

One Word from You

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About *One Word*

It started with my heart's cry. Life had thrown one thing after another at me and I found myself having to speak His promises over my soul. My first devotional came out in that battle cry moment. *Mighty* was my declaration. Then came forth more of the desire in my heart ... to be filled with *light*.

That was the condition of my heart as I launched into yet another fast to begin my new year. I knew that, for this year, I needed something different. I had never found myself as a Christian in a place quite like this. So, my simple request to God was to begin my year with a feast, rather than a fast, based on the Scripture.

I asked God if, each night, He would give me just one word that I could focus on the entire next day. What follows in these pages was His overwhelming response. One day at a time, one word at a time, I journeyed into the heart of God. I pray that this journey blesses you beyond measure.

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God, I can't handle any more. Just when I think I've been hit so hard that I will surely fall, I get hit again. I know it's Satan, the thief, whose plan is to steal, kill, and destroy. I know he is prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I know these things. When it's against others, I am able to encourage them, strengthen them, and offer them wisdom and strength. But right now, it's me.

I'm weary of the battle, Lord. I'm doing my best, as your Word says to not grow weary in doing what is right. I can't fight this battle any more, Lord. I'm giving this battle to you. You are mighty to save. This battle is yours, Lord.

I am at your feet, ready to rest in knowing that you are my shield, my comfort, my tower of refuge and strength. Today, I will rest in you while you fight my battles and conquer my enemy. He is under my feet.

Have you ever had so many things come against you that it just seemed impossible to be able to stand in the trenches of battle any longer? You've been beat up, beat down, knocked out, and left for dead. That is the perfect time to stop fighting in your own strength, give God your battles, rest, and watch how He does things.

We can rest and trust in God. He is much more able than we are to fight the battles we face. He alone can conquer our enemy and bring us to a place of true victory. God is ready, willing, and able to fight for us. Lay it down and don't pick it back up.

LIGHT

Send forth the light

Send forth your light and your truth. Let them guide me. Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. How can a light grow dim?

Your Word—not the words of others, not the words of the world—Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Light my path, Lord.

I believe that every good and perfect gift is from you and comes down from you, Father of lights. In you there is no fickleness or shadow of turning. I am a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people. I will show forth your praises, for you alone called me out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

Thank you that you are the light of the world and that a city on a hill cannot be hidden. Let it be Your light that shines before men, that they may see my good works, bringing you the glory.

You said if we walk in the light as You are in the light, we have fellowship with one another. Your blood cleanses us from all of our sin. Cleanse us, Lord. Guide us, Lord. Reveal new and wonderful things to us about You. Thank you that—as people sit in great darkness and in the regions and even shadows of death—light springs up. For the light shines in darkness and the darkness does not comprehend it.

Thank you for waking me from my slumber—raising me from the dead and giving me life. Let me be your lampstand.

BELIEVE

Is anything too difficult for Me?

If you have been looking at your circumstances and have become overwhelmed by the magnitude of them, then you are looking in the wrong direction. Look at Me! Walk by faith and not by sight. Focus on things above, not beneath.

In your own strength, or by relying upon the strength of anything other than Me, you will grow weary in the battle. For with man, this is impossible, but with Me, all things are possible.

I have not forgotten about you. I am not disappointed or frustrated with you. I love you. Do not be consumed by lies. Do not let the shouts of your enemy muffle out the whispers of My truth over you. You are My child. I have great plans for you. It is My desire that you be free.

It's time to let go of all these things that are holding you back. My burden is light and My yoke is easy. If you want peace of mind, you must fix your mind on Me. In Me you will find strength and the hope of your future. In Me alone is the abundant life that you were designed to live.

My grace is sufficient, My mercies fresh each morning. Bring your whole life, each piece of baggage, every heavy weight, and I will free you up to live. Dance, rejoice, and celebrate simply because you are Mine. I will never leave you nor forsake you. And if I am for you, who can be against you?

LISTEN

Do you hear Me?

Hear My voice! Listen. I whisper in a still calm voice. I speak to you in the stillness of your spirit. In the secret, in the quiet place, I meet with you. In the stillness, I am there. Won't you join Me?

I long to spend time with you! Please come away, My beloved. I'm waiting and longing to show you beautiful things. Take a small walk with Me. Share yourself with Me, your innermost parts. Stop hiding and trying to fix these things that you despise on your own. You need Me. You were created to need Me. Seek Me and you will find Me. Seek Me with your whole heart.

That longing you feel is for Me, for My presence. The emptiness you experience comes when you try to fill the void with anything other than Me. All that is in the earth is temporary, fading. It cannot keep you like I can. Nothing can sustain, protect, provide, and satisfy like My love for you.

Stop visiting Me for brief moments of distress, then accusing Me of not being there for you. I am always here for you. I am your ever present help in time of need. I desire more than an occasional visit. Build your heart's home in My presence. Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you.

In My presence is fullness of joy. And My joy is your strength. Listen! Do you hear Me? My sheep hear My voice and follow after it. Listen, I am calling. ... Come away, My beloved!

LOVE

Without love, it is nothing! With My love, it is everything.

My child, I love you. I truly *love* you. I love you in a way that you seldom experience in any other place. I love you with an everlasting love. But loving you is not just something I do. My love is not something that you can add to by trying to earn or increase it, nor take away from or lose it. Love is not something I do. It's who I am. I am love. I have never loved you any more than I will at this moment. I will never love you any less. My love is full and complete. Love is My being.

You must learn to be sure of My love. Rest in My love. Trust in My love. Gain a better understanding of My love. My love is what drives Me to do all that I do for you. My love is what sent My Son to you and then required My Son to be sacrificed for you. My love is so strong that I deeply desire a relationship with you. I am not simply the everlasting, eternal God who is waiting for you to die in order to experience your salvation. I provided salvation so that you could live an abundant life *now*, with Me as your focus, with Jesus as your way, your truth, and your life.

What can My love not endure? Neither mountains nor heavens, angels nor demons can separate you from My love. My love compels you to be passionate and compassionate toward others. My love fills you with the grace and mercy you need to endure and to thrive *every day*. My love overflowing in you is a fountain that I have provided to refresh not only you but others. For as you refresh others, you will be refreshed. As My love blesses you, you are blessed to be a blessing. You are blessed so abundantly that you cannot contain it. Don't try to contain it. Pour it all over the earth. Everywhere you go, let love be your leading step. If you did all things, without love it would all be worthless.

My love determined your value. Not your works. Not your talents or gifts. Not your strivings and ambitions. I determined your value by the price I was willing to pay for you. I paid the highest price. I gave Jesus' life. That is the price that was paid. That is what determined your value. I did this all because I *love* you.

If you want to understand how deep and how wide this love is for you, simply spend time with Me. Don't try to figure it out because your mind cannot comprehend it. If you want to see it, look all around you. Look in the creation that I provided for you. Look at the colors in the sky, the power of the raging oceans, the twinkle in your child's eye, the zeal that drives you to sacrifice all in order to see others be set free ... *that* is what My love looks like. The mountains that rise above all else, the trees and flowers that grow and stretch toward Me, worshipping *Me*, the air you breathe, the birds that sing their melodious songs to you, *there* I am—there.

That silent strength that carried you through the toughest times in your life ... *that, that* was My *love* for you. That source and supply will never leave you. I do not change. I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. My love is endless. My love is all-inclusive. My *love* is pursuing. My *love* is yours for the taking. Take *Me*—choose *Me*. I am *love*. I have so much more for you.

GIVE

Your life is not your own. Give it away!

Give—what a word! It's a word I love. In all I do, I am giving. I have created you to be a giver too. There are so many promises I have laid aside for you that are released with a condition. I promise that I will do something as you do something. Give and it will come back to you—pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

I gave My Son as the forgiveness of your sins, the atonement, and the sacrificial lamb. I give out of My love. I give you every good and perfect gift. I give you life everlasting. I give you hope, peace, joy, comfort, provision, and protection. I *give*. I give myself to you as you grow in the fruit of the Spirit so your actions and your relationships will be a wellspring of life for *you* and those all around you.

I've given you gifts and talents. These gifts are not just so that you can feel good about yourself. In My grace, I chose you even before you were born. I called you to serve Me. I want you to *give* to others the great gift that I've placed in you, for their benefit and My glory.

Your calling is a gift from Me. I saved you then called you to My holy work. This was not your idea but Mine. This gift of giving, a life of service, was prepared for you in Jesus, long before you knew anything about it.

I created you, saved you, called you, gifted you, authorized you, commanded you and prepared you. I need you and am holding you accountable for your ministry. I have rewards set aside for you that are released simply through your ability to minister to others.

You are among My chosen ones, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people—My instrument doing My work, speaking out for Me, telling others the difference I have made in your life.

I called you from the ends of the earth so you can serve Me. I did not throw you away. I saved you. Do not fear, for I am with you. I will uphold you with My victorious right hand. Do not look at your lack and decide that you do not have enough to give. All that I have is yours.

Give what I have, not what you have. I provide seed to the sower. I give seed so you can plant it, watch it grow, and yield a return on your investment. I love a cheerful giver. If you sow sparingly, you will reap sparingly. Sow generously and watch, wait, and see that you will not be able to outgive Me.

I promise you, child: *Give. Give. Give.* Give and it will come back to you. Give unto Me. Give to others. Give of yourself. Give your life to Me and in return, I will give My life to you. You will not regret the exchange. I promise.

JOY

Dedicated to Hayley

Oh, My child. Joy is so much more than just a gift I give you or a feeling you feel. My joy comes from a deep well within your spirit. The joy I give gushes forth from a heart that is content and a mind that has a heavenly perspective on matters of life.

My joy is your strength. In My presence, you *will* find fullness of joy. There is no other place with a greater amount of joy. Fire comes out of My presence, consuming all that you've laid on the altar. When you see, hear, feel, and experience My presence, you will shout for joy.

Stop being content to simply pursue knowledge of My Word. Get to know *Me*. Joy comes from relationship with Me. I desire relationship, not religion. Religion produces bondage. Joy is a fruit of My Spirit. Without My Spirit, you will not know deep joy.

Make a joyful noise. Celebrate all I've done for you. Be joyful and glad in your heart for all the good things I've done. Stop relying on external circumstances for your source of joy. Remember, in this world you will have tribulation. You must learn to count it *all* joy, and even give thanks for your misfortunes and trials. No, they are not pleasurable, but they produce patience. Increased faith and patience carry you through the painful times. Those times endure only for a moment. Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Come, sing for joy; shout aloud to the Rock of your salvation. With joy, draw fresh living water. Wake up to Me. Wake up with Me on your mind. Wake up and spend your time with Me. Remain in My presence and have fullness of joy.

THIRST

Come to the well

My child, there is no reason you should feel empty, tired, or discontented. I created you with an insatiable desire that is only quenched by things of Me. You are craving the wrong things if you are looking to be satisfied by anything other than intimacy with Me. I satisfy the thirsty and fill the hungry with good things. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

I will refresh you when you are weary and satisfy you when you grow faint. You must learn to rest in Me for this refreshing. Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become a spring of water that wells up to eternal life. If you are thirsty, come to Me and drink.

I am doing something new for you. It is springing forth. Are you aware of it? I will make a roadway in your wilderness place, even rivers in the desert. The dry seasons of your life need not last if you thirst for Me and My living water. I bring you to green pastures where you can rest and be replenished. I lead you beside still waters so your soul can find rest and refreshment. You run yourself ragged in your busyness, striving, worrying, and leaning on your own understanding. My thoughts and ways are higher than yours. Come up higher to find satisfaction for your thirst.

Come thirsty; I will refresh. Come thirsty; I will replenish. Come thirsty; I will restore. Come thirsty; I will revive. Come to the well. Meet Me there. I will fill your bucket to overflowing. I will send you home splashing over with living water.

PEACE

Settle your mind. Sit down and allow My peace to settle the matters that have made you uneasy. Come to Me when you are heavily burdened and I will give you rest. When you take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, you will experience peace and find rest for your soul.

My peace I give to you; My peace I leave with you—not as the world gives, so don't let your heart be troubled or afraid. The peace I have transcends all understanding and it will guard your heart and mind. I will keep you in perfect peace as you fix your mind on Me and you trust in Me.

My kingdom is full of righteousness and peace and joy in My Holy Spirit. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Pursue what makes for peace and builds others up. Aim for restoration, comfort others, agree with others, live in peace, and My love and peace will be with you. A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace when you make peace.

To set your mind on the flesh is death. Set it on My Spirit, for life and peace. I have not called you to be enslaved, but to live *at peace, in peace, by peace*.

My Son is the Prince of Peace. Let His peace rule in your heart and be thankful. He makes His face shine upon you and is gracious to you; He turns His face toward you and gives you peace. He will give you peace at all times and in every way. You will lie down and sleep in peace as He alone makes you dwell in safety. Here, in this place, grace and peace will be multiplied to you.

POWER

Flip the switch!

Dedicated to Michelle—a warrior princess

Why do you believe the lie that you can't do things? You think that you can't finish what you started. That you can't conquer those things holding you bound. That you can't see restoration in your relationships. That you can't be the person I created you to be. That you can't accomplish what I've called you to do.

My grace is sufficient for you. My power is made perfect in your weakness. You can do all things through the power I give you in My Son. Be strong in Him and in the power of His might.

I did not create you to live a powerless life. I have created you to be power-full—full of My power. I must break the pride you have in your own power. Your power cannot do for you what Mine does. Power belongs to Me, and I give it to you. You experience only the outskirts of My ways. You hear a small whisper from Me. But the thunder of My power, who can understand? It is too much for you to bear all at once. You experience My power in pieces, although it is fully available to you. The same power that resurrected My Son from the cross lives inside of you.

I loved your ancestors, chose you to be their descendant, and brought you out with My presence and great power. When you were a prisoner and your groans came before Me, I preserved you according to My great power. I did not let you die. You live to show My power, so that My name resounds throughout the earth.

Just as I create with My spoken word, so you create with your words, because of My power in you. You have the power of life and death in your tongue. Your tongue has the power to steer your life and the lives of others, like the rudder of a ship, filled with power. Use the power I have made available to expand My kingdom. I have given you the power to perform miracles, to drive out demons and to prove that My kingdom has come to you. My power is available to you at all times. I love to fill you with My power so that you can fulfill My purposes. Flip the switch. My power is on!

RESTORE

What do you have that needs to be restored? How much time have you spent with Me regarding that broken area of your life? Not just crying to Me about it, but asking Me My opinion, asking Me for the solution, asking Me for the wisdom that will allow you to see Me restore. When your soul has plunged into distress, I restore. When you are exhausted, weary, troubled, anxious, worn down with care and toil, I restore. I bring back your vigor. I encourage your spirit. I excite it to new effort and fill it with joy. I cause My life to return to you. I cause you to live a fully restored life.

When I restore, things are converted, revived, transformed and refreshed. I will restore health to you and I will heal your wounds. I will restore your sense of security from being cast out and rejected. Your times of lack, being impoverished, even destitute—I will restore those areas. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locusts have eaten. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise My name for dealing wondrously with you. You shall never again be put to shame. I can restore your fortunes and give you twice as much as you had before.

Do not fear. Count on Me to restore you. A bruised reed I will not break, and a faintly burning wick I will not quench. I will faithfully bring forth justice. You will not grow faint nor be discouraged. I establish justice in the earth. When you need restoration, let Me be your hiding place. I will protect you from trouble and surround you with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with My loving eye on you. My unfailing love surrounds those who trust in Me.

I long to restore the joy of your salvation. Remember the feelings of those early days when I was your first love? When your life was devoted to the things of Me and the simplicity of praising Me, getting to know Me? When feeling My presence was your ultimate desire? Return to that place. Come, be restored in your relationship with Me. You are My chosen one, in whom My soul delights. I have put My spirit upon you. Therefore you walk in restoration power.

Come, now is the time. I have been wanting to restore you for so long. All that is in your life can be restored as you go from glory to glory in Me. I can purge your life, the sin you live, the wounds of your soul. I can wash you and make you whiter than snow. I will revive and restore you again from the many troubles and calamities you've experienced. From the depths of the earth I will bring you up again. I will increase your greatness and comfort you again.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for I am with you wherever you go. I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?

FREEDOM

I've given you all that you need to be free!

You were called for freedom. It was for freedom that Christ set you free. Stand fast and do not get entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

I sent My Son to be an example for you to follow. It's in knowing Him, allowing Him to rule and reign in your heart, that you will be set free. In Him, you will come to know truth that produces freedom. When He sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Be filled with My Spirit. For where My Spirit is, there is freedom. In Me, you are free to live an abundant life. Walk by My Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of your flesh. Many things are permissible, but not all things are profitable. There's a wide road that leads to death, but it's the narrow road I desire for you. That narrow road leads to life. A life of freedom!

Though I may give you lots of liberty, do not let your liberties be someone else's stumbling block. Consider your example to others. It is better to live without room for accusation. Challenge the motivations behind those things that suck you in and then pull you down. Examine your ways and test them. Will your ways bring life or death? Freedom or bondage? Since I will never leave you nor forsake you, you can come to Me at any time for a way of escape from temptations.

In Me, you are free of condemnation, fear, hopelessness and discouragement. You've been longing for and praying for freedom. I've already given all you need to be free. Just follow Me.

HOPE

I know the plans that I have for you. They are plans of a future and of hope. It's crucial that you do not lose hope, for hope deferred makes the heart sick. The secret to not getting heartsick is Christ, your only hope of glory.

When you are poor, I put you back on your feet again. I rekindle your burned-out lives with fresh hope and restore dignity and respect to your life. A word from Me will secure your stumbling feet and bring fresh hope when you are about to collapse.

I am far higher than you can imagine, far deeper than you can comprehend. I stretch farther than earth's horizons, wider than the endless ocean. Set your heart on Me, reach out to Me. I can help you forget your troubles; they'll be like old faded photographs. I will wash your world with sunshine, dispersing every shadow. I will fill you with hope. You'll relax, confident again. You'll look around, sit back, and take it easy.

The mere sound of My name signals hope, even among far-off unbelievers. I will fill you up with joy and peace. Your believing life, filled with the life-giving energy of My Spirit, will brim over with hope. Share the hope I give you. Pitch your tent in the land of hope. Be glad from the inside out. Be ecstatic. Keep Me before you at all times so that nothing can shake you. I'm right by your side. Walk in My hope!

Glory

My child, don't complicate matters. Do not keep expecting your life to go from mess to glory. It is to go from glory to glory. Partner with Me so that you will have a message, not just a mess. Do not try to fix this on your own. I am a shield for you, your glory and the lifter of your head. Exalt Me, and let My glory be over all the earth. My glory fills the earth in My temple. You are a temple—a temple of My Holy Spirit. So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to My glory.

Do not walk in condemnation when you do not hit the mark. Know that all have sinned and fall short of My glory. It is My desire that you may abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness—right standing with Me and right doing. Though you may fall seven times, seven times shall you rise up again.

You are anointed, through Christ, to do this. My power gives you everything necessary to live a life of godliness. In knowing Me, you will have full understanding that I have called you by and to My glory and excellence. This brings Me honor and praise and My glory is both manifested and recognized. Declare My glory among the nations. Share My marvelous works with everyone you come in contact with—in love, not religion. And remember, you are My marvelous work too.

REMEMBER

My child, do you remember? Think. Whatever is pure, good, praiseworthy, notable—think on these things and remember all that I've done. Know this; I'm not yet finished. Remember every word that I've ever spoken over you. Remember every promise that I've given you in My Word, for in Me, they are Yes and Amen.

Remember that I know the plans I have for you. Even when you forget or choose to ignore them, I remember. Remember that every good and perfect gift comes from Me. Remember that you wear a robe of righteousness and that it is My desire that you be holy, as I am holy.

Remember to enter My courts with praise and thanksgiving. Remember how precious is the blood of My Son and all that it means for you. Remember the power, authority, freedom, and calling you have to expand My kingdom. Remember, My child, you are My ambassador.

Remember to treat others the way I treat you. Live and love with great passion and zeal and forgive quickly, just as I forgive you. Be gentle, kind, and compassionate to those I've entrusted you with. Remember the other fruits of My Spirit and to grow and live in them.

Remember, you are never alone and do not need all the answers or to carry your burdens in your own strength. Remember to come to Me when you need wisdom, rest, hope, and vision. Remember to keep your eyes on Me at all times, and your walk will remain steadfast and immovable. Remember to live in the moment, for each day is a precious gift filled with mercies, grace, and assignments.

Remember that, no matter what you do, I will never love you any less or any more than I love you right now. Remember that My love is deep and wide, it covers a multitude of sins, and that nothing can separate you from it. Remember that I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the author and finisher of your faith. I have gone before you and have made a way where there seems to be none. Remember, I am your ever-present help in time of need.

Remember who you are in Christ. Remembering who you are will help you navigate through life. But My child, remembering whose you are, *Mine*, will help you to be and do all you were created for. Remember these things and keep My dreams in you alive!

I am here.

FORGET

Some things you keep; many you don't!

In your life, My child, there will be many things that I want you to remember. But it will be just as important for you to forget some things as well. There are reasons why I encourage you to forget what is behind and instruct you to strain forward to what lies ahead. If you continue to live in your past, you will never be able to freely walk into your future. Press on toward the goal for the prize of My upward call and forget the guilt and shame associated with your past pains, sins, and failures. I forget your sins. They are as far away from Me as the east is from the west. So they also should be to you. Cast them into the sea of forgetfulness, where My Son's blood allows a washing freedom for you.

As you spend time with Me, letting your cares wash away in My presence, you will forget the worries, anxieties and fears you have in your present struggles. Forget everything but My love for you and learn that My grace is sufficient. Forget your striving, forget your lack, forget offenses by forgiving quickly. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Forget about how long your dreams have taken—how many seem to have never come to pass. Forget about what you don't have. Do not waste precious energy that you could be spending in building your relationship with Me. That is a much more worthy investment that will produce much greater results.

Forget the words spoken over you by others who did not see or appreciate the value I have placed in you. You are My child. Forget about trying to fit into this world. Although I have you in this world, you are not of it. Forget about trying to understand My plans for you. Simply trust in them and walk them out with Me, one day at a time. Forget what you think you know, and find confidence in the knowledge that I have for you. Forget the wisdom of the world and find clear direction by seeking Me for wisdom. Simply ask.

One day, you will look back and find that I placed My everlasting joy upon your head and you will forget the sorrow and sighing. One day, when you awake, you will realize that your tears of the night before are gone, leaving just the radiant light of My love for you, as joy comes in the morning. You will forget those ashes of what was dead, worthless, and piling in comparison to the beauty I have to offer.

Forget about everything that takes you away from My presence—all of those things that have become idols; those fears that have robbed your faith; those lies that you've believed. Forget about everything just long enough for Me to fill your heart and mind

with new thoughts. You must *forget* about your old way of life in order to walk in the new one I have for you.

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy is My name. I Am who was, who is, and is to come. The angels spend eternity encircling My throne, declaring “Holy.” I have designed you to be holy as I am holy. I have given all that is necessary for you to live a holy life—a life of godliness and righteousness.

I long for you to experience the Holy of Holies. Come in. I have not only invited you into My throne room, where holiness dwells with Me, I have created the way for that veil to be torn from the top to the bottom, allowing you that access. Come, see what holy is all about. Come, be filled with holiness as you sit with Me.

All that I touch becomes holy. You are My holy instrument of peace and reconciliation in the earth. I have touched you, made you white as snow—holy. I turn ashes to beauty—holy! I turn filthy rags, grave clothing, to holy robes of righteousness. I take the odor of your sinful life and turn it into an aroma in the earth, a sign of all that is holy. Your worship, your praise, your thanksgiving, even your tears are holy. Your spiritual act of worship is a reasonable sacrifice unto Me and is holy in My sight.

The small gifts you possess, which cause you to think of them as insignificant, those are holy to Me. When you feel that you are preparing your last meal for your children and yet give to My prophets, those acts are holy to Me. My throne room is filled with splendor, and all that is holy is here for you.

Do not cower back in shame and condemnation, believing that you must be perfected before entering in. The blood of My Son is what makes the way for you to enter in. Come, enter in to My holy room. Sit with Me and let Me transform that which is not holy. Bring it all to Me. It is valuable to Me.

All that can be shaken will be shaken until only what is holy will remain. Do not be shy; do not be fearful; do not be discouraged; do not wait for perfect conditions. Come, experience all that is holy and pleasing to Me as I transform you.

DREAM

It's Time to Wake Up!

What happened to your dream? What caused you to stop dreaming? Whatever put your dream on the back burner is not bigger than Me. Nothing is bigger than Me, and with Me nothing shall be impossible.

Where there is no vision, the people perish. I give you visions and dreams. I placed dreams in you before you were even born. As you were being fashioned in your mother's womb, your spirit was already well prepared to live the dream.

In your lifetime, some dreams were projected on you by others. Those distracted you, but deep inside, you know that you were created for more. That deep inner dream will not leave you, no matter how hard you try to force it away. As you spend time with Me, I will clarify those misdirections for you and order your steps. I will show you the path you should walk on and point out the right road for you to travel.

If you're going to hide, hide in the shelter of My love. If you're going to run, run the race I've created you for. Run with the dream, the prize, in mind. Get fit for the call that's on your life. You won't live the dream to its fullest if you don't take care of yourself.

Go back to the dream, the dream you experience when you're fully alive, not lulled to your sleepy slumber state. Write the vision. Make it plain on tablets, so you may run when you read it.

I will meet with you, speak to you, love on you, provide for you, share with you mysteries of My kingdom as you pursue My presence, not My presents. I will give you above all you can ask or imagine, but I need you to dream again.

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My child, My heart hurts when you are pressed against a wall. I did not create you to carry the weight of the world on your own shoulders. I sent My Son so that your life could be light. When your enemies are pressing against your mind, your heart, your marriage, your family, your finances, press into Me.

When you are depressed and oppressed, I want you to know how to come to the source of breakthrough I have for you. You do not need to be consumed. Press the reset button, if need be. I give you new mercies each and every morning. I have given you the grace that is necessary to accomplish everything I am urging you to do. When I press on your heart, you can trust that My grace has been sent forth ahead of the urging. When you know you need to change, press into Me and allow Me to guide the process.

Do not press beyond the measure of grace I've given you. That is when the labor becomes overwhelming; that is when the joy is lost. My grace provides joy and zeal as you press toward the prize. As you press on, running your race, know that I am with you. I allow the fire of purification to come to you, to press out all that is not of Me. I want less of you so that you can contain more of Me.

I want you to press on. I want you to press in. I want you to press toward the glorious destiny that I have created for you. I want to impress in your mind and heart My Word, My love, My vision, My strength and hope. Sometimes you will need to press the pause button on all that is demanding and vying for your attention, energy and affection. I am a jealous God and I do not like when you have idols above Me. Express your love toward Me in every way that I show you. You were created in My image and you bring My glory to the earth through the gifts I've placed in you. This should not make you feel pressured, but energized.

Press into the power that I've made available. Press into the rest I give. Press into the restoration, redemption, and transformation that I have made more than available. Don't delay. Press today. Press all those things away that are standing in your way. Do not allow any excuse. Do not live with regrets. Press. Press on! Press in! Today is a new day. Rejoice and be glad in it!