited one after work and he made me an offer, but I thought I should check some other dealers before making a final decision. Well, God led me all the way! Praise the Lord! He did it again! He is so good and so faithful!

On Saturday morning, as I drove the old car for estimates, I decided to go to a certain dealer first since he was opening earliest. When I got there I saw a sign that said he would open at 8:30 (which it was then) so I waited for him to come. As I waited I noticed the reflection of their sign in the window of a restaurant next door. And in the reflection I saw, on top of the car dealer's sign, there sat <u>three doves</u>! God had used doves as a sign to me for many years, so I believed that was a sign from Him saying this was the right place.

The owner was very kind and gentle, not pushy (which I rather expected from used car dealers). He offered me quite a lot more for the car than the dealer yesterday offered...and I accepted it. He wrote me a check and I signed the title over to him. Then he took the plates off for me and even drove me home! It took me a total of 1 1/2 hours to sell the car, get the title arranged, get my money, have the plates taken off, and get back home! I was so grateful to God it was done and went so well and quickly. I considered this one of *His Marvelous Deeds* in my life.

"...but the righteous will live by his faith." (Habakkuk 2:4)

A TIME OF DISCONTENT

"He will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous

on every occasion" (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

Several years ago I went through a time of discontent, restlessness, depletion, and emptiness for weeks. As I prayed and sought the Lord about it He began to teach me these things:

- It's a time of change
- My soul is malnourished and needs nurturing:
 - 1. Music is missing I need to give and receive it
 - 2. Art (beauty) is missing I'm not doing anything artistic or feeding my need to see beautiful things
 - 3. Affirmation is missing I need to feel what I spend my time doing in Discipleship Training produces growth and good in people's lives.
 - 4. Love is missing I need to give and receive love. I guess that's why I long to be with my sisters and daughters so much right now
 - 5. Fragrance is missing I need beautiful fragrance around me, it nourishes me
 - 6. Learning is missing I need something new to be learning
- God has a deeper revelation for my knowing Him and who He is in me and how He wants to function in me (His perfect, beautiful plan for me)
- I am in a winter time of my soul but spring is beginning to peep through
- I yearn for the fulfillment of all the above in part here on earth as through a glass darkly, and completely in heaven

The Scripture I'm impressed with as pertaining to now: (2 Corinthians 9:6) "Whoever sows generously will also reap generously." As I generously gave my earthly treasures to Him and His plan for me, He is now giving generously to me. He is making "grace abound to me." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

JESUS WANTS FOR US

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As I read Jesus' prayer in John chapter 17, I began listing those things Jesus wants for me (most of which He prayed for there):

Have the full measure of His joy within me (John 17:13) Have His Word (John 17:14) Protected from the evil one (John 17:15) Not of this world (John 17:16) Sanctified by the truth - God's Word (John 17:17) Sent into the world (John 17:18) Others believe in Him through our message (John 17:20) We may all be one in Christ and Father (John 17:21) Given the glory that the Father gave Jesus (John 17:23) Brought to complete unity (John 17:23) Be with Jesus where He is and see His glory (John 17:24) Continue to make the Father known to us (John 17:26) Jesus be in us (John 17:26) The love Father has for Jesus may be in us (John 17:26) Protected by the power of Father's name (John 17:11) We may be one as He and Father are one (John 17:11) He prays for me, for I am Father's (John 17:9) Not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16) Live by truth and come into the light (John 3:21) Serve Him, follow Him, be with Him (John 12:26)

REWARDED WITH DEEP TRUE WORSHIP

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VISION OF A BALL OF FIRE

In this vision I see pray-ers kneeling at the front of the sanctuary in front of the platform. I only see their silhouettes and they are aqua blue. They are surrounded by a rose colored light. The four people who met in the air came together into a ball of fire. This ball started moving around inside the sanctuary in an arc to come down and touch someone, then went up in another arc to some other part of the sanctuary to come down and touch someone else. It kept doing this over and over, faster and faster, touching more and more people. Each time it went in the arc through the air it left a trail of silver dust, like a jet trail in the sky, but these didn't fade away, so these trails increased and increased within the inside of the sanctuary. It kept going faster and faster until it exploded so the light and silver dust filled everywhere.

(The vision took place in 1985 and this message came in 2000)

Regarding the vision picture of the sanctuary and many being "touched" by the Spirit - faster and increasing until a big "explosion" (the Rapture) takes place:

Because you attended that church you saw it in their sanctuary, because the vision represented worship. The final fulfillment of that doesn't have to be "in that church" but "in worship" - wherever you are, wherever I take you.

The "ball of fire" does not "contain" you 4 people. There is a transition from the 4 people scene to your watching the fire ball. The fire ball encompasses the whole church. It leaves a "trail" of silver dust that you can see. In a similar way, you will be able to see the effects of My Spirit's work where I want you to see it - where I give you spiritual vision to see it. I will enable you to "see" the ball of fire and silver dust at the right time as a confirmation to you...a confirmation of where you're to go.

You gave your best to that church. Now I'm going to switch you to the place of the final scene of your vision. You always thought it was that church. I always knew it was not. But there were many changes to take place to get you and other things ready for the final scene. That scene was for you to experience and not necessarily anyone else from there.

Wherever I have you go - and stay - that is the place where that vision Rapture scene will take place. You gave Me, and them, your best. You will now be rewarded with deep true worship.

REVIVAL AROUND THE WORLD

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(The vision took place in 1985 and this was revealed in 2001 regarding it)

The vision picture (mentioned in the article above) was shown to me at a specific church. The vision has a broader interpretation. It refers to the "Church," the kingdom people, the Bride of Christ. This is the broader interpretation:

My early interpretation was I expected to see this taking place in that church sanctuary. However, as of March 2001 I have not yet seen it although I thought there were beginning signs at times. I still wait and pray for it.

It has been revealed to me just this week that the places this Holy Spirit Ball of Fire touches down represent places in the world where He is touching mightily and has been for many of the last several years. It represents 'people groups' He is visiting with revival around the world. It is being fulfilled world-wide, but not yet in my local church.

The silvery dust left wherever the Holy Spirit goes represents the 'glory' that shows as He works in us and upon us, His Church. The 'explosion' represents the Rapture when the church is translated in the air to meet with Jesus. As the work of the Holy Spirit in revival goes faster and faster touching more and more people, it will climax with a giant 'explosion' of great power, might, and glory as Christ takes His Bride to be with Himself.

YOUR FIRST CALLING

"He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor." (Proverbs

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Today I want to write in my journal something that the Holy Spirit told me on 3-6-94 which I want to review often:

You're beginning to think the ministry at your church is your calling. No. Your ministry to Me is your first calling. Your ministry to your church is secondary to this. I want you to spend time with Me daily. What I'm interested in is the personal intimate relationship with Me...more than what you do.

(Jesus wants me to love Him <u>fervently</u>. I am to carefully <u>guard</u> and <u>nurture</u> my relationship with Him.)

I want you to handle the blessing I'm bringing. Don't leave Me because you don't need Me anymore. I'm warning you before the blessing arrives. Don't let it take you away from Me -- and don't let your ministry take My place in your life. Work on that!

I want you to know you're going to have to fight a battle for this--for our relationship and our time. Fight it! It's worth it! Satan is trying every way he can to win you from Me and this is one way he's going to try. I will pray for you that Satan not win. He won't; but you will have to recognize the battle and fight it.

OUT OF DARKNESS AND INTO THE LIGHT

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

Regarding learning to know where I am with Jesus to bring me out of hiding, out of darkness and into the light, Rick Joyner says on page 126 in his book *The Final Quest*: "When we can fully answer this question, knowing where we are in relation to God, we will have been fully restored to Him. We can only know the answer to this question when we are in His presence."⁶

All we do on earth to come closer to Him brings us closer to Him when in heaven. He wants me to spend the rest of my time on earth drawing closer to Him, taking off the "veils" of hiding who I really am, getting cleansed and pure before Him--and in this way getting to "know Him." That is a desire of my heart for years that He put in me.

If I take on some more service, I spend lots of time dwelling on it. That was ok before, but now I am to do the above--find out where I am in relation to God. Yes, Lord, this is what I want to do!

SHARING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

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In my dream during the night I was riding in a bus sitting on the aisle seat on the right side as you face the front. Across the aisle to my left sat a man with darker skin than mine and black curly hair. He told me he appreciated sharing the journey together with me, and I told him how I appreciated sharing the journey with him.

Then I read in *The Call*⁷ by Rick Joyner this morning how we are sharing the mutual vision being taught by Wisdom with lots of people different from us but bonded together by the Spirit. This seems to fit with my dream.

Rick said in the book that Jesus told him: "I will come to you in different people. I will come to you in different circumstances. Your highest purpose is to recognize Me, to hear My voice, and to follow Me."

STUDY ON LOVE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40)

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Last night I awoke from a dream in which I was told, "There are 5 authors on love (to love and being loved). This morning He leads me to do a study on love - especially the 5 authors: Solomon, David, John, Moses, and Paul. I wrote out these Scriptures to study:

LOVE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul..." (Deuternomy 10:12)

"Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always." (Deuteronomy 11:1)

"But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul." (Joshua 22:5)

"Love the Lord, all his saints!" (Psalm 31:25)

"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands..." (Daniel 9:4)

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:7-10)

"O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands..." (Nehemiah 1:5)

"The Lord watches over all who love him..." (Psalm 145:20)

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

"But the man who loves God is known by God." (1 Corinthians 8:3)

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." (Romans 12:9-10)

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13)

"...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a

fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2)

"...and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood..." (Revelation 1:5)

"He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love." (Song of Songs 2:4)

THREE DREAMS

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These three dreams are all about my life and work and important phases and events of it.

1. In this dream there was an invitation (like generic) not addressed to anyone special. I was filling it out even though it seemed I was told by others not to since it wasn't specifically sent to me.

All are invited to come to Me. I want everyone, but I know that Satan and self-interests will keep many from answering My invitation to come to Me - and to the Father through Me - and to the wedding supper of the Lamb. Do you want to come? It will be soon, very soon.

There will be the Bride and there will be the invited guests. The Church is My Bride - the Bride I died for, died to save. The Church is very special in My sight - pure, clean, and holy - set apart unto Me. I will always keep her by My side and share My life, abundant life, with her. You will always be by My side, walking with Me, talking with Me, on earth and in heaven.

The invited guests are the Jews, a few have come, but many have not. So I sent My servants out to bring in many off the streets - the poor, the lame, the beggars - in other words, the needy. They know they don't control their own lives and that they need and welcome a Savior and Lord. The needy.

You have been needy many times, and the needier you are, the closer you come to Me, cling to Me. And I meet your every need.

2. In this dream I was going through a house that used to be mine, but was not now. I was seeing the changes and thinking how I used to use it or arrange it. It was huge - like 3 houses of rooms in one. I specifically noticed where the children used to have a play area. I also noticed some large flowery wallpaper. I said it was hard to imagine I picked it out.

The house is you, your life. It used to be yours, but now it belongs to Me - you

are Mine. You used to arrange it - make decisions for it - but now I do.

The 3 houses of rooms are the 3 major divisions in your life like I showed you before:

- 1. Under your father 0-23 yrs (1936-1959)
- 2. Under your husband 23-44 yrs (1959-1980)
- *3.* Under Me as your authority 44-64+ yrs (1980-2000+)

There were times of being a child or childlike. There were times of making decisions that it's hard to imagine now that you made then. It's just another reminder that you (your house, your life) now belongs to Me, is now under My authority, and the other, former, is past and gone.

3. In this dream I would lie on my back and wait...and then my hands and arms would start shaking. This was a sign there was healing coming through them - and we would tell people to touch them (my hands and arms) before the shaking stopped and see if they got healed. This happened several times. I don't know if any were healed.

Lying on your back makes you very vulnerable, so this discloses being in a vulnerable position/situation. Next, waiting on Me. Shaking represents the appearance of the Holy Spirit upon you. People could tell the Holy Spirit was there and came for blessing such as healing. You saw all this happen but don't know the results, weren't shown.

This fits/describes your wondering if your life work in serving Me has had any value, any help, to those who came to you and touched you during those times of being led/anointed by the Holy Spirit - and you don't know.

That represents 18 years (summer 1982-2000) of placing yourself in a vulnerable position, waiting on and depending on the Holy Spirit to do any blessing or healing or helping or ministering through you...as you discipled others. You will not know until you get to heaven how much was done because it was the Holy Spirit (invisible) doing the work, not you. You just got yourself in the right position and waited.

Just trust Me by faith for that. Is your life worthwhile and valuable? Yes, to Me it is priceless!

BUILD AN ABIDING RELATIONSHIP

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me....If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:4, 7

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I can go as far as I can see in my "vision." I can see in my vision spending more and more time listening to the Lord, sitting at His feet (as Mary did) and learning from Him. As I hear the secret desires of His heart, I can share in those dreams and pray for them. This is what I am to spend my time doing rather than "things" (like tracts, soup kitchen, etc) My call is to build a deep and <u>abiding</u> relationship with the Lord.

TWO RECURRING DREAMS

These dreams came several times during the years before spring of 2004 when the Lord began to open understanding about where He was taking me and what I was to do there.

In dream #1 I am to do some sort of performance, like be in a drama, or play a French horn solo on stage. I don't know my part, lines, or how to play the solo. The time for the performance comes closer and closer and I don't prepare and I get more frustrated and fearful about having to give the performance when I am not prepared. I have had this type of dream quite a number of times and in various forms over several years.

I dream #2 I am in a city or place that is unfamiliar to me. I don't recognize the streets, although I keep looking for something familiar so I can find my way. I am not sure where I am going or how to get there. I walk and walk looking for the way. Sometimes I am afraid of the people along the way - afraid they will harm me. This dream also comes in different places/circumstances but is basically the same form or idea...and is frustrating to dream.

In Jack Deere's book *The Beginner's Guide To The Gift Of Prophecy*⁸ he says: "Humble people pray. Praying is one of the most practical things we can do, both to get revelation and to understand it. God told Jeremiah, "**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know**" (Jeremiah 33:3). How much revelation do we forfeit simply because we do not ask God to tell us "unsearchable things"? How much revelation do we fail to understand because we do not ask God to reveal its meaning?" (And I asked God to tell me great and unsearchable things I do not know)

Then Jack talks about the purpose of symbolic language. He says: "To sum up this section, symbolic language conceals truth from the proud, reveals the most profound truth to the humble, and jars us awake when we are tempted to use God rather than love him. It impacts our emotions. This is especially true of dreams and visions, which are often symbolic rather than literal...the symbols of dreams and visions may frighten us out of

our lethargy (see Job 33:15-18). Because they do, God uses pictures and symbols to intensify our feelings."

The phrase above, which kept bringing me to tears, is: "reveals the most profound truth to the humble". I felt God impressing me to write these two dreams (above) so He could reveal the profound truth to me as I humbled myself, sought Him, and listened to Him.

If I had to interpret those two dreams in the natural, I would say the first dream shows that I feel something is coming for which I am not ready or prepared, and for which I am not getting ready. And the other dream means I am lost, don't know where I am going, don't know how to get there, am walking in unfamiliar territory, and am afraid of the people and unknown along the way. This natural interpretation is most distressing to me.

But the Lord says: These are My words to you, about those two dreams. You are entirely dependent on Me in your life for what's coming, for getting ready, for the performance of what I want you to do, for how to get there, and for where you are going--also for keeping you through the fearful situations that might come. You are entirely dependent on Me--and that is exactly what and where I want you to be. This is part of My preparation of you--to get you totally dependent on Me and totally humble so that you know nothing and can't do anything to bring about what I am doing in your life or with you. My purpose for you is totally unknown and you are totally unprepared (at least in your physical eyes and in your emotions).

This is part of the "preparation" I am taking you through just now, while you wait for Me to reveal and lead you to what is coming for you. It is exactly what I want for you right now. In your spirit you know this and it comes to you in your dreams. This is because I want to use you, and I can only use you with this preparation getting you ready for what I want/plan to do.

Keep walking in this direction you are now going in relationship with Me and I will get you to the performance/place where I want to get you. Leave it in My hands. Trust Me. Continue on as you are going, trusting Me completely to bring about My plan for you in My time, to totally empower you and prepare you, and to use you for My mighty purpose for you.

A BALL OF LIGHT

"As the rain and snow come down from heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth..., so also is my word. I send it out and it always produces fruit." (Isaiah 55:10-11 TLB)

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As I read this Scripture verse I am reminded that when rain and snow come down from

heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth, then there is a long process that water goes through before fruit comes from it. So when I send out the Word, it might similarly take a long time for the fruit from it to grow and ripen. Perhaps I am getting fruit today from the Word I prayed a long time ago.

Last night I awoke and wrote down a piece of a dream. In it I was given a special ball of light which we needed to learn to use. This ball seemed to be the last gift in a row of things.

Perhaps that means it is coming at the very last of my life. It may refer to the Holy Spirit. I wonder how I learn how to use it.

Listen to Me and I will show you. I'll take you where I want you to go with My ball of light and show you how to use it. You place it where I show you, and when I show you, and how I show you.

A PASSION FOR GOD

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Jack Deere makes a statement in his book *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*⁹ that is meaningful to me and I want to remind myself of it:

"More than anything else, a passion for God has to be guarded and cultivated or we will lose it. I find that almost every good thing in my life is all too ready to compete for my time and intimacy with God. The essence of all of life is loving God and then loving his people. (Matt 22:36-40)"

Then Jack mentions how to develop a relationship with Jesus:

- 1. "Set aside a regular time to be with Him daily so you can get to know Him. Read His Word daily.
- 2. If a barrier comes in the relationship, through sin, confess the sin and trust in Jesus' blood to take away the guilt from that sin.
- 3. Put your confidence in Jesus' ability to lead you, not in your ability to follow."

Jack also says: "To develop passion for Jesus: ask for it. 'Father, grant me power from the Holy Spirit to love the Son of God like You love Him.""

UNITY

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me, and

have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:23)

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Whoever has My Spirit will be unified. Whoever does not have My Spirit will fight against the unity I am bringing about. And you will be part of the unity that comes from Me.

The unity of My Spirit will travel all over the world and bring peace among My people with one another. And they will rise up as a mighty giant to show the world who I am and My power and glory in mighty feats of boldness.

And I will come and take My people away after this has happened, and everyone has had a chance to see and choose. I am with you and will be with you to the very ends of the earth. I love My people and want them with Me and out of this wicked world.

Then the Antichrist will reign for a time but it will be short and awful.

LEARNING TO SWIM

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In this dream I was testing children to see how well they swam. I tested two who "swam like adults" in deep water. The mother said she just assumed they would be able to swim, so she just put them in deep water to begin with. Those two were going to go to another school, so I was writing a note to say test them "as adults" for swimming. This mother seemed to have had <u>many</u> children she taught - not just the two I saw... surprisingly many.

Interpretation: Jesus is as a mother teaching children (Christians) to function in the pool of life (people) "as an adult" (mature). I am surprised how many Jesus has taught.

I also saw a group of us packing to go. I was slower or behind the others in getting the packing done.

Interpretation: Packing to go: getting ready to leave this earth in the Rapture. Some others have gotten ready, or been organized for the trip, sooner than I. (I see some of these on TBN telling about how they anticipate the Rapture soon - any day it could be.)

I saw myself go in a gym (which had a beautiful wood parquet floor) and walk near the edge around to the stairs which led up to the pool.

Interpretation from the Spirit: The pool is the place where those mature Christians are swimming. To get to that pool you enter the beautiful gym (place), go along the edge, around the corner to the stairs going up. The beautiful room represents Me - life with Me. You must "go around a corner" (turn from the ways of the world) and "go up" (enter a higher realm) to get to the pool (place of being with other Christians of maturity in Christ). That's what you desire to do as you see them on TBN.

I also saw a small group looking at materials and discussing those, but I wasn't included - they waited until I left.

Interpretation from the Spirit: There are things going on (spiritual) you are not to be a part of. That group does them, but not you.

ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PURPOSE "Do everything without complaining or arguing." (Phil 2:14) *****

Today God said to read Phil 2:14. Then I noted the next line: "so that you may become blameless and pure." And then I noted Phil 2:13: "for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." It is a good lesson to learn—to do everything without complaining or arguing!

THE ORCHESTRA DREAM

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8) * * * * * * *

In this dream I was sitting in a single file row of people who were (practicing) to play the accompaniment to some performance (probably singing). We weren't given time to warm up our instruments but just began rehearsing. I was in front of the row and couldn't see those behind me as in this diagram:

(Front) <u>me</u> facing front conductor — I also couldn't see the conductor except when I turned my head to the left and back for a quick glimpse. I had a French horn but I wasn't playing it...afraid I'd hit wrong notes, didn't remember the fingering, and didn't have music script. What I did have, instead of music, was a paper with #'s of the sections/pieces we were to play. One time I thought I saw notes I was to play but couldn't see them well enough to make them out and could tell they needed fast playing. Out in front of me in a large open space a singer started singing with us - female voice. A performance was to happen sometime and I didn't want to sit there not playing.

Interpretation:

- *Horn* prophecy, last trumpet i.e. rapture
- *Performance* His kingdom coming, His will being done, on earth as it is in heaven. It's the harvest of Jesus' kingdom work in His people
- *The page with numbers* This is a picture to tell me "what time it is" prophetically (i.e. #'s of events)
- *My sitting position* I am "out in front" i.e. living now. Not knowing my role uncertainty of times
- *Others behind me* i.e. lived previously and are watching from heaven
- Singer (we are to accompany) is Holy Spirit and He has begun His song
- *His song* represents the "final days" before the rapture. He sings; all of us in orchestra go with Him, accompany Him. He leads! He has begun His "final" song for the Church the last days Church
- *Open field* ahead means I see nothing and know nothing about what's next only to accompany the singer; the fields are white unto harvest. Pray to the Lord to send workers into those fields.
- *Conductor* goes through whole song with orchestra and leads them to the very end. I only get quick glimpses of Jesus, but He is still conducting it all

I was uncomfortable sitting there, very visible, and not participating. But as I discussed this in my Quiet Time with Him the Lord showed me that I am participating in these ways:

- 1. As a part of Your orchestra (past and present), just being in it, letting You conduct, letting You sing.
- 2. Being aware of Your work and timing
- 3. Getting brief glimpses of You conducting
- 4. Hearing Your song
- 5. Seeing the open field
- 6. Wanting to do what You have me here to do
- 7. Praying for the harvest

The Scripture He gives me regarding this: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

CANCEL FEAR

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." (Isaiah 26:3)

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I am here. Now pray for My angels to protect you and have charge over you. I have lots to say to you.

- Do as much as you can to help support needy ministries as your heart leads you.
- *Keep coming to Me daily/hourly for instructions.*
- Know that I am with you always, so do not fear. My angels have great power.
- Be ready to share My glory with all whom I lead you to touch, lay hands on, pray for, speak to, declare about
- I will give you many dreams and some visions in the days to come (as in Joel). It is now "afterward."
- *I will come to you daily to instruct you. All your years of preparation have been for this time.*
- Fear is what the enemy uses to enter you, so cancel it! And do that over and over.

DENY YOURSELF

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

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Deny yourself - Put aside self concerns, lay aside all self interest, and self thoughts and self desires.

Take up your cross daily - your cross is your purpose in life. My purpose is to continue to grow in a close intimate relationship with the Lord and to worship and praise Him.

Follow Me - Listen attentively to God. As He speaks in this time together, I am to follow Him.

A NIGHT OF FANTASTIC DREAMS

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1. In this dream I saw a "wind" display. In the first part I saw three objects floating through the air off to my right. I remember the middle item was a large ship with many sails (like pictures of great sailboats many years ago). I don't remember what the other two items were. These were almost suspended in the air but slowly moving from right to left in this display which was off to my right up in the air. It was very awesome and I stared at it in amazement. It seemed as if it was a visual part of a newspaper announcement, or some sort of announcement or advertisement which I heard about and knew existed, but didn't actually hear in the dream.

Then I began to see a stream of objects floating from where that ship display had been across my field of vision over me and to the left of me...as the wind carried them. There were many many objects, seems like many were animals. I was watching them and pointing out various objects/animals to someone else whom I didn't see, but who was there. I remember a dragon, I think maybe green. The other objects/animals were colorful, and this also was an awesome display but not as awe-striking as the first scene. It was a delight to watch. Then I remember seeing something like a stone wall with little bits of these colored shapes stuck to it like the air had been taken out of the shape and it was deflated and became quite tiny pieces of the shape.

Idea: The Holy Spirit is going to give a display of what is really in the church - various good and bad (animals and colors) coming from the ship.

Or if this refers to me, then the Holy Spirit is revealing that I, my ministry, is a mixture of good and bad that He is displaying before my eyes and wants me to see and identify (name) the things I see.

The tiny "deflated" pieces may represent these things He will show the way they really are without the Spirit. They still had color, but no air = looked like they belonged to God but not empowered by the Spirit. This could represent things in the church or things in me. I think it represents both.

2. I saw an oval window through which I realized you could see where balloons were being sent up/launched. I tried to look through it, but it was just a little higher than I could reach to see through. From back a ways I could see colored balloons behind the window. I remember seeing white and dark blue balloons when I stood back and looked.

This reminds me of watching TBN (window of TV) and seeing the spiritual things there. It's a picture of those pure and spiritual. He wants me to see what they are like. I am to look in the window of myself and find what is flexible, filled with the Spirit, pure, and of God...ask Him to show me this. 3. I was looking at a place where I thought I could get a bathing suit. It was a hole where this rubber-like covering covered suits that were protruding out of the hole. I took off the rubber-like covering, and then realized these suits belonged to others (some class/group) or that I shouldn't take one of them. So I tried to replace the covering over them and the hole as it had been before. I needed to use both hands to do this and still had a hard time. This area was warm and wet, and there seemed to be pressure pushing it out. As I tried and tried to re-cover the suits, the covering began to split.

This dream seems to refer to my trying to keep covered or hidden that which the Holy Spirit (pressure behind suits) is pushing out into the open. The items I try to keep hidden refer to operating in the Spirit in serving God. Maybe this refers to how I have kept my life (in the Spirit) hidden from others in the past, and now it is being pushed out into more visibility. It represents what I need to put on to serve God, worship, prophesy, etc. The covering no longer will hold these back as it is splitting and isn't effective anymore. It reminds me of the personal prophecy at the recent KC conference where I was told I had been "hidden" previously, but now was to come more out of hiding.

4. I saw a bathtub-like thing with a pretty light blue sweater laid out (displayed) on the back curved end of it - like to dry. The sweater fell down into the drain hole and I pulled it out/up. The tub seemed dirty because it had stuff on it that seemed like blue laundry soap/granules. I cleaned the area so I could put the sweater back to dry/display.

This is about me. The light blue sweater represents me. This is one of my very favorite colors that I like to wear. This represents the spiritual view of me displayed to others. This could represent my cleansing the "tub" which is what is used to lay out the sweater for display/drying. Perhaps it refers to my cleansing spiritually myself (the tub) so the spiritual part of myself (the sweater) can be displayed and not be taken away, sucked away, with dirty water used to wash the tub. This comes through blue soap that refers to spiritual cleansing, forgiveness, prayer, and conviction.

5. I remember just a piece of another dream picture in which I was in the passenger seat of a car. I got up and turned toward the back seat like I wanted to get/do something there, and as I did the person sitting behind the driver gently pulled me over so my head rested on his shoulder. It felt good to me.

When I think about this dream event, I am impacted with the desire to cry as if the Holy Spirit is really touching me through it. It seems to be telling me that:

- The Spirit is driving the car representing my life or ministry.
- I don't see or know where that car is going
- As I look into the back seat, there is a person there who brings comfort and assurance to me and a feeling of being liked and cared for this unknown person may be Jesus.
- This dream gives me assurance I am loved and cared for and being led by Him.

6. This dream involved stopping the car to get gas in front of some building. I went inside to get food. It seemed to be a restaurant. People were walking through a door to go into the restaurant part of the building. I wanted to write out this dream because it involved getting refueled for the car and for me.

Since a car can refer to me or to my ministry, this may point to the need to stop and get gas in it so it can go some more. The restaurant may refer to my personal need for food. A cafeteria may refer to service, church, people or work, teaching, ministry of helps, so this "restaurant idea" may refer to my work for God. I don't remember eating any food or putting gas in the car. I thought others were taking care of the gas in the car while I went into the building.

What are you really trying to show me, Lord, in these dreams? He showed me:

- 1. The first dream is about the church and me and what we are like with and without the spirit.
- 2. The second dream is about seeing the church as displayed on TBN in the lives shown there
- 3. The third dream is about my spiritual life which is coming out into the open and I can't stop that
- 4. The fourth dream is about how I want/need to cleanse the vehicle/self to display my spiritual life
- 5. The fifth dream is about how God is in charge of my life/ministry and He is there to comfort/love me
- 6. The sixth dream is about needing to refuel myself and my ministry

FURTHER MEDITATION ABOUT THE DREAMS

In Quiet Time meditation I learned these dreams were to help me do the Scriptures He gave me previously:.... Letting God work in me to will and to act according to His good purpose and to make me blameless and pure. (Phil 2:13-15)

I am to ask Him these questions about the 6 dream scenes:

Dream 1. Ask Him to show me the things in me (good and bad) so I can identify (name) them. He will then take down those things He is not in.

Dream 2. I am to see a picture of those who are <u>pure and spiritual</u>. He wants me to see what they are like. I am to look in the window of myself and find what is flexible, filled with the Spirit, pure, and of God. Ask Him to show me this.

Dream 3. Ask Him to show me what is <u>hidden that He wants to bring out</u>, how I am to do that, and what to "put on" (swimsuit) to do that.

Dream 4. Ask Him to show me what <u>cleansing</u> needs to be done

5. Ask Him how He wants to show me how to be <u>assured and comforted</u> as He leads my self and ministry.

6. Ask Him to show me what I need to <u>refuel myself and my ministry</u> and how He wants to do that.

This is what the Holy Spirit said:

As you talked last Wednesday night to the single moms group about the process of having Me show you things in your past that need forgiveness, so now I want you to go through a process of letting Me show you things in yourself and how I see them.

Let's start with your love. The love you give is conditional love because that is the kind of love you were given all through your life by the main people in your life. I want to change that and give you unconditional love like I have for you and for others. You can't do this, but I can. All things are possible with Me. Do you want this? Ask for it.

Next let's talk about your peace. You have conditional peace...based on the situation and conditions around you. I want to change that to unconditional peace. Do you want this? Ask for it.

Now, about your giving...I see you as giving a tithe and more, and this is good. Now give your time to others, give your spiritual gifts to others, give your attention to others, give your caring to others. Do you want this? Ask me to give it to you.

And now about arguing and complaining...you learned lots of this through examples in your home and from others around you. It is in you and I want to take it out of you, but first you must be willing to release it and give it up, and let Me change that part of you that wants to do this. Do you want this? Ask Me for it.

About the beautiful, pure, and spiritual life you see in others...do you want this in you too? Ask Me to change you to make you that way. This is not something I will do completely today, but it is a process I will take you through over a period of time. Expect it, watch for it, respond to it.

What is hidden that I want to bring out of hiding? Prophesy, visions, dreams, and prayers of intercession...also worship and praise ministry--showing before others that you love Me--speaking of your love for Me, speaking the things I show and tell you. Is this a surprise? It has happened some, a little, but I want that to increase, to become greater, more compelling. Do you want this? Ask Me for it.

The cleansing I will do a little bit at a time as I have always done with you. Keep asking for it.

Assurance and comfort and showing My love for you will come as you set aside time, lots of time, and wait for Me in The Secret Place as you have been reading about. That is My highest and greatest purpose for you, for your life; it is intimacy with Me. Choose it. Ask for it.

The Secret Place is the place for refueling yourself and your ministry. The Secret Place is the place where all the above things will take place. Increase your time and intimacy with Me and these things will all come as part of that, automatically, while in My Presence.

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

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

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I am with you.

This would be a good place to come each night for a quiet time with Me. Then you could type if I tell you something you want to keep/remember.

I gave you that book because I knew you would relate to many things he said in it. He had a similar experience to yours. See, you are not the only one I call apart to be with Me in an intimate friendship...like Enoch. I know that's what you want, but it's because I put that desire in you, as I also put it in him.

You are changing, have you noticed it? You are walking much more in quietness and confidence. It wasn't by coincidence that Mel spoke confidence to you. She had that revealed to her by Me so she could say it to you.

And, yes, you are coming "unhidden" more and more. Do not be afraid of this because I will give you everything you need to come forth. You have set yourself apart unto Me, and I have set Myself apart unto you too.

Don't be afraid to write what I put in your mind. If you don't understand it, I will explain it eventually.

Remember the light is getting lighter and the dark is getting darker. Arise, shine, My child. The light shows even better in the darkness.

WHEN I WAS MADE IN THE SECRET PLACE

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:13-16)

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There is no wicked way in you. Yes, I knew you in the depths of the earth before your body was even formed. I saw you. I created you. Yes, I knew all your days before you were born on earth...and they go right up to the Rapture.

A DREAM

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The house beside ours, which I saw out our window, was cracked at the base of the house (which was brick), tipped up and over, seemingly by the wind storm. I only saw the base outside our window but knew the rest.

I looked out another window and saw the roof of a house and saw a spray of water circling above the roof, then I noticed the roof had flames (tongues) of fire at various spots on it.

First I thought it was someone else's house, then realized it was ours. We said we had to get dressed and look into this. I told our two children the house was on fire.

The number 128 was strong in my mind about this and I knew it was significant and needed to learn its meaning. After awaking there was great joy in me and a knowing 128 was important, and lots of praise pouring forth to the Lord.

INTERPRETATION

These are 2 revelations about me (my houses): The first house was broken and tipped over by a storm. The second house had the Holy Spirit (fire) and the Word (water) upon it.

This week it was tried and tested once more to see how you reacted to the test through D. and what he brought for you to overcome: in the gossip he brought, in the difficulties he brought to your work life, in the challenges to be under his authority, etc. You chose to depend on Me totally and respond only as I led you. You passed the test of this last whole year and receive a mark of 128...the full measure of the beginning work of putting off that old man and works of the flesh and now it is time to begin a new life with Me.

I gave you a picture of that new life in this dream: your house (you) is now anointed with flames of fire (My Holy Spirit) and being washed with the water of My Word continuously. It is now time to see yourself "dressed" in this new anointing. Your "children" (those who come from you) will know that you are "on fire" and anointed by Me, and that can help them burn away things which they don't want in their lives. My Holy Spirit is your companion helping you get dressed in this new anointing.

You are now touched deeply with those things which touch My heart as you were when you watched the Benny Hinn show on videotape and watched him teach and lead many to Me this morning.

I will continue to anoint you mightily since you have said "yes" to wanting that, and I will completely lead you where I want you to go and lead you to do all I want you to do from now on. You will not be afraid because you will stand on My Word. I will complete the mighty work that I began in you - to My glory.

DRAW WATER EACH DAY "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3) * * * * * * *

I have a unique relationship with each person who is Mine.

(Here I drew a drawing of an old fashioned brick well with a covered top and a large and a small dipper hanging from it)

You will draw water each day you come to your well from either the large or small dipper - whichever I give you. As you dip water and pour it into you, it will replace, refresh, and renew the water already in you (like any sick places).

We first will get you renewed inside (healed, made whole, well), then we will go on to other things.

Always start our time together with communion-a time of coming into My presence. I love you, and I want the chance to tell you every day (like a phone call) and that love will renew you faster than anything, and get you ready for whatever the day brings.

A DREAM

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I was getting ready to start as a freshman in high school and going through the preparations for the first day. I got assigned my locker number 119 and found it.

INTERPRETATION

As I begin a "new school of learning" on a higher level than elementary, I am found ready with a full measure of what is needed for this new school level.

Let us go on to greater things. A locker is the place where you store your supplies needed for the school days. In that locker you will store: fruitfulness, harvest, selflessness, not being able to do a thing without Me, depending entirely on Me, letting the harvest be Mine. Whatever comes it is to My glory, not yours.

A GOLDEN CENSOR

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I saw a censor being moved back and forth in a Catholic service on TV. This is what I was taught about it:

I am the golden (pure) censor. Jesus is the fire (burning coals inside it). The Holy Spirit is the air blown upon me to bring to my mind the prayers He wants to burn as incense upon the censor with fire, and send those prayers up to the Father's throne in heaven as a holy fragrance.

A DREAM OF A STORM COMING

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1. I was with a group of Christian women in fellowship/Bible study. We were excited about new Christians joining our group and other groups. Their children were playing outside the building. I could see them through the window.

Group represents the church, the bride of Christ. We are also His children in this scene. We meet together, we fellowship, we are excited about new Christians, we play (worship) and can be seen outside the building by the world and by us through spiritual eyes (window) 2. A storm was coming with lots of rain. The children played and danced in the rain or before the rain came. We were preparing to leave before it stormed anymore and were concerned about flooding and traffic problems to drive through. We discussed this.

A storm is coming and we are discussing it and how it will affect us. We anticipate flooding which means being overwhelmed by all the new people and situations it brings to us. This is also represented by the extra heavy traffic expected that we must drive through, live through. Increased ministry is also anticipated. We play and dance in the rain which refers to being joyful, worshiping and dancing. The rain is the latter rain mentioned in Scripture.

3. As we walked through the building (seemed like it was a church building) I tried to find my car keys. I thought they were in my small coin purse and had it out looking inside it. It was full of coins.

The church building may refer to the Bride of Christ we were walking with, the congregation. Looking for my keys means looking for knowledge, authority, wisdom, understanding, ability, or for Christ. I am trying to find the keys to my car which means my life, my ministry. The purse refers to the place of my treasure, my heart, my personal identity, the place of what is precious and valuable. It was full of coins, so full of treasure in heaven.

4. I dropped a coin and bent down to search for it. When I did, I found a \$.50 piece, a dime, and my own tiny coin (about half of dime size which had a dark area in the middle of it and looked somewhat like an eye). I also found my keys in the coin purse.

So I looked in my heart for the knowledge, for my life ministry during the flood. As I looked for the tiny coin (which looked like an eye when I drew it) and was my tiny piece of heavenly treasure, I not only found it but .50 and .10 as well.

My tiny coin represents my spiritual vision with which I see the spiritual world and Jesus, who is a treasure in heaven for me. The dime represents the measure for accepting me, along with the trials and tests used for this acceptance. The .50 represents my service/works being accepted (found).

As I look for my heavenly treasure for my life ministry and seek spiritual vision, I also find the measure for accepting my service which is to seek and follow Jesus. I seek and find it in the Church - Body of Christ. It's the key to my life ministry.

VISION AT THE GLORY SCHOOL HELD AT MY CHURCH

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At the Glory School session tonight we spent time "going into the spiritual realm" together. I wrote down the things I received during that time. In the picture that came to me my head was tilted back and I "knew" the "treasures of heaven" were being poured down into my forehead from above. I'm thinking the "treasures of heaven" are the "secrets of heaven."

I looked up Scriptures to learn more about the treasures of heaven:

"He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." (Isaiah 33:6)

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

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:2-3)

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession." (Deuteronomy 7:6)

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

"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." (Matt 13:52)

DREAM OF WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

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1. I was driving my car through a parking lot-driveway area. There were no other cars there. I think it was semi-dark. I got out of the car and walked through a river, carrying a closed umbrella in my right hand and something in my left hand, maybe a ball.

I was going through the Christian faith walk/way by myself and it was not too easy to see. I was led by the Spirit through the Word and was prepared for the coming rains, and grace and mercy were with me.

2. When I turned around to come back through the water toward the parking area, there were other people in the water, like a group of young men moving through the water. I tried to cross the water to go back to where my car was parked and got in the way of them and interrupted their progress as they bumped into me. But I got back, got out of the water and went to my car.

I made a turn in my life in the Spirit and encountered maybe angels where I moved and bumped into them, made contact with them. Then I left the water of life in the Spirit and went back to my ministry.

3. It was semi-dark then too. I put my stuff in the car and drove out. As I did, I realized the area I wanted to drive on was very narrow and near the edge of the driveway to the left of an obstruction, so I thought I would remember not to come that same way next time. It seemed like, as I drove, that I had forgotten to close the trunk of the car, so I had to stop and do that...or try to close it as I drove.

As I went to my ministry I was only able to see partly. The way I went was narrow and dangerous in that I could get off the road easily, and there was an obstruction to go around. I wanted to learn from this so I could miss those dangers the next time. The back or hidden part of my life/ministry was still open and I took steps to shut it.

4. I saw a pink flower, rather like a petunia but larger, that had a small something in the middle. I was told that was supposed to be my picture, but it didn't look like a person, just a shape, like maybe a rectangle, in the middle of this bloom.

I saw myself in my memory or past experience as a legalistic shaped gift in the flesh. This may refer to my association with the church in the past.

5. I was inside a tennis club and it seemed like a tournament was going on. Through the windows I could see the backs of lots of people who were evidently watching a tennis game, but I couldn't see the game through them. The room was open-topped and a tennis ball was hit so it came up and over into that room and fell on the floor near me. Someone came to get the ball. This was a revelation about people and what they were seeing. The game may represent playing or worship. This may refer to the things Patricia King told us about at the conference regarding seeing into the spiritual realm, and grace (ball) was being brought to where I stood watching.

This also could be a revelation about the great cloud of witnesses whose backs (referring to past time of living) I saw as they were "watching the game of life." The ball coming into my area may refer to "the ball's in your court now" since I'm alive now. Someone coming to get the ball may be someone coming to see what I will do with it or coming into the "now".

THE NEXT SEASON OF MY LIFE

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? ... I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise." (Isaiah 43:19-21)

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I am here, and I want to speak to you. I am preparing you for the next "phase" or season of your life. This next season will have a great and continual download or pouring out of treasures into your head and heart. These will be all the treasures found in Jesus Christ, the mysteries of heaven and plans for the earth and My people that are coming now, in this new season. I will give you a portion of that information to put in your books which you will continue to write from here on out until the end of your time on earth during this season of time.

You must set yourself apart unto Me daily as I lead you, every day that I say "yes" I want you to set yourself apart with Me. I will show you what to do with what I give you. Assume it is for writing in your books, and assume it is for praying through what I show you. If there is more to do with the information, I will show you that too. Know this is coming and don't be surprised when it comes. Just know I am doing it and it is from Me, not you, or some other source. It's the source that's important, right?

I have cleaned you and cleaned you and made you very sensitive to not judging others. You are clean before Me now, and quite open and vulnerable, as your dream indicated, to the things hidden because they are coming from your back. You are now open to Me in a new way. I didn't give you much revelation Saturday night at the Glory School because I wanted you to focus only on the downloading/pouring of treasures into you. We will expand on that theme many times in the coming time. I love you, and I am excited, as you are, about what's coming next. I paid for what is coming, and I am eager to see it manifested...much more than you are. I have made you open and ready to receive and participate. You will, but you will communicate yours in your books.

Why? Because I have a plan and purpose for those books and that information. Do not worry about it or doubt it. Just trust that I know what I am doing, and follow Me. I will show you only one step at a time. If I showed you more, you might try to bring it about yourself, and I don't want you to do that. I will bring it about. I know what's best for you and how you function best because I created you that way and prepared you to be that way. Trust Me.

Dreams will be a part of what I show you. Keep writing them out and letting Me interpret them. Pictures, impressions, and visions will also be used with you. Keep alert for them and write them down too. Write, write, write, for Me.

You made a great leap forward into My plans for you by attending the Glory School. Much was imparted into you there. You don't know it, but I know it. Just assume it since I am telling you this. And watching Paul Keith Davis and John Paul Jackson (on video) was helpful too... much imparting into you.

THE WEDDING DREAM

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1. I was to sing a solo at a wedding. I had a copy of the music that I used to practice. It was a hymn. At the wedding, as I got up to sing, I couldn't find the music and couldn't remember what to sing without the music. I had a magazine about the size of *Guideposts* in my hands, and looked and looked for the music in it, but couldn't find it there. I just stood there, embarrassed, because I couldn't sing.

I haven't sung my song yet that's part of the wedding. I haven't finished yet the song/work project I am to finish and "perform/do" before the wedding ceremony is completed. It has to do with Guideposts, which represents writing stories about real events in the life of Christians. I haven't gotten my song/stories yet in a publication for others to read. I couldn't sing because I didn't know the "song" yet by memory - some of it hasn't even happened yet to know it. But I am to sing it eventually.

2. It seemed like I was the planner for the wedding or somehow helped arrange it. I saw 2 men sitting there doing nothing. It seemed like it was the groom on the right of the father and the father on the groom's left. I asked them if they had already seen the guests leave, and had said goodbye, so it seemed like they got up and went out to see. The two men are the Father and the Son waiting for the completion of the wedding and greeting their guests then. They are still waiting in their chairs/seats in heaven until the wedding is completed or ready to begin.

3. Then a whole group of people began to line up to go by the bride and see her. I found some pictures that belonged to the wedding couple and found my music with the pictures. I walked up to the woman who seemed like she might be the mother of the bride to tell her, and she just put her face/head toward her left and refused to look at me or acknowledge me, so I figured she was angry because I couldn't sing my solo (but I only supposed that).

Many people will come to "see" the Bride and see what's happening/happened to her. The "mother" of the Bride is the institutional church where the Bride came from, but this institutional church turned her head and wouldn't look at me while the Bride was being looked upon at the wedding or pre-wedding line up. She didn't want to see the pictures (past experiences) and music/song (the worship/what the Bride sang or was prepared to sing at the wedding). The institutional church was angry or gave that impression and didn't want to see the pictures or past experiences of the Bride/Groom and the song they had.

PROVISION AND HEALING

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The spirit of poverty is now broken off of you and the spirit of sickness is also now broken off of you, as you stood and asked for that at the Glory School, and I gave that freedom to you. Receive it from Me.

You will soon have money coming which you can use to pay back Beth for your part of her household expenses. You will soon have money to help support the ministries you desire to support that you listed in your mind this past weekend.

Expect sickness not to come anymore and expect old sicknesses to gradually fade away into health.

Healing Scriptures to stand on:

(Malachi 4:2 TLB) "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture."

(Isaiah 53:5 TLB) "But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed--and we were healed!

(Psalm 107:20 KJV) "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Expect provision to come to you soon from unknown/unexpected places. Receive them from Me with joy and thanksgiving.

Provision Scriptures to stand on:

(Phil. 4:19 KJV) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(Proverbs 8:21 NKJV) "That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries."

(Deuteronomy 28:8 NIV) "The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you."

(Isaiah 45:3 NIV) "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name."

CHOOSING JESUS

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I want to give you My architecture designs for the end time church - both the whole church and yours specifically. Everyone who is listening to Me is getting the same message: go to the lost and tell them about Me. It's that simple.

- *Have you heard about Jesus and who He is?*
- *He's the Son of God.*
- *He loves you.*
- *He came to earth as a man and gave His life for you, in your place, to pay the penalty for your sins.*
- The penalty for your sins is to die and go to hell. Jesus did that, in your place, so you could live in heaven with Him.
- This gift of living in heaven with Him is called eternal life.
- It's a free gift, but you have to choose it by believing in Him and what He did for you.
- Do you want to choose it?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth and died in your place for your sins?

• *Then ask Him right now to come into your heart and live in you.*

MY POWER OVER THE ENEMY

"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." (Luke 10:19)

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I was in the kitchen of my home and suddenly God opened up a revelation to me about the enemy and my power over him. God showed me the idea of a little ant on the floor and my smashing it with my shoe. He revealed to me that my authority over the enemy was like smashing that ant.

JOYCE'S STORY

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"He sent forth his word and healed them." (Psalm 107:20)

SHE SENT FORTH GOD'S WORD

Joyce, my sister, found out she had a pre-cancerous tumor on her pancreas and went through major surgery on February 2004. She had a portion of her pancreas removed at that time and had a slow, but steady, recovery after that time. Four months after her pancreas surgery her doctor ordered a blood test. That first test showed her "diabetic" count at 6.3 (6.5 was diabetic). She was told that diet and exercise wouldn't affect her results, as it was happening because of the trauma to her body caused by the surgery.

The doctor told her that her pancreas was producing insulin, but her body cells weren't utilizing it to deal with the sugars. She was told not to eat desserts and only a little chocolate occasionally. Joyce followed that faithfully, even through Thanksgiving and Christmas. The doctor put her on Actos and told her that she would probably have to increase the amount gradually.

Joyce had received a copy of Ruth Shinness' book titled *Prayer Strategy Resouce Book* which gives testimony to how to unlock the heavens by praying God's Word. Ruth teaches "how the average anybody can fine tune their prayer life with Scriptural skills, so the heavens will burst forth into the blessings Jesus already died to give them...Ruth's way of prayer activates heaven, so it is not you doing the work, but Jesus working His will in and through you. It is like you are going along for the ride and being amazed at every turn as He unfolds His

goodness He has always wanted to give you."¹⁰

Her next blood test was eight months after the surgery and her "diabetic count" was 6.4 that time...even a bit higher than the previous count. After this second blood test showing 6.4 Joyce picked up the book by Ruth and thought she would try what Ruth taught about. Joyce would say those Scriptures (and declare them as accomplished positive statements) for healing, maybe four or five of those printed in the book, each day. She didn't always say the same ones, but varied them. She would try to do this each morning. And during the day she would repeat them as she thought of them. The one that meant the most for her was "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Exodus 23:25 KJV) She included "sickness and disease" in the middle of it.

Joyce had no particular sense of anything different going on inside her body. But one thing she discovered was that it made her realize that "it was all Him" and "nothing of me or my efforts" was involved. She just said the words, believing they were true. She came to a point that she "knew" her healing was happening. That may have come at the point where her eyes, which had been blurry for a long time due to this problem, weren't getting blurry anymore.

She kept praying the healing Scriptures daily for the four months. Then, on her last blood test in February 2005, her diabetic count was back to normal at 5.6 (normal is 4.8-6.0). The only thing she had done differently was praying the Scriptures a few minutes each day. She would definitely call this one of *His Marvelous Deeds!* As she shared this testimony in her Sunday School class and with friends and family, several people wanted a copy of the book.* Joyce thanks the Lord for giving her this answer and that it was evident so fast!

"As the rain and snow come down from heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth..., so also is my word. I send it out and it always produces fruit." (Isaiah 55:10-11 TLB)

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SCRIPTURES FOR COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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When you are going through difficult times, pray these Scriptures over yourself and declare them as truth.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"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)

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

"We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens - always full of the joy of the Lord." (Colossians 1:11 TLB)

"...for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

"A heart at peace gives life to the body." (Proverbs 14:30)

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." (Isaiah 26:3)

"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)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal 5:22)

"For he himself is our peace." (Ephesians 2:14)

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." (Colossians 3:15)

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

"The light of the righteous shines brightly." (Proverbs 3:9)

"They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony." (Revelation 12:11)

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1)

"For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:6)

"He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." (Proverbs 2:7-8)

"Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others." (1 Timothy 4:16)

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love." (Psalm 33:18)

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." (Isaiah 40:29)

"'No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,' declares the Lord." (Isaiah 54:17)

SCRIPTURES ON HEALING

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He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you." (Exodus 15:26)

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. (Psalm 30:2)

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. (Psalm 103:2-3)

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them. (Psalm 107:19-20)

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:7-8)

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; For they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. (Jeremiah 17:14)

But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. (Malachi 4:2)

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17: 20-21)

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:15)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord... (Jeremiah 30:17)

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him. (Acts 3:16)

The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness. (Psalm 41:3)

I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security. (Jeremiah 33:6)

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

"He sent forth his word and healed them." (Psalm 107:20)

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 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)

The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things.! I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. (Psalm 118:16-17)

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. (John 6:63)

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

"I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Exodus 23:25 KJV)

A DREAM

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I had a dream where I was in a room with a very high dome-like ceiling. The upper part from about my shoulder level up was white, but many people were painting it a peachy color over the white. From the shoulder level down it was pale green. I saw flies flying around in the room and kept seeing more and more flies. Sometimes I'd see a fly very near my right eye, and I would brush it away as quickly as possible. I saw a bird about the size of a robin, but thinner, with a long beak, fly up in the air catching flies. It seemed there were hundreds of flies but only one bird.

Maybe the high dome-like room represents where I live right now with a dining room and living room which are about 2 stories high. The white part may represent purity while the peachy color may refer to prosperity and wealth being put on top of the white by many people. The green refers to life, mortal. The flies represent something unclean, corruption, nuisance. The bird might represent Spirit: Holy Spirit. My eye may represent desire (good or evil) or the window to the soul. Right represents natural. Maybe this is a warning dream to watch for things which might cause a nuisance like flies which come when the prosperity comes and they try to distract me. The Holy Spirit will be in the midst of that atmosphere getting rid of the nuisances.

In a thought which came several days later the Holy Spirit said:

Those who reject what you display (in your life and books) will be like those

flies in the earlier dream...flies being a nuisance in the atmosphere of your living area, even while the wealth and prosperity cover you. Don't expect to be highly regarded by all. Know that some will accept and be blessed, and some will reject and be judged by Me. But I will be glorified by what you display before others in your books, and I am greatly pleased with them. Keep going in My Name!

SHARE YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness." (Matthew 25:21)

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I am especially impressed with the last sentence of this Scripture that I hadn't focused on much before. I feel like the Lord is drawing my attention to it today. How do I "come and share my master's happiness?" He says:

1. By coming to heaven and living with Me.

2. By drawing into My presence and experiencing the joy of My presence.

3. By letting Me tell you, share with you, the secret desires of My heart and joys I experience of My day. Ask me that. What are the secret desires of My heart and joys of My day? Then pray for them and about them.

THE LORD APPEARED "The Lord appeared to Abraham." (Genesis 18:1)

I have "appeared" to you today, in this Quiet Time, as I "appeared" to Abraham then - in a form you were able and ready to receive Me. To him this was in the form of a man, and to you speaking through My Spirit directly into your spirit and mind. I appear in the way the person is able and ready to receive Me. In his culture he did what fit and showed Me respect and honor. In your culture and age I come in your Quiet Time in My Holy Spirit form.

BRING YOU TO THE LAND

"I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land ... I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord." (Exodus 6:6-8)

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Consider that yoke the yoke of debt. I will do this for you - free you from being a slave to debt. You will see and know My arm has been outstretched and will see My mighty acts of judgment. Judgment comes when I have given enough time and opportunities to "repent or perish" and the person is of no further use to Me in My Kingdom work. I take you as Mine. There will be no doubt in your mind but that I have done this judgment and redeeming you, because I am showing you this ahead of time - before it happens. I have shown you this two days in a row now to establish before you that this is set...it is determined...it will happen and not be averted.

What is this land, this possession?

In the natural:

- Debts paid off
- Money to live on each month so you can freely serve me with all your time
- A place to live in peace and quiet
- Friends
- A place of ministry
- A car and other possessions as needed
- Freedom from dealing with money
- Money to give me and money to give others
- Money to buy clothes, fix your car, travel, buy gifts for others, etc.

In the spiritual

- Healing for self and others
- Intercession that's effective
- *Revival for self and others*
- *Harvest for me, being a part of the final harvest*
- *Victory in battle spiritually*
- *Ability to "see" and "know" the battle*
- Overcomer and its rewards
- *Rapture from earth, not dying*
- Wisdom, revelation, knowledge, insight, prophecy, discernment
- *Ministry to others that's effective and produces fruit that lasts, seeing this quickly*

PASSOVER

"Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" (Exodus 12:24-27)

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There had to be a day before Passover, an actual time of Passover, and an actual time (day) when the Israelites left Egypt - a day after Passover. Passover is judgment. Judgment upon some people, and, at the same time, provision for the needs of other people. At the first Passover I judged the Egyptians, especially Pharaoh and his gods. He represents Satan and his demons. At the Passover when Jesus died, I also judged Satan and his demons and won complete victory over them. They are doomed to perish. At the same time, I blessed My chosen people, even as I blessed and freed from slavery the Israelites, My chosen people at that point in time.

Now the Church is My chosen people, the new Israel. I blessed them, and freed them from slavery to Satan at the point of My death, My "Passover time." My life was given as the sacrificial lamb without blemish for the freeing of My people, My bride, My church, you. Now you are free of slavery - by faith in My finished work.

WHAT HE IS ABOUT TO DO

"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)

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"God's word to the prophet was 'Tell the people: This is what I have been doing. This is what I am doing right now. This is what I am about to do. Then call them to respond.""¹¹

After reading that I asked the Lord: What are You about to do, Lord? And He said:

In the World: bring judgment and the harvest

In My Church: renew her, revive her, cleanse her, get rid of every spot and wrinkle...then use her to accomplish My purposes...then rapture her.

In your life: keep cleansing you, changing your attitudes and thought processes, keep growing you into the character of My Son, keep providing for you. You will be prepared for a mighty ministry I have planned for you. All this (what I'm going through now) is to get you ready.

OVERCOMING

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him...Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37:7, 9) * * * * * * * *

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The Holy Spirit says that receiving the manifestation of what "inheriting the earth" means is a <u>process</u> which has now begun. I will see it come into being gradually as this process continues. It means that through waiting on the Lord (resting) and trusting in Him, a process of "overcoming" has taken place - like spoken of in Revelation. I'm being led to write down here the fruits or consequences of <u>overcoming</u> as mentioned in Revelation:

Eat from the tree of life

"...the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7)

Tree of life

"On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." (Revelation 22:2)

The fruit of the Spirit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Leaves = healing.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." (Revelation 22:14)

They get to "inherit the land" of the city of God.

Not be hurt by the second death

"He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death." (Revelation 2:11b)

Hidden manna, white stone with a new name

"To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it." (Revelation 2:17)

Manna = Jesus, the Bread of Life (John 6:49-51). Hidden = only overcomers get to know. He says you will become like what you eat from, what you look at, what you behold. Eat from the manna of Jesus and become like Him. Eat from the tree of life and take on its characteristics: the 12 fruit it bears monthly and the healing in its leaves. Jesus is Life, so eating from this tree gives me Him, His Life. The new name is what I will be-as He created me to be.

Authority, morning star

"To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star." (Revelation 2:26-28)

He says, "I will give you authority in the kingdom because you are an overcomer, and I will give you understanding about that authority. The Morning Star is Myself. I give you Myself! And that Star is brightly shining - so you will shine brightly in My kingdom.

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

Pillar, God's name on me, name of city on me, Jesus' new name on me "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name." (Revelation 3:12)

Sit with Jesus on His throne

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne." (Revelation 3:21)

YOUR OWN JOURNAL AND PRAYER TIME *****

An article in *Guideposts* magazine¹² by John Sherrill called "Pencil in Hand" gives a good description of how I approach the Lord in my Quiet Times when writing my journals. I will share parts of that article in case you want to try this also.

In the story John tells how a friend of his shared about a surprising way to pray and asked him to try it. His friend gave him a pencil and a legal-sized yellow pad to use. His friend told him to imagine himself sitting on a bench with Jesus, alone, and Jesus invites him to talk to Him about anything that is on his heart -- and to write down what he said to Jesus. Then he was to listen to Jesus' response and record it also on the yellow pad.

John said he experimented with this technique, so unlike his usual prayer approach. So he said, "Well, Lord, here I am," and he wrote on the first line of his yellow pad, that

what was on his mind was not very spiritual, but he was worried about their old car breaking down on a trip they were soon to take. He waited and listened, then wrote down what he thought he heard. He heard from the Lord that his concern was a greater one than the car, and the Lord told him what it really was. Back and forth the dialogue went on many subjects.

But he wondered if he was really hearing from God or were these his own thoughts. He had been given two yardsticks for measuring anything he heard:

- 1. Were the responses in keeping with the personality of Jesus?
- 2. Were the responses consistent with Scripture?

He was advised to check with a trusted and experienced Christian friend if he still had doubts.

John concluded by saying he still dialogues in the early morning. He "prays with his pencil." He said, "My sessions now extend beyond strictly personal matters...to include daily thanksgivings and intercessions, and pleas for simple guidance. And never before in my life have I felt so close, so connected to God in prayer."

So you, my readers, might take pencil and paper in your hands and sit down with Jesus. Tell Him what is on your heart, listen for His response, and write it all down. Keep these records as your journal and read back over them periodically. You, too, might find this a surprisingly effective way to pray and find you are feeling closer and more connected to God.

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