

All for Jesus always

October

Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Ephesians, Philippians,
Colossians, Thessalonians and Timothy.

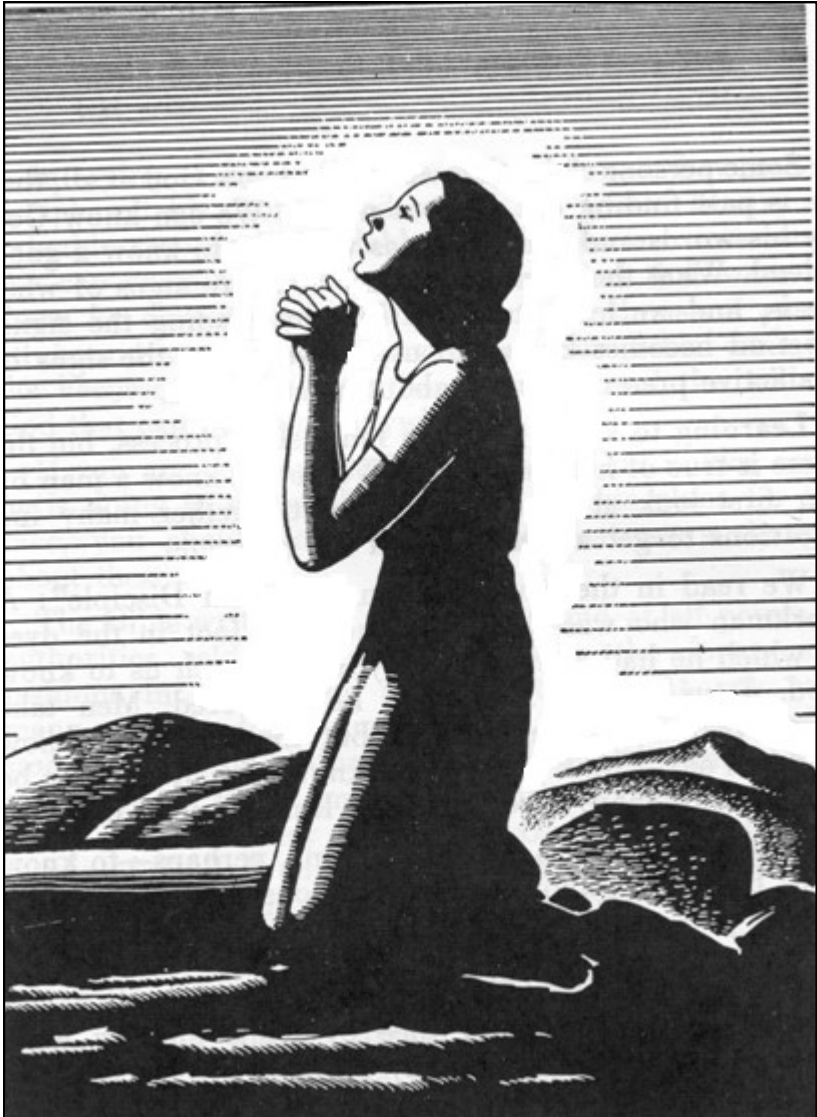


“Lord,
with Your help
I will train and discipline myself
to be godly”

October

*“It’s time to live
and rejoice
and work
victoriously
in Christ”*

*During this month we’ll read through
and learn from the books of
Isaiah,
Jeremiah,
Ephesians,
Philippians,
Colossians,
Thessalonians,
and Timothy.*



"I love You, Lord"

1 October: Christ's Unsearchable Riches

Pray *"Lord, please open my eyes to see Your unsearchable riches!"*

Read Isaiah 22,23 and Ephesians 3

Think + write Ephesians 3:8 is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. With Paul, I can say that *"Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given to me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ..."* The two main messages are:

† ***I am less than the least of all God's people.*** This is true, because

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† ***Christ's riches are unsearchable!*** I read in the Amplified version that "this grace (favor, privilege) was granted and graciously entrusted (to me): to proclaim to the Gentiles ***the unending (boundless, fathomless, incalculable, and exhaustless) riches of Christ...***" All the "riches" of Christ - His love, His faithfulness, His wisdom, His power, His beauty, His glory, His holiness, His patience, etc... are unending, boundless, fathomless, incalculable and exhaustless!! How wonderful! How amazing! What a privilege to know Him and to proclaim His unsearchable reaches to others! May He help me. Furthermore, since His riches are unending, boundless, fathomless, incalculable and exhaustless, it means to me (personally) that

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I read in Isaiah 22:1 & 5 of the ***"Valley of Vision"***. This means that God can give me a Vision when I'm in a Valley... Even when I'm "low" or "down" or busy with the ordinary things of life as it is in the valley, God can give me a Vision. He can help me to see what His vision is, what His plans are, what His purpose is. When I'm in the valley, I should not complain or become depressed, but look to Him to see the Vision He has for me (for Him).

Pray I pray with Paul that God, our Father, *"may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may... grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love..." (Eph 3:16-21).*

Go + Do proclaim His riches & live through His love.

2 October: God insists that...

Pray “Lord, please help me to grasp what You are saying to me”

Read Isaiah 24-26 and Ephesians 4

Think + write Ephesians 4 is packed with spiritual truth.

Through it, God says to me:

➤ “***Be completely humble***” (v2), which means that

➤ “***Speaking the truth in love***” (v15), which means

➤ “***So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must NO longer live as the Gentiles do***” (v17), “***I insist... that there be NO going along with the crowd***” (MSG), which means that

.....Please note that “NO” means “NO”...!!!

It is so wonderfully CLEAR that God wants me to: NO longer live like the Gentiles do, ...NO longer speak as they speak, ...NO longer dress as they dress, ...NO longer date as they date, ...NO longer go where they go, ...NO longer “mixit” as they “mixit”, ...NO longer listen to music as they listen to music, ...NO longer do as they do, ...NO longer think as they think, or be as they are. He says to me...

➤ “***Put off your OLD SELF***” (v22), your old, natural, sinful nature...

➤ “***Put on the NEW SELF***” (v24), your new life from God. To “put off” and to “put on” means that.....

.....This is a very important and practical spiritual truth from the Word of God. Without applying this truth, there’s NO WAY that I’ll be able to live to God’s glory in this wicked world!! But, through God, as I apply this truth, I can and will be able. Praise the Lord.

➤ “***Do NOT give the devil a foothold***” (v27) means

➤ “***Do NOT grieve the Holy Spirit of God***” (v30) means

Pray “Father, please make me more mature - more like Jesus.”

Go + Do what is needed to become mature, like Jesus (v13).

3 October: Live & Love like God

Pray “Lord, may I learn to live and love like You.”

Read Isaiah 27, 28 and Ephesians 5

Think + write According to Isaiah 27 I am to **be like a fruitful vineyard** to God. He promises (v3) to...

- ◆ Watch over me
- ◆ Water me continually
- ◆ Guard me day and night, so that NO ONE may harm me, and
- ◆ Fight against (and burn) the weeds and thorns that want to suffocate me
- ◆ Make me bud and blossom and become fruitful (v6)

God says He will do it! This is wonderful! I believe Him! All I can say is:.....

I further learn from Isaiah 28 that, **to reap the benefits of a good harvest**, there needs to be plowing (v24), breaking up and harrowing of the soil (v24), leveling of the surface (v25), sowing, planting (v25), threshing (v27), grinding (v28), baking of bread (v28), and breaking of bread...The spiritual lessons for me are that:

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It's also not good to always plow and plow and plow and plow..., but never plant..., or to plant and plant, but never reap... There is a time for everything. I need to make sure that my heart is plowed *and* planted continually. Oh, I want to bear fruit to God's glory! I see in Ephesians 5 that

- ✓ The ***Lord Jesus Christ loves me*** (v2)
- ✓ I am ***His dearly loved child*** (v1) - how wonderful!
- ✓ I am to ***live a life of love*** (v1) - like God (v1)
- ✓ Without a hint of sexual immorality, any impurity, greed or foolish talk (v3,4)
- ✓ With great ***carefulness*** (v15)
- ✓ ***Making the most*** of every opportunity (v16), and
- ✓ ***Be being filled with the Spirit*** (v18), all the time...

Pray “Father, thank You for Your love and light”

Go + Do what will reveal His life.

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4 October: Repent & Rest!

Pray “Lord, please show me Your way of salvation...”

Read Isaiah 29, 30 and Ephesians 6

Think + write According to Isaiah 29:13 there are some people who come near to God with their MOUTH, but their HEARTS are far from Him. Their worship is worthless, because it is heartless. Even when I feel I “enjoy the worship”, it does not mean that my HEART is right with God or that I truly worship Him. Oh, may the Lord show me my heart and make it like His.

I also need to make sure that I do NOT carry out plans that are NOT God’s plans (30:1). This can easily happen, for instance in starting a relationship that is NOT from God, or in choosing to do something that is NOT God’s will, or in going somewhere where He does NOT want me to go, or in visiting someone He does NOT want me to visit, or in talking to someone He does NOT want me to talk to...

Isaiah 30:15 is one of the best verses in the Bible. God says to me: “In REPENTANCE and REST is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength”... This is wonderful! It means that I need to

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✠ Be.....and
✠in the Lord

Many times I may think that God wants me to repent and then try hard (and work hard) to do better, ...so my walk as a Christian becomes a struggle, an effort of always trying to do better, trying to not sin, trying to please God, trying to stay out of trouble... but this is NOT what God says I must do! He says that when I’ve done wrong, when I’ve sinned, I need to REPENT... and REST in Him. This means that I REST from my own efforts to get better, I REST from my self-efforts to improve, I REST from my works... and I quietly RELY on Him and TRUST in Him. Then HE can save me, HE can change me, HE can help me—to His glory. I read in Is 30:18 that “the Lord LONGS to be gracious to you... (He) earnestly waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you...” (NIV; Ampl). How wonderful!

Pray “Thank You, Lord!”

Go + Do repent and rest in Him.

5 October: God will complete the work He started in me!

Pray “Lord, thank You for this great and glorious promise!”

Read Isaiah 31-33 and Philippians 1

Think + write God says in Isaiah 32: “You women who are so complacent, rise up and listen to me...” (v9). When I become complacent in my relationship with God, I tend to become lukewarm and prone to compromise. *Oh Lord, please keep me from becoming self-satisfied and complacent. May I always have a hunger for You and a thirst for more of You. Oh, hear my prayer, Father!* Paul says in Philippians 1:

- ♦ “I thank my God every time I remember you...” (v3)
- ♦ “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with JOY...” (v4)
- ♦ “I have you in my heart...” (v7)
- ♦ “I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus” (v8); God “knows how much I love and miss you these days.” (MSG)
- ♦ “Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live ... a life Jesus will be proud of...” (v9,10)
- ♦ “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you WILL carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (v6), when He returns. “There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears” (MSG). “I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus. When I think about these amazing words of God, I learn and realize that.....
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.....Just think of it:

***God, who started a good work in me
WILL carry it on and complete it!***

Pray “This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more... so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless...” (v10). **Go + Do** love God ...and trust Him!

How do you take it easy?

How do you take it easy
 When HIS FIRE burns within?
How do you take it easy
 In a world that crushed by sin?

How do you take it easy
 With a thousand tribes to tell?
How do you take it easy
 In a world that speeds to hell?

How do you take it easy
 When the church sleeps in its lees?
How do you take it easy—
 Will someone tell me please?



By Leonard Ravenhill

6 October: Work out what He works in!

Pray “Lord, unless You work in me, my works are useless.”

Read Isaiah 34-36 and Philippians 2

Think + write I read: “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). His attitude was that of.....

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He emptied Himself and made Himself nothing (v7), He took the nature of a servant (v7), He humbled Himself (v8), He became obedient (v8), He surrendered Himself to DIE (v8). “He lived a self-less, obedient life” (MSG). From this I learn that the Lord will live His life in me so that I too will develop this attitude. I trust He will do that in me. My hope is in Him. He says: “...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to WILL (to WANT) and to ACT (to DO) according to His good purpose” (v12,13). **I must work out what God works in me... What God works in, I must work out...** It may sometimes even happen that I FEEL that I do not have the will any more to do what God wants, but at such times I can say: “Lord, I ask You to work in me to WANT, to WILL what is Your will - I trust that You’ll do it in me... and what You work in me, I’ll work out, with Your help... Please help me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

THEN, God says: “Do everything readily and cheerfully...Go out into the world uncorrupted, **a breath of fresh air** in this squalid and polluted society (“blameless and pure... without fault in a crooked and depraved generation” - NIV). Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I’ll have good cause to be proud of you” (v14-16;MSG).

In Isaiah 35 I read of (1) the **Promises** of God to make the desert blossom, bloom and rejoice (v1-2); (2) **Passivity** overcome by obedience of faith (v3,4); (3) the **Performing** by God of His wonder-workings (v5-7), and (4) the **Path** of holiness, on which there will be no unclean persons and no lion. He, the devil, will obviously be just next to it, to frighten or lure me OFF the safe road of holiness...but I need to just stay IN the Way..., then I am safe - all the way!!

Pray “Father, thank You for Your protection on that Way!”

Go + Do work OUT what He works IN me - His life & attitude...

I am keeping a Personal Diary



Why?

1. It helps me to think on God's Word.
2. It helps me to understand and evaluate myself and others and what happens in life better.
3. It helps me to express my thoughts and feelings to God.
4. It helps me to remember God's words to me

How?

- I use a small notebook
- I keep it with my Bible
- I try to write every day

Philippians 3

But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as ... loss for Christ's sake. Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish..., in order that I may win (gain) Christ ..., And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands ...but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ ..., the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith. [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection ..., and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed ...to His death, [in the hope] ... That if possible I may attain to the ... resurrection ...out from among the dead Not that I have now attained..., or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus ...has laid hold of me and made me His own. I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward. So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature and full-grown have this mind and hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also. Only let us hold true to what we have already attained and walk and order our lives by that.

7 October: I want to know Christ!

Pray “*Lord, all I want is to know You!!!*”

Read Isaiah 37,38 and Philippians 3

Think + write God told Hezekiah: “**Put your house in order**, because you are going to die...” (Is 38:1). It is true that I’ll also die. In light of the fact that I may die any day, God also says to me: “Put your house in order...” This means that I

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I also read in Amos 4:12: “**Prepare to meet your God...**” It is like a bride that prepares herself for her husband on their wedding day. Rev 19:7 says, “His bride has made herself **ready**”, she “has **prepared** herself” (Ampl). This is wonderful, this is exciting - to prepare myself for Jesus, the Best Bridegroom!!! I do this by:

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After his sickness and recovery, Hezekiah said: “It seems it was good for me to go through all those troubles... In Your love You kept me from the pit of destruction; You never let me tumble over the edge into nothing. You put all my sins behind Your back...” (Is 38:12 NIV;MSG); You blotted them out and remembers them no more (Is 43:25); You swept them all away! (Is 44:22). *Oh, thank You, Lord! How I love You!*

Philippians 3 is one of the best chapters in the whole Bible! I say:

- ◆ “I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the price-less privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of **knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord...”(v8;Ampl)
- ◆ “Everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant...dog dung. I’ve dumped it all in the trash ...**so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him...**” (v8,9;MSG)
- ◆ “**All I want is to know Christ...**” (v10;GNB)
- ◆ “I press on ...to lay hold of ... that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of me and made me His own...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward” (v12-14).

Pray “*Lord, I want You. This is my prayer*” **Go + Do** it...!

8 October: Rejoice in the Lord

Pray “Oh Lord, please teach me to always rejoice in You.”

Read Isaiah 39,40 and Philippians 4

Think + write It is interesting to note that the word “JOY” occurs 16 times (in it’s various forms) in the book of Philippians, The theme of the book is “JOY” or “rejoicing in the Lord”. Henrietta Mears summarizes the chapters as follows: (1) Joy in living; (2) Joy in service; (3) Joy in fellowship; and (4) Joy in rewards. The word JOY is also an acronym for:

J: Jesus first
O: Others second
Y: Yourself last...

This is only possible “in Christ”. The term “in Christ” is mentioned an amazing 132 times in this short letter! To be “in Christ” means:.....

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There is absolutely NO joy outside Christ. Christ is the secret of joy. Whatever “happiness” people may experience outside Him, it is only temporary, NOT lasting at all, and leaves you empty, even like a sucked-out, shriveled-up orange, ...if not wounded and polluted by sin. Oh, let’s seek and find our joy only in the Lord Jesus! God says:

- ☺ “**Rejoice in the Lord**” (3:1). “Whatever happens, dear friends, be glad in the Lord” (LB).
- ☺ “**Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS**”, no matter what happens! (4:4). This is an amazing statement. God wants me to rejoice a-l-w-a-y-s! How is it possible? The key is to “Rejoice in the Lord...” In Him I can and must rejoice, even if things go bad around me...
- ☺ “**Don’t worry about anything...; instead, pray about everything**” (4:6;LB). Oh, may the Lord help me to do this.
- ☺ “**I can do everything through Him who gives me strength**” (Phil 4:13)... “I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power” (LB).
- ☺ “**My God will meet ALL YOUR NEEDS** according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (4:19). Whatever my need may be at any particular time, God says He WILL meet ALL my needs. This is wonderful! I believe Him. I’ll look to Him...

Pray “Oh Lord, thank You for this wonderful promise.”

Go + Do rejoice in Him always, through His help.

But they that

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upon the LORD



shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with

WINGS

as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31



WAIT

upon the Lord

- **Stop just going on**
- **Spend time alone with the Lord**
- **Look to Him**
- **Listen to Him**
- **Rest in Him**
- **Trust in Him**
- **Wait for Him to work**
- **Wait for Him to guide me**
- **Be available for Him**
- **Be attentive to Him**
- **Stand ready for Him**
- **Be dependent on Him**
- **NOT rushing forward in my own wisdom or will or strength**
- **...While working out His known will for me**
- **Pray to Him**
- **Reading His Word**

“To wait
is not to sit with folded
hands, but to learn to
do what we are told”
Oswald Chambers



for WINGS

But they that wait upon the LORD:

shall change
and renew *their* strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run,
and not be weary;
***and* they shall walk,**
and not faint. (KJV)
or become tired (Ampl)
get fresh strength
and don't lag behind (MSG)
they will rise
they will soar
and not grow weak (GNB)
they go on (YLT)

Those who DO NOT WAIT UPON THE LORD shall NOT change, they shall not gain strength, they shall not be strong,, they shall not rise up, they shall not fly, they shall not soar like eagles, they shall not walk nor run, they shall faint, they shall become tired, they shall lag behind...., they shall not go on...



Above the clouds

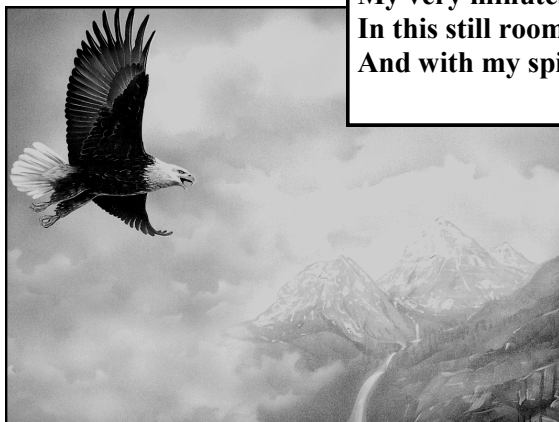


Above the storms

WAITING ON THEE

**O Lord beloved, my times are in Thy hand;
My very minutes wait on Thy command.
In this still room, O Blessed Master, walk
And with my spirit talk.**

Amy Carmichael



Above the mountains



“Like Eagles”

“For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall. But those who wait upon GOD get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles. They run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind” (Isaiah 40:30,31;MSG)...

- An eagle is **different** from other birds. In the same way I am happy and eager to be different from other people...
- An eagle builds it's nest on the **rock**, in the **heights**, not on low standards (Job 39). I also build my “nest”, my life, my home on high and on Him (my Rock)...
- An eagle is **born to fly high** and not to be stuck in the mud or tied to the ground. God also gives me wings (Rev 12:14) to fly high...
- An eagle is **watchful** and “sharp”. I need to be the same...
- An eagle often flies **alone** at high altitude. I need to learn to walk (“fly”) alone with God, and not to be dependent on others all the time...
- An eagles flies **with eagles**, NOT with crows or sparrows or vultures or peacocks... I need to fly with those who are set on flying high for God, “like eagles”...
- An eagle has strong **vision**. I need to see “far” and not be short-sighted because of sin...
- An eagle **does not eat dead things**. I also do not want the “dead things” of the world and of sin, even if it looks attractive, I don't want it...





➤ An eagle overcomes **storms** by flying higher, by rising above it...! I want to learn to rise above the storms of life...An eagle even comes to love **storms**, because by it he can fly higher than before, even above it.

➤ An eagle does NOT have a “girlfriend” or “boyfriend”, NO, it marries and remains **faithful** to that one spouse for life...

➤ An eagle does not

“flap” frantically, no, it stretches it’s wings and **soars** on the wind. I need to learn to go higher by stretching my wings of faith in God and not by anxiously “flapping” and fretting and trying...

➤ An eagle **soars at God’s command** (Job 39:27-30), as I also need to life and fly and go higher at His command, despite the winds that may blow...

➤ After a time, an eagle needs to be renewed and gets **renewed** as follows: (s)he sheds his (or her) first feathers, hides in a rock and grows other (stronger) new feathers, with which (s)he can fly higher than before (Ps 103). This is how I, when necessary, needs to be renewed.





*But those who wait upon God
get fresh strength. They spread their wings
and soar like eagles, They run and don't get
tired, they walk and don't lag behind"*

Isaiah 40:30,31(MSG)



*“Lord,
Thank You for Your Grace
and Your Faithfulness;
You are Wonderful!”*

9 October: God won't quit!

Pray “Lord, the truth in Your Word gives me hope and surety...”

Read Isaiah 41,42 and Colossians 1

Think + write God says to me in Isaiah 41 & 42:

- “***I called you...***” (v9); “***I have chosen you...***” (v10)
- “I have... NOT rejected you...” (v10)
- “So do not fear, for ***I am with you...***”
- “Do not be dismayed, for ***I am your God...***”
- “***I will strengthen you and help you...***”
- “***I will uphold you*** with my righteous right hand...” (v10)
- “***I’ll hold you steady...***” (MSG)
- “Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all” (v12)
- “***I’ll take the hand*** of those who don’t know the way... I’ll be a personal guide to them...”
- “***I’ll be right there to... make sure they don’t fall...***”
- ***I’ll be “sticking with them, NOT leaving them for a minute”*** (v16)
- God says “He won’t brush aside the bruised and the hurt, and He won’t disregard the small and insignificant, but He’ll steadily and firmly set things right. ***He won’t tire out and quit. He won’t be stopped UNTIL He’s finished His work...***” (42:3,4;MSG). Oh, this is wonderful! He is my Hope, He is my Salvation, He is my Savior!! I believe these promises:

He won’t quit!

He won’t be stopped!

He’ll finish His work (in me)! Hal-

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I see in Colossians 1 that

- God has rescued me from the power (dominion) of darkness (v13)
- I was created by Him and FOR HIM (v16)
- In everything He should have the supremacy and be first (v18)
- “God wanted everyone... to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background.... The mystery in a nutshell is just this: ***Christ is in you***, therefore you can look forward to sharing in God’s glory. It’s that simple. That is the substance of our Message” (v27;MSG). Since He is IN ME, I can make it to heaven!!!

Pray “Father,.....”

10 October: You are precious to Me!

Pray “Lord, I do not deserve Your love, but how I thank You for it”

Read Isaiah 43,44 and Colossians 2

Think + write [Please put your own name in the blank spaces of the following verses from Isaiah 43 & 44]:

- ◆ “This is what the Lord says - He who created you, O....., He who formed you, O.....:
- ◆ ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
- ◆ **I have called you by name; you are MINE** (v1)
- ◆ Since **you are PRECIOUS** and honored in My sight.....,
- ◆ and because **I LOVE YOU**... (v4)
- ◆ “I’d sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you” (v4b)... ***“That’s how much you mean to Me! That’s how much I love you!”*** (v4a)
- ◆ Do not be afraid, for ***I am with you***...(v5)
- ◆ You are my witnesses... and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me...(v10)
- ◆ “.....[your name], ***forget the former things***;
- ◆ ***Do not dwell on the past***. See, I am doing a new thing...” (v18,19)
- ◆ “I ...am He who blots out your transgressions...and remembers your sins NO more” (v25)
- ◆ “I have made you.....[your name], ***I will not forget you***. I have swept away your offences like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you” (44:22)

I read in Colossians 2:

- “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord (*through repentance and faith*), ***continue to live in Him***” (v6), (*through repentance and faith*)...
- “***See to it that no one takes you captive***” (v8) and enslaves you with legalistic rules or with sin - stay free in loving Jesus and by loving Him.
- “When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ... He forgave us all our sins” (v13). *Thank You, Lord.*
- “And having disarmed the powers (of hell)...He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” (v15), ...and now His victory becomes our victory! Hallelujah!

Pray “Thank You, Lord!” **Go + Do** love Jesus in return.

God says to me:

“
...you are
Precious
to Me!”

I say to God:

“You are
Precious
to me!”

11 October: Lord, I'll look to You...

Pray “Lord, please help me to always look to You.”

Read Isaiah 45-47 and Colossians 3

Think + write God says in Isaiah 45:21 & 22 that “there is none but Me”; “I am God, the One and Only”. Therefore, “Turn to Me..., look unto Me and be saved” (NIV;KJV), “for I am God and there is NO other”. “Looking away from all that will distract ...to Jesus” (Heb 12:2;Ampl). To “look unto Him” means:

⇒ **Concentration** on Him and not on anything in this world...

⇒ **Confidence** (and trust) in Him and not in myself or others...

⇒ **Consecration**: surrender and devotion to Him and not to self or sin.

This is a deliberate, conscious, sometimes *against*-my-feelings CHOICE of my WILL - where I decide to look away from all else (including myself and others) and just look to the Lord. When I look to others, especially if they do not speak and act in the attitude of Jesus towards me, I'll stumble and fall. Let me rather keep my eyes fixed on Jesus (Heb 12:2;NIV). I learn through this that.....
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God says to me (in Is 46:4):

★ *I have made you*

★ *I will rescue you*

★ *I will sustain you*

★ *I will carry you!!!*

Thank You, Lord! Since God is so good towards me, and since He made me alive with Christ (Col 2:13) and raised me with Christ (Col 3:1), I need to...

- **Set my heart on things above** (Col 3:1); what has my heart has me.
- **Set my mind on things above** (v2); fix my thoughts on what's above
- **Set my affections on things above** (v2;KJV), NOT on earthly things. I need to do this. Whatever has my affections has me... John Owen said, “Our affections... are all we have to give or bestow; ...by our affections we can give away what we are and have.”
- **Put to death whatever belongs to my earthly nature** (Col 3:5), whatever comes from my NATURAL desires, thoughts & feelings. I realize I need to kill the following:.....
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Pray “Father, please help me to do this” **Go + Do** this.



I am carried by God!

God says:

“I carried you...” : Past

“God... carried you as a father carries his child” (Deut 1:31)

“You yourselves have seen... how I carried you...” (Ex 19:4)

“You whom I ...have carried since your birth” (Is 46:3)

“I’ve been carrying you on My back from the day you were born” (Is 46:3;MSG)

“I carry you...” : Present

“He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart...” (Is 40:11)

“Like a shepherd, He will care for his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, hugging them as He carries them...” (MSG)

“I will carry you...” : Future

“I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and will carry you...” (Is 46:4)

“And I’ll keep on carrying you ... I’ll be there, bearing you ... I’ve done it and will keep on doing it, carrying you on my back, saving you” (MSG)

Thank You, Lord!

I love You, Lord!



12 October: How to work!

Pray “Lord, I want my work to be worship to You. Please help me”

Read Isaiah 48,49 and Colossians 4

Think + write In Colossians, the Lord makes it clear how He wants me to work. He says:

- “Whatever you do..., do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
- (Do it all) ...giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col 3:17), “every step of the way” (MSG)...
- “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
- as working for the Lord,
- not for men” (Col 3:23)
- “Don’t just do the minimum that will get you by...” (MSG)
- “Do your best”...
- “Work from the heart... for God” (MSG)
- “See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord” (Col 4:17)...
- “Do your very best” (MSG)

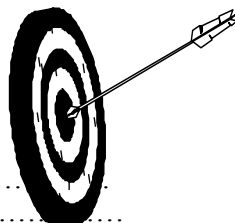
When I apply this to **my school work**, or **my chores at home**, or my work at the working place, I see the Lord wants the following from me

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God also says to me in Col 4:2, “Devote yourselves in prayer”. This means that I.....
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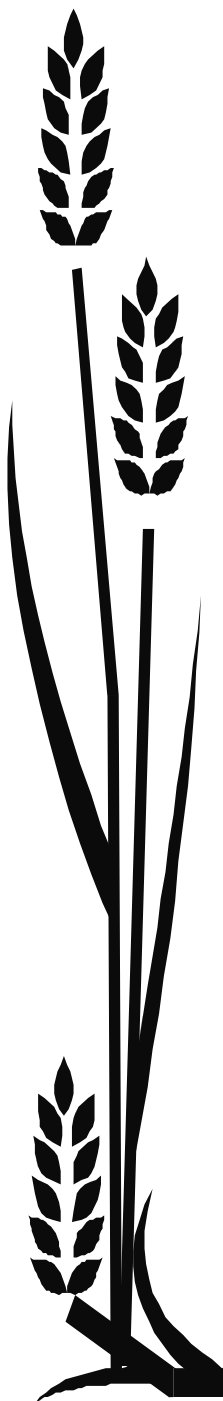
I read in Isaiah 48:16,17: “Come close, listen carefully...I am God, your God, who teaches you how to live right and well. I show you what to do, where to go” (MSG). I see in Isaiah 49 that...

- ⇒ Those who hope in Him will not be disappointed (v23)
- ⇒ I am His servant (v3)
- ⇒ He hid me in the shadow of His hand (v2)
- ⇒ He will never forget me... (v15)
- ⇒ **He made me into a polished arrow**. To me, this means that.....
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Pray “Father, please teach me how to do my work FOR YOU.”

Go + Do what He gives me to do—at school and at home.



Rhyme of Hard Work

*Hate not laborious work,
Joy, joy is in it.
Do not thy duty shirk,
Joy, joy is in it.
Welcome the daily round,
On, and be faithful found,
On, and thou shalt be crowned;
Joy, joy is in it.*

*Scorn not monotony;
Joy, joy is in it.
Blessed be drudgery;
Joy, joy is in it.
Welcome the daily round,
On, and be faithful found,
On, and thou shalt be crowned;
Joy, joy is in it.*

*Toil unto weariness;
Joy, joy is in it.
Live but to help and bless;
Joy, joy is in it.
Welcome the daily round,
On, and be faithful found,
On, and thou shalt be crowned;
Joy, joy is in it.*

*Come then or cold or heat;
Joy, joy is in it.
Be thou God's corn of wheat;
Joy, joy is in it.
Welcome the barren ground;
Hereafter will be found
Fruit to abide, abound;
Joy, Joy is in it.*

Amy Carmichael

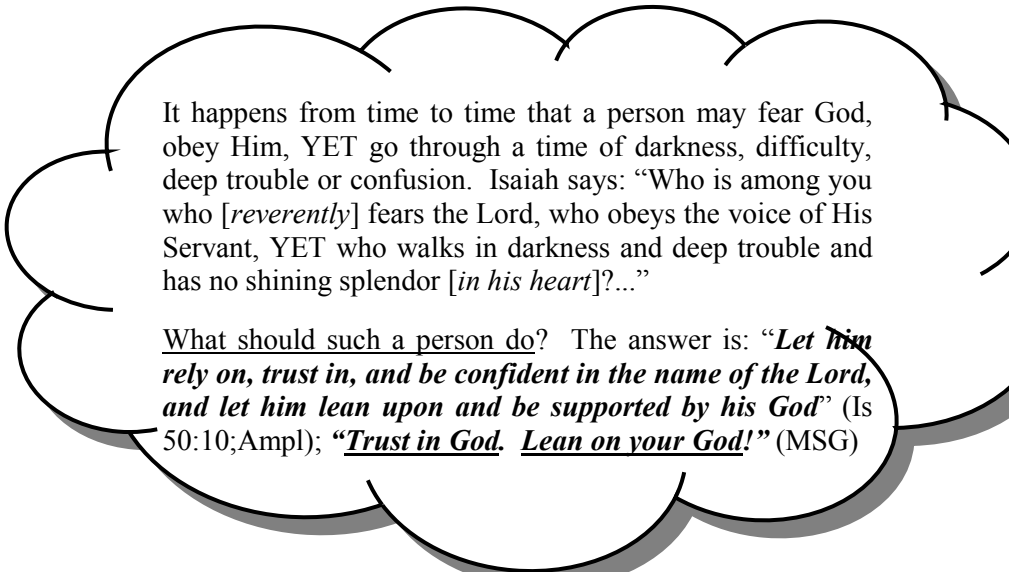
13 October: Trust in God

Pray “Lord, help me to see the truth regarding Your trustworthiness”

Read Isaiah 50-52 and 1 Thessalonians 1

Think + write I find these wonderful words in Isaiah 50:

- * He wakens me morning by morning...(v4)
- * I have not drawn back...(v5)
- * Because the ...Lord helps me, I will NOT be disgraced (v7)
- * Therefore have I set my face like a flint,
- * And I know I will NOT be put to shame... (v7)
- * My Champion is right here (v8;MSG)
- * Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!
- * Who is my accuser? Let him (or her) confront me!
- * It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.
- * Who is he (or she) that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up...(v9)



It happens from time to time that a person may fear God, obey Him, YET go through a time of darkness, difficulty, deep trouble or confusion. Isaiah says: “Who is among you who [*reverently*] fears the Lord, who obeys the voice of His Servant, YET who walks in darkness and deep trouble and has no shining splendor [*in his heart*]?...”

What should such a person do? The answer is: “***Let him rely on, trust in, and be confident in the name of the Lord, and let him lean upon and be supported by his God***” (Is 50:10;Ampl); “***Trust in God. Lean on your God!***” (MSG)

God says: “I have...covered you with the shadow of my hand” (Is 51:16). This is my place of safety and strength. *Thank You, Father!*

Pray “Father, I’ll trust You, no matter what happens around me”

Go + Do lean on Him, be confident in Him, and trust in Him.

Never



give up!

“NEVER GIVE UP. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord” (Rom 12:1;CEV)

The DEVIL wants you to give up!

“They were trying to INTIMIDATE us into QUITTING. They thought: They’ll give up, they’ll never finish it... I prayed: Give me strength” (Nehemiah 6:9)

The devil wanted JOB to give up... (Job 2:19)

You may sometimes FEEL like giving up...

Like Job and David (Ps 42) and Asaph (Ps 73) and Peter (John 20)...

Because of

- Suffering physically or emotionally
- Sins that seem to overwhelm. Remember, if you have fallen,don’t give up, get up and go on!!!!!!
- Society’s pull or pressure...
- Satan’s arrows or bombardments or subtle schemes

DON’T listen to Satan’s LIES!!

DON’T listen to your FEELINGS!!

TO HELL with such feelings!!

NEVER, NEVER give up...!

- ◆ “Never give up” !!! (Eph 6:18)
- ◆ “Never give up” !!! (Rom 12:1)
- ◆ “Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up...” (Luke 18:11)
- ◆ “Since we are surrounded by so many examples of FAITH, we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially SIN that distracts us. We must run the race that lies ahead of us and NEVER GIVE UP”!!!! (Heb 12:1)

GOD will never give up...!

“...God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. **He will never give up on you. Never forget that.**” (1 Co 1:8,9)

“...and be satisfied with your present [*circumstances and with what you have*]; for He [*God*] Himself has said, **I will not in any way fail you nor give you up** nor leave you without support. **[I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not** in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [*you*] down (relax My hold on you)! [*Assuredly not!*] [*Josh. 1:5.*]. So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, **The Lord is my Helper**; I will not be seized with alarm [*I will not fear or dread or be terrified*]. What can man do to me? [*Ps. 27:1; 118:6.*]” (Heb 13:5,6; Ampl)

Remember:

- ✝ God really loves me!!!
- ✝ God will never give up!!!
- ✝ Faith in Him pleases Him!!! So, I have faith in Him!!!

“But the Lord God KEEPS ME from being disgraced. So I refuse to give up, because I know God will never let me down” !!!

Is 50:7;CEV



never
never
never
give
up

14 October: The Heart of the Bible!

Pray “Lord, please open my eyes & my heart for Your great Love”

Read Isaiah 53-55 and 1 Thessalonians 2

Think + write Isaiah 53 can be described as the heart of the Bible. In it I see what Jesus did for me and for the whole world:

- ✚ He was despised and rejected
- ✚ He was a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering (v3)
- ✚ He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows (v4)
- ✚ He was pierced for our transgressions
- ✚ He was crushed for our iniquities
- ✚ The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
- ✚ By His wounds we are healed (v5)
- ✚ The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all (v6)
- ✚ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth
- ✚ He was led like a lamb to the slaughter
- ✚ He made His life a guilt offering (v10)
- ✚ He poured out His life unto death
- ✚ He bore the sin of many (v12)
- ✚ “The plan was that he give Himself as an offering for sin so that He’d see life come from it - life, life, and more life” (v10;MSG)
- ✚ He shall see [*the fruit*] of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; by His knowledge of Himself...shall (He) justify many and make many righteous (upright and in right standing with God), for He shall bear their iniquities and their guilt (v11;Ampl)

God also says in Isaiah 54 & 55:

- Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame (54:4)
- You will forget the shame of your youth (v4)
- For **Your Maker is your Bridegroom**, your Husband! (v5)
- With deep compassion I will bring you back (v7)
- **My unfailing love for you will not be shaken** (v10)
- “**It’s with lasting love that I’m tenderly caring for you...**” (MSG)
- “**I’ll see to it that everything works out for the best**”! (v17;MSG)
- Therefore, ...“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, ...He will freely pardon” (Is 55:6,7)

Pray “.....” **Go + Do** love Him.

15 October: I am Bound to Jesus!

Pray “Lord, please bind me to You forever!”

Read Isaiah 56-58 and 1 Thessalonians 3

Think + write Isaiah speaks about persons who were once foreigners to God and His people, but who have now **bound** themselves to the Lord (Is 56:3,6), who have **handcuffed** themselves to Jesus! When I am **bound to Jesus** it means that:

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Like these foreigners, ***I have bound myself to the Lord Jesus...***

to serve Him,

to love Him,

to worship Him, and

to remain in a fixed (covenanted) relationship with Him (v6).

Bound to Him, I do NOT go where I want, I do NOT do what I desire, I do NOT decide “what” or “where” or “when” or “how” I do (or not do something) - NO, He now decides, He guides...! Oh, may He help me by His Spirit to remain bound to Him, always! The Lord Jesus said to Peter (after his repentance): “...when you were young, you used to get ready and go anywhere you wanted to; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you up (You’ll be bound - *my addition*) and take you where you don’t want to go” (John 21:18;GNB). Then, I can say: “Not what I want, but what You want!” (Matt 26:38;GNB); “Not as I will, but as You will” (NIV). God says, when I live in this way, I’ll experience His holiness (Is 56:7) and His happiness (Is 56:7). **Happy holiness** is only found in Jesus, bound to Him... So-called “holiness” without happiness, or so-called “happiness” without holiness are both counterfeits of what I find when I’m bound to Christ in love.

I further learn in Isaiah that **God’s home** is: (1) in **the place of holiness** and (2) **the place of humbleness** (Is 57:15). That is where He revives me (57:15) and restores me...(57:18), and repairs me ...(58:12).

Pray “Father,.....
.....*Amen.*”

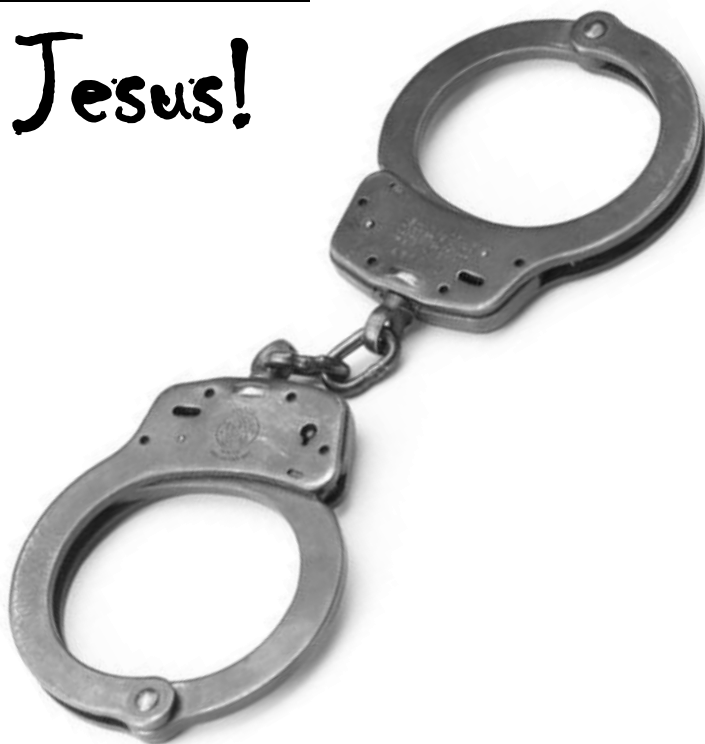
Go + Do live the life of being happily bound to the Lord Jesus!

I'm

HAPPILY

Handcuffed

to Jesus!



...Are you?

16 October: Abstain & Shine!

Pray “Lord, please fill me with Your life and Your purity!”

Read Isaiah 59-61 and 1 Thessalonians 4

Think + write God says to me: “**ARISE, SHINE**, for your light has come” (Is 60:1), “so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders” (1 Thes 4:12). One of the ways in which I can shine as a young person is by living a pure life, by fleeing sexual immorality (1 Co 6:18). I read in 1 Thes 4:3, “**FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD...** that you should abstain from fornication ...that you should abstain from all sexual vice ...that you should abstain from sexual sin” (KJV; Ampl; ALT). God speaks so clearly to me and to everyone. He says emphatically that THIS IS HIS WILL: “that you should abstain” from impurity! To abstain means more than people usually think, it means:

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To “abstain from all sexual sin” implies that, with God’s help...

- ◆ I’ll NOT allow myself to: think of..., look at..., feel for..., or do... *anything* that is impure.
- ◆ I’ll NOT be a stumbling block (as far as I can ensure) to anyone else in this regard.

The bottom-line to me is that:

**God wants me
to abstain from all sin
...and shine for Him!**

He says His arm is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear, “but your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you” (Is 59:1,2). The only way to break down this wall of sin (which is separating a person from God) is by:

- ✠ Real **Repentance** from my former way of life (Matt 4:17)
- ✠ Concrete **Confession** of my sins (1 John 1:7-9; James 5:16)
- ✠ Full **Faith** in Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross for me (Mark 1:15)

Pray “Oh Lord, may You help me to do Your will in this wicked world. Please help me to stay **PURE**; to always abstain from all forms (and all degrees) of sexual immorality - in thought and in deed.”

Go + Do His holy will, also in this area of my life.

God shows me that
the Way to NOT be stained by sin
as a young person,
...despite the flood of filth in this world,
...despite the constant pressure to compromise,
is to follow the "A-B-C"...



A Abstain
B Be faithful
C Christ...!

This cannot be over-emphasized...
The moment my focus is not on Christ,
But on someone else or something else,
Even if it is something good or someone "good",
I am vulnerable to SIN...
I need to always remember this!

By God's grace I am a pure Lily for Jesus...!

TRUE LOVE WAITS

By signing this card I say:

"Believing that TRUE LOVE WAITS, I make a pledge to God, myself, my family and my future spouse, to remain sexually abstinent until the day I enter marriage, by the grace of God."

Keep this part

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

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Signature..... Date.....



TRUE LOVE WAITS

By signing this card I say:

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Return this part

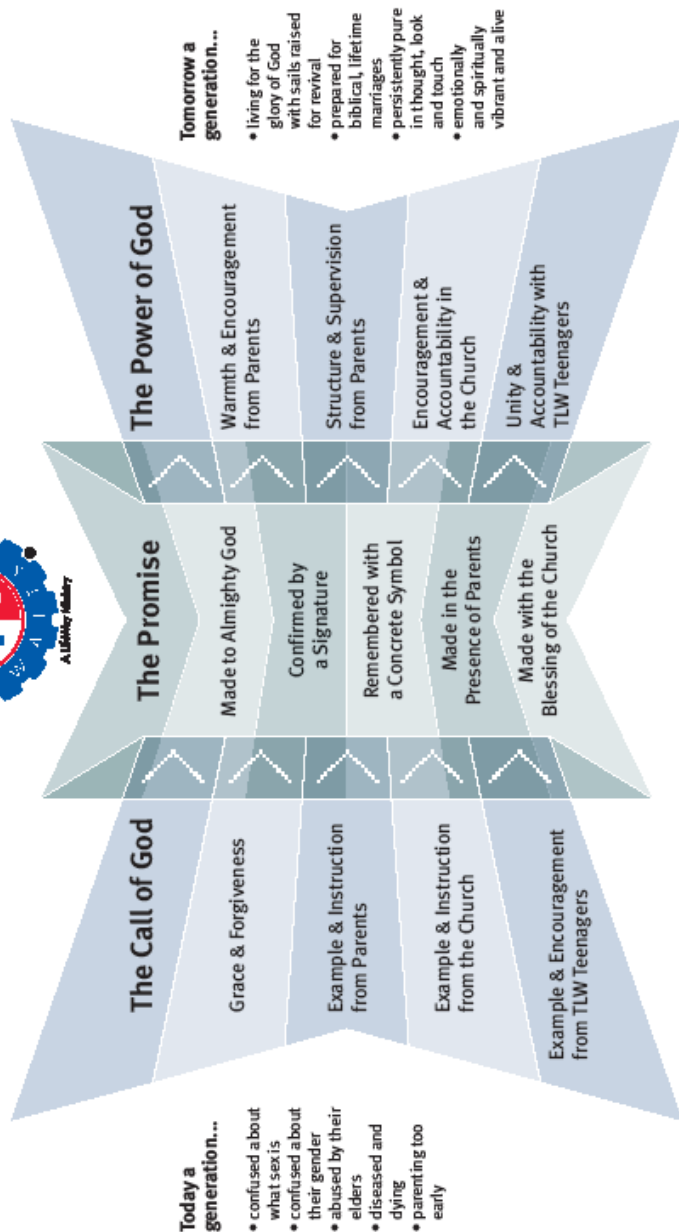
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17 October: Oh, that You would come down!

Pray “Oh Lord, You are my Father!” (Is 63:16)

Read Isaiah 62-64 and 1 Thessalonians 5

Think + write God says to me: “*Avoid every kind of evil*” (1 Thess 5:22). It can also be translated: “*Keep yourselves from every figment or idea of sin in the heart.*” To me, this means that:.....

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The **Holy Spirit** will help me to avoid every kind of evil and NOT to sin, while I need to make sure that I...

1. Resist not the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:10;YLT)
2. Grieve not the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30;KJV)
3. Quench not the Holy Spirit (1 Thess 5:19;KJV)

This means that I should...

1. Not.....
2. Not.....
3. Not.....

According to 1 Thess 5:23-24 God will enable me and help me in such a way that my “whole spirit, soul and body (may) be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is a wonderful and most amazing promise. Praise the Lord!

Isaiah describes a **sad situation** (in Is 64) where... (1) the children of God continued to sin, (2) they have all become unclean, (3) their best deeds were like filthy rags (as something to be discarded with disgust), (4) they were swept away by their sins..., and (5) no one called to God, or strove to lay hold of Him. Despite all this, he said: “Yet, O Lord, You are our Father” (64:8 & 63:16), “We are Yours...” (63:19), ... “We are the clay, You are the Potter...” (64:8).

That is why he cried: “*Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down*”!!! (64:1). This is a picture of how it is in **Revival** when: (1) people are convicted of their sins and of their utter sinfulness; (2) they cry to God in desperation; (3) He acts and tears through the demonic resistance in the heavenlies; and (4) He comes down and causes a Fire to burn and things to boil hot for Him - to His glory! (Is 64:1-3)

Pray “Father, please come down into our midst!”

Go + Do humble myself, seek His face, repent and pray to God.



Come Down

*Still am I haunting
Thy door with my prayers;
Still they are panting
Up thy steep stairs!
Wouldst thou not rather
Come down to my heart,
And there, O my Father,
Be what thou art?*

Smoke

*Lord, I have laid my heart upon thy altar
But cannot get the wood to burn;
It hardly flares ere it begins to falter
And to the dark return.*

*Old sap, or night-fallen dew, makes damp the fuel;
In vain my breath would flame provoke;
Yet see - at every poor attempt's renewal
To thee ascends the smoke!*

*'Tis all I have - smoke, failure, foiled endeavour,
Coldness and doubt and palsied lack:
Such as I have I send thee! - perfect Giver,
Send thou thy lightning back.*



George MacDonald (1824-1905)

18 October: I wait for You, Lord!

Pray “Lord, please open my eyes to the awesome reality of (1) *Who You are* and of (2) *the importance of Your Word*...”

Read Isaiah 65,66 and 2 Thessalonians 1

Think + write I have learned that God “works and shows Himself active on behalf of him who [earnestly] ***waits for Him***” (Is 64:4;Ampl). “And therefore ***the Lord [earnestly] waits*** [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who ***[earnestly] wait for Him***, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!” (Is 30:18;Ampl). AW Tozer said: “***God waits to be wanted***”! Furthermore, I see in Is 66: 2 that the person to whom God will look and give regard is he or she who is...

- ✠ humble (“simple and plain” - MSG)
- ✠ of a broken or wounded spirit, and
- ✠ who trembles at My word and
- ✠ reveres (and obeys) My commands.

This makes me realize that.....

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Despite the fact that the believers in Thessalonica went through many hard times that have come down on them (1 Thess 1:3;MSG)...

- ◆ their ***faith*** was growing phenomenally and
- ◆ their ***love*** for each other was developing wonderfully

This teaches me that.....

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Paul says: “All this trouble is a clear sign that God has decided to make you fit for the kingdom” (v5;MSG). He says, “We pray for you all the time - pray that our God will make you fit for what he’s called you to be...” (v11;MSG). “We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ” (v12).

Pray “Father, please make me fit for what You’ve called me to be.”

Go + Do what He has called me to do...

19 October: Don't be Deceived...

Pray *"O Lord, please help me to see the deceptions of the devil!"*

Read Jeremiah 1,2 and 2 Thessalonians 2

Think + write The main **Demonic Devices** that are used by Satan to try and bring me into bondage and to make me miss God's goal for me, are Darkness and Deception (See 2 Thess 2:3,10)...

- 💡 **"Darkness"** refers to anything that is sinful or of the self. While I'm still on earth, Satan will always tempt me to sin, in order to get a grip on my life. He wants me to be bound to sin and to him.
- 💡 **"Deception"** refers to anything that I think or believe to be true, when it actually is NOT true. Once a Christian's heart is set on serving God and NOT sinning, Satan will often not openly come to tempt him with sin, but he'll come with DECEPTION. He'll make a suggestion to my mind about something that seems good and right and true, when it actually is NOT - he'll try to deceive me. His aim is to get my focus off Jesus and onto something else, even something seemingly good. He'll suggest something to my mind that seems NOT sinful (...but it is not from God, it is not in the will of God). If I am deceived into thinking it's okay, it's right, ...and do it, but it was NOT from God, then I've given a grip to the devil in my life. In this way Satan gains ground in my life. This is very dangerous and very important to realize ...and RESIST and FIGHT! I need to rather love the truth and be saved and safe (2 Thess 2:10). If I do not love the truth (v10), or do not believe the truth (v12a), or worse, ...if I delight in wickedness (v12b), I'll be condemned...

As far this is concerned, I realize I need to be watchful in the following areas of my life:.....

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From Jeremiah I learn that

- ❖ God **knew me** even before He formed me in my mother (1:5)
- ❖ He **set me apart** for a purpose (v5)
- ❖ He tells me: **"Get yourself ready!"** (v17)
- ❖ **He is with me** (v19)
- ❖ I should **not forsake Him**, "the spring of living water" (2:13)
- ❖ I should **not try to replace Him** with what cannot satisfy..! (2:13)

Pray *"Father, please help me to always keep You as my Fountain!"*

Go + Do watch that I will not get deceived into darkness.

Demonic Bondage

According to the Word of God, a person can come under **demonic BONDAGE**. Jesus Himself spoke about a woman “whom Satan has kept **bound**” for 18 years (Luke 13:16), but whom He set free from “a demon of sickness”(v11).

WHAT is demonic BONDAGE?

Demonic bondage is when an evil spirit has “**bound**” a person, when there is a **bond** between them (consciously or unconsciously), when he or she is under the influence of that evil spirit, and **not free** from the dominion of that demon’s activity in any area of his or her life (physically, psychologically and/or spiritually). A “bound” person has become a **slave**, a **prisoner** (knowingly or unknowingly) to the suggestions, temptations, will, attitude, influence and life of that spirit of darkness.

POSSESSION

“Possession” can be seen as a **legal term** that means that an evil spirit possesses something in or of the person. It does not necessarily indicate locality or position. For instance, I may possess a car, but not be in it. I may even say, “See, that’s my car!” – while someone else is in it, driving it - but I still possess it. A person is “possessed” by an evil spirit when that spirit possesses something (has a hold of something) in or of that person. The differentiation between “obsession”, “oppression” and “possession” is not of practical significance. In “*War on the Saints*”, Jessie Penn-Lewis says that possession is “any hold which evil spirits have in or upon a person in any degree. They ‘possess’ that which they hold....”. That’s why God says, “**Do not give the devil a foot-hold**” (Eph 4:27), a place, a hold, a piece of ground in your life!

GROUND

This “place” (*ASV*), “opportunity” (*RSV*), “hold” or “foothold” is like a grip or landing place or a piece of **GROUND** given to the devil or his spirits, which they can “possess” and use as a launching pad to gain further ground in a person’s life, thus increasing their possession of

Jesus said:

“Unbind him!”



John 11:44

and bondage over that person. Ground is “anything in a person whereby evil spirits gain” (JPL). **Ground is that in me that an evil spirit can stand on, hold on to, plant his seed in, or possess.** It is anything in me that a demon or Satan has a right to, or that belongs to him and his kingdom of darkness. Jesus said, “He has nothing in me... [there is nothing in Me that belongs to him]”! (John 14:30; *Ampl*). Such a life is free from demonic bondage.

We may next ask, “How then does an evil spirit get ‘ground’ (or a foothold) in a person’s life?” ***To gain ground, they have to overcome the God-given IMMUNITY of a person and cause the person to fulfill certain CONDITIONS necessary for their operation.***

IMMUNITY

God has given each person a natural **physical immunity**, a natural **mental (psychological) immunity**, *and* a **spiritual immunity**. He has put a “**hedge**”, a wall, a “circle of protection” around each person (especially His children). See Job 1:10, Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 139:5, Ps 34:5, Zech 2:5, Proverbs 26:2, Numbers 23:23, 1 John 5:18, and Luke 10:19. This does not mean that a child of God is untouchable. In the human body, the skin is part of the body’s immune mechanism. When a **wound** breaks the integrity of the skin, bacteria can enter and cause infection, disease and even death (as with tetanus). In the same way, demons will try to cause a break in our mental and spiritual wall of immunity against them. Once they succeed in “opening a door”, making a gap or opening or wound... they may enter in, get a foothold, obtain “ground” and get a hold on the person. An opening or wound not taken to God becomes a way for evil spirits to enter and bring bondage in a person’s life! We can now ask: “*How is the spiritual immunity overcome?*”; “*What are the conditions, the principles (or laws) by which the evil spirits work, get a foothold, gain ground and bring bondage?!*”

PRINCIPLES or LAWS by which the evil spirits work

God has made natural and spiritual laws that govern all actions, also the actions of demons. For instance, fire scorches. Anyone who falls into it, gets burned. It is called the law of cause and effect. In the same way, says Watchman Nee, “should anyone fulfill the **conditions**

for the working of evil spirits (whether he fulfills them willingly, such as the witch, the medium, or the sorcerer – or unwittingly, such as the Christian), then he has definitely given ground to them to work on him... Everyone who meets the requirements for the operation of evil spirits will be harmed by them. It pays no heed to whether one is a Christian or not; once the conditions are met, the evil spirits do not fail to act ... (they) attack all who give them ground”. **The laws or PRINCIPLES by which the demons work** to successfully break through the hedge, weaken the immunity, gain “ground”, and bring bondage in a person’s life are: (1) **Permission**, (2) **Passivity**, (3) **Parents**, and (4) the **Para-usual**.

1. PERMISSION

God “does not violate man’s freedom in obtaining his allegiance; neither can Satan’s evil spirits enter, and obtain possession of any part of the man apart from his **consent**, given either *consciously*, or *unconsciously*” (through deception)! Pastor Greg Denysschen said: “Nobody (not even the evil spirits) can make me do something that I don’t **want** to do. If something is not in my heart, the devil will not be able to make me do it!” If I *consciously choose to do ANY SIN (darkness)*, I thereby give **permission** to the demonic forces to get a foothold (ground) in my life. This obviously includes all involvement with any form of idolatry, spiritism and the occult - which is forbidden by God. (See Deut 18:10-12, 17:2-5; Lev 19:26, 19:31, 20:6; and 1 Co 10:14,20 & 21.). I can also *un-consciously give permission – through deception!* If I accept a thought or an emotion that is suggested to or imposed on my faculties by an evil spirit, thinking it is from me (or from God), and thinking it is the truth when it is a lie, I have been deceived. This **acceptance** (welcoming, entertaining, contemplating, brooding over, or feeding of that suggested thought or emotion) gives *permission* and *ground* to the demon to bring bondage and work further. That is why God says: “Capture every thought and make it obedient to Christ” (2 Co 10:5), and not to the evil spirits.

2. PASSIVITY

Passivity gives permission to evil spirits to work. “**The chief condition for the working of evil spirits in a human being, apart from sin, is passivity**, in exact opposition to the condition which God re-

quires from His children for His working in them”. “**Passivity is the law; suggestion is the tool the devil uses!**” This should never be forgotten. We are commanded to watch, resist, stand, withstand, fight, obey, work, trust, test – in active dependence and intelligent co-working with God. According to the Bible, a person is cursed when he is slack (lazy or passive) in doing the Lord’s work (Jer 48:10). *Any non-use, or slack use, or lack of control over my faculties (of thinking, feeling and deciding), constitutes passivity, and passivity gives place to the devil*. Passivity is the chief basis of possession. “The **law of passivity** fulfilled (even in Christian meetings – *my addition*) brings the evil powers into action, whether the man be a spiritist or a believer.”

3. PARENTS: gene-rational (blood-line) curses

It is a Biblical principle (or law) that evil spirits are able and allowed to influence the children to the third and the fourth generation, because of their ground (through darkness or deception) in the **PARENTS** or grand-parents or great grand-parents. See Ex 20:2-6. The children are not held responsible or reckoned guilty for the sins of the ancestors (Ezek 18:20), but they are punished and do suffer of the consequences. Other illustrations of this principle are in Ex 34:7, Lev 26:39, Num 14:18,33, Jer 32:18, Lam 5:7, Num 16, and Joshua 7:1-26 and 22:20. This principle is at work in the physical realm (e.g. with mother-to-child HIV transmission), the psychological realm, and the spiritual realm. George MacDonald said, “*I will assert that it is an honor to us to have the sins of our fathers laid upon us. For thus it is given into our power to put a stop to them, so that they shall descend no further*”! What a privilege.

4. PARA-USUAL: Witchcraft or Magic

We call this fourth principle or law by which the evil spirits work “PARA-USUAL”, since it is not the usual route of permission, passivity and “parents”, ...though it needs one or more of these laws to work hand in hand with, to accomplish it’s devilish intent. While God says: “A curse without cause shall not alight” (Proverbs 26:2); “There is no sorcery (witchcraft) against Jacob, no divination against Israel” (Num 23:23); and “...the one who is born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him”(1 John 5:18), or as the Amplified version

Principles

(or laws) by which evil spirits work

Permission

Passivity

Parents

Para-usual



Don't open a
door for the
devil!

Demonic Devices

(or tools) used by the evil spirits

Darkness

Deception

Satan wants to **Bind Believers...**

*Don't let Satan
bind you!!*



DON'T be gagged & bound by any
Darkness (sin) or
Deception (believing a lie)

Jesus says: "The truth will set you free..."!!

The truth about my sins
The truth about the devil's lies
The truth about God's love and sacrifice for me
The Truth Himself - Jesus Himself

puts it, ...God “carefully watches over and protects him, and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him *or* touch [him]”, ...yet, if you have in any way given a foothold to the devil in your life (through permission or passivity), or if a curse from your “parents” (ancestors) has not yet been broken, then it is possible that a witchcraft curse or spell (directed at you) **can** alight and bring demonic bondage and trouble.

“DEMONIC DEVICES”

The *main* devices, tools or methods the demons use to bring people to fulfill the principles (conditions) they need to work and bring bondage are **DARKNESS** (*sin*) and **DECEPTION** (*lies*). They also use Doubt, Discouragement, Difficulty, Desire, Disobedience, Disunity, “Disability” (or passivity), Disease, Death, etc. We can call these the “*Demonic D’s*”. Many of these devices were instrumental in the downfall of Eve in the Garden of Eden (See Gen 3). Eve (and each of us after her) was ***deceived into darkness*** by doubting with her mind, desiring with her heart (affections) and disobeying with her will.

1. DARKNESS (Sin)

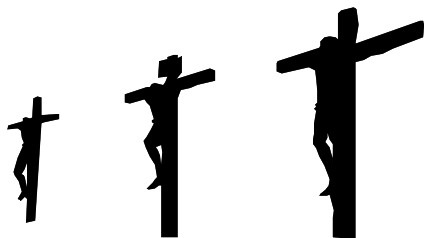
ALL SIN is darkness. Sin gives ground to the demons, and brings bondage (Prov 5:22,23) “Sin is the greatest enemy which we have in the world, and doth us more harm than the devil himself; for it betrays us to the devil, and under pretence of favoring and pleasing our nature, betrays us” (Richard Sibbes). “Sin can do without the Devil, that which the Devil cannot do without sin, and that is, undo men...”(Ralph Venning). “Sin’s kisses kill”. Sin lusts (Gal 5:17), fights, wars (Rom 7:23; James 4:1; 1 Peter 2:11), and captivates (and brings bondage to) the soul (Rom 7:23; Prov 5:22,23). Sin is madness (Eccles. 9:3). That is why God says, “Keep yourselves from every figment or idea of sin in the heart...”!(1 Thess 5:22) Sin is selfishness, lawlessness, missing God’s mark, self-centeredness. In Gal 5:19-21 the works of the flesh are revealed as: sense-sins, sexual sins, spiritism, selfishness, and social sins – which are all demonic darkness. Doubt is darkness (Rom 14:23); Disobedience is darkness (1 Sam 15:22,23); Demon-worship (idolatry) is darkness (1 Cor 10:20). Any form of idolatry (which is trusting people, possessions, positions, or powers to do for me what only God can do) is darkness. Divination is

darkness (Deut 18:10-13); Discouragement is darkness (Ezek13:22; 9:6-9, *NIV*); Dis-ability (or passivity) is darkness; **all that is of “self” is darkness**. “Self” is the greatest ally to Satan. “Self” gives ground to the demons. Self-centeredness is “I”-dolatry, which is an abomination to God and gives a foothold to demons. Mrs Jessie Penn-Lewis said, “*Every part of a believer not yet renewed*, and freed by the redemption of Calvary from the effects of the Fall, means ground for the possible entry and possession of deceiving spirits”. This is a crucially important truth, both for life *and* deliverance.

2. DECEPTION (through **suggestions** and **lies**)

Deception is darkness (lies), and deception leads to darkness. Deception brings bondage. The devil rules by deception, and wages “a war of deceit.” Deception is the devil’s language; it is the most subtle of all satanic strongholds. **Deception is “a wrong thought admitted to the mind.” It is a lie (an untruth) believed to be the truth.** “Truth of every kind makes free, while *lies bind up in bonds*.” “The moment you believe the lie, you are in bondage. **Lies bind up in bonds**. Even ignorance can bind one up, because it gives ground to the devil and opens the way for the lie... and the moment you end up believing the lie, you’ll end up under one or the other form of curse (or bondage)... It is not harmless to believe a lie! It’s not innocent to believe a lie. Whatever you do – don’t believe a lie! It can have painfully devastating consequences!” (Pastor Greg Denysschen)). Thoughts or emotions can be **suggestions** from an evil spirit - *based on a lie*. If I accept such a satanic suggestion as coming from me or from God, and think it is the truth when it is a lie, I have been deceived. This gives *permission* and *ground* to demons to bring bondage in my life. Even by just accepting bodily symptoms (of disease) as natural or “organic” or physical or biochemical, I may be deceived into accepting a superimposed suggestion-symptom as real or natural or normal, and thereby give place to the devil. **Subtle suggestions lead to demonic deception and bondage**. I need to therefore always realize and remember that passivity is the law; **suggestion** is the tool the devil uses!

But, ...the Lord Jesus came to expose and DESTROY the work of the devil!
(1 John 3:8). Hallelujah!





20 October: God's heart...

Pray *"Father, please help me to see how You feel about my sin..."*

Read Jeremiah 3,4 and 2 Thessalonians 3

Think + write I see in Jeremiah 3 that a person may call God "**My Father**" (v4,19), "meanwhile...keep sinning nonstop" (v5;MSG). This is not right. How it must break the heart of God!!! He said it is comparable to the sad (sick) situation of "a woman **unfaithful** to her husband" (3:20). What heartbreak and agony does this not cause! When I sin, my behavior towards God is just like the behavior of an unfaithful wife to her husband, or like an unfaithful child to her (or his) father... God also asks me (through Jeremiah):

 **Why?** "What are you doing...? **Why** dress yourself in scarlet and put on jewels of gold? **Why** shade your eyes with paint?" (Jeremiah 4:30). "And you, what do you think you're up to? Dressing up in party clothes, decking yourselves out in jewelry, putting on lipstick and rouge and mascara!" (4:30;MSG). **Why** do women do this? I think it's because.....

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God says to me (as a woman): "You beauty should NOT come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet  **Not?** spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight" (1 Peter 3:3,4). When God says my beauty "should NOT come" from that, it means that.....

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God says to His unfaithful wife, or His unfaithful child: "**Return**, ...for I am merciful, ...Only **know**, **understand**, and **acknowledge** your iniquity and guilt ...and (that) you have not obeyed My voice... **Return**, ...for I am Lord and Master and Husband to you, and I will take you ...and **I will** give you [*spiritual*] shepherds after My own heart" (3:12-15;Ampl), ...and "**I will** cure you of backsliding" (v22). Oh, this is wonderful! Thank You, Lord. I return with all my heart.

Pray *"May the Lord direct my heart into God's love and Christ's perseverance. May He heal it completely..."* (2 Thess 3:5).

Go + Do what He told me to do.

21 October: Please don't be Shipwrecked!

Pray “Lord, please help me to prevent shipwreck!”

Read Jeremiah 5,6 and 1 Timothy 1

Think + write To me, 1 Tim 1:15-16 are golden verses in the Bible. “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: ***Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.*** But for that very same reason I was shown mercy so that in me, ***the worst of sinners***, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life.” I see clearly that...

- ❖ “This is a trustworthy saying” - I can trust it to be true!
- ❖ “Christ Jesus came into the world” - He came! He still comes into whatever situation He is needed!
- ❖ He came ... “to save sinners,” not to condemn them!
- ❖ He came to save the worst sinners!
- ❖ “Of whom I am the worst”! He came to save even ME...!
- ❖ To show His patience and power and love...! (See 1 Tim 1:16)

This experience of being saved by the Lord is to be ***followed by***...

- ✓ ***Fighting the good fight*** (v18) - by resisting my spiritual enemies, by going against them, by fighting against them.
- ✓ ***Holding on to faith*** (v19) - “keeping a firm grip on your faith” (MSG), keeping on trusting the Lord, in everything, always...!
- ✓ ***Holding on to a good conscience*** (v19) - keeping on keeping a clean conscience, and not allowing sin to stain my conscience, or not allowing sin to remain un-confessed and un-repented of...

Paul says: “There are some, you know, who by relaxing their grip and thinking anything goes have made a thorough mess of their faith” (v19;MSG) and have wandered off to Satan. Oh, how sad this is! It can happen to anyone. If I fail to do the above-mentioned things I too may make ***a shipwreck of my faith*** (my relationship with God). May this never happen! But, for it NOT to happen I need to.....

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Pray “Father, please help me to keep on trusting and be clean...”

Go + Do what is clearly commanded to prevent shipwreck.

Sail *without* Shipwreck



Prevent Shipwreck...!

Clean Conscience
Fight the good Fight
Faith in God



22 October: What He wants...

Pray “O Lord, please show me what You want...!”

Read Jeremiah 7,8 and 1 Timothy 2

Think + write In these last-day-times so many things are changing... What was right before are now questioned, and what was **wrong** before are now often considered **right** (because everybody does it). Some examples are the following:.....

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It is possible for me to be influenced by the constant bombardment by what I see and hear in this world, and to **slowly change my convictions**. This is a real danger and a great danger. Oh, may the Lord help me to stay true to Him. He says (in Jeremiah 6:16;NIV,MSG):

**“Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths (the old road, the tried and true road),
ask where the good way is, and
walk in it, and
you will find rest for your souls...”**

As God says, I need to **return to the old path, His path** (Jer 7:4). He says: “Even swallows know when it is time to **return**... But, my people, you do not know...” (8:7). “My dear daughter - my people - broken, shattered, and yet they put on band-aids (they dress the wound... as though it were not serious) saying, ‘It’s not so bad. You’ll be just fine.’ But things are NOT ‘just fine’...” (8:11 & 6:14).



I see in 1 Tim 2 **what God wants**... He says:

- ⇒ “The first thing I **want** you to do is **pray**” (v1)
- ⇒ “He **wants** not only us but **everyone saved**” (v4). He “wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (v4)
- ⇒ “I **want** men everywhere to lift up **holy hands in prayer**” (v8)
- ⇒ “I also **want** women to **dress modestly**, with decency and propriety, **not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes**, but with good deeds...” (v9,10). When He says “not with... gold” (etc) he means.....

Pray “Father, my prayer is that.....
.....**Amen.**”

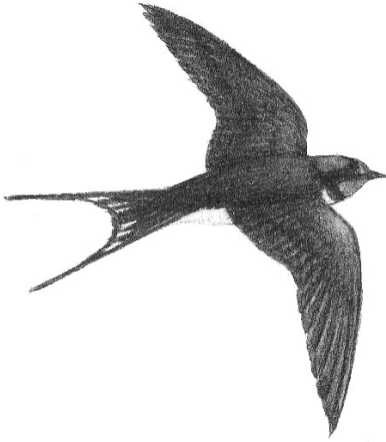
Go + Do what He wants!

***The swallows know
the time of their***



RETURN

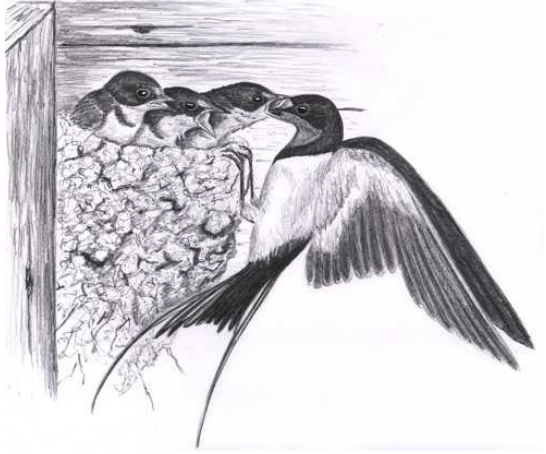
Jeremiah 8:7



The “Barn Swallow”...

- **Is one of God’s wonders**
- **It weighs only 18g**
- **It flies 12 000 km every year!**
- **It’s one of the smallest migratory birds**
- **It leaves Europe during August/September each year, to spend their summer in the Southern hemisphere**
- **It leaves South Africa (SA) in April**
- **It breeds in Europe**
- **It builds an open mud and straw nest, lined with feathers, usually in some kind of building, on a ledge**
- **It lays 4-5 small eggs**
- **It hatches in 15 days**
- **It fledges and flies within 21 days**
- **It enjoys a perpetual summer...!**
- **It feeds on aerial insects**
- **It flies up to 50km daily, even when “at home,” to forage**
- **It serves God and people by controlling the aerial insect (including mosquito) populations!**
- **If they do NOT RETURN in time from Europe, they may DIE due to the snow and cold weather...**

- **The journey may take 1 month**
- **They then fly up to 400km per day**
- **They fly together in small flocks**
- **They have many enemies: like the Black, yellow-billed kite, snakes, Fish eagles, the leguaan, owls, and ...people**
- **The roost (family) of Barn swallows at the Mt Moreland wetlands is probably the largest in SA**
- **Just before their return to Europe in April, they are estimated to reach 3 000 000....!!**
- **They PREPARE for their RETURN...**
- **They CLEANSE themselves from parasites by rubbing themselves in the dust**
- **They then REST in trees to PRESERVE protein and body fat for the journey ahead...**



Some lessons we can learn...



Barn Swallow

Jer 8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem turned away with a perpetual turning away [*from Me*]? They hold fast to deceit (idolatry); they refuse to repent and return [*to God*]. Jer 8:6 I have listened and heard, but they have not spoken aright; no man repents of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Everyone turns to his [*individual*] course, as the horse rushes like a torrent into battle. Jer 8:7 [*Even the migratory birds are punctual to their seasons.*] Yes, the stork [*excelling in the great height of her flight*] in the heavens knows her appointed times [*of migration*], and the turtledove, **the swallow**, and the crane **observe the time of their return**. **But My people do not know** the law of the Lord [*which the lower animals instinctively recognize in so far as it applies to them*].

Gen 3:9 But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, **Where are you?**

Eze 33:10 And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: Truly our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live? Eze 33:11 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked **turn** from his way and live. **Turn back, turn back** from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Eze 14:6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you**, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, How shall we return?

Isa 30:15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: **In re-turning [to Me]** and resting [*in Me*] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [*trusting*] confidence shall be your strength. But you would not, Isa 30:16 And you said, No!...

The swallows know when it's time to RETURN...!

23 October: Terrible Traps...

Pray “Lord, please open my eyes...”

Read Jeremiah 9,10 and 1 Timothy 3

Think + write I need to remind myself that whenever a person wants to go forward with God and provide some leadership “*the Devil will figure out a way to lure him into his trap*” (1Tim 3:7; MSG). This does *not* mean I should not aspire to go forward or to lead, but it does mean that I should look out for the traps of the devil and avoid them! His common traps (tried over time) are:

1.
2.
3.
4.



Someone summarized some traps as *Money, Men, “Me”... or Fame, Females, Finance, Fashion... or Pennies, Petticoats, Power, Pride...* Oh, may God keep me safe from these traps—for His Name’s sake. I need to remember that a trap is not a trap if it’s easily seen. It’s usually hidden (or covered) by something nice, “good” or “innocent”...

God does not just warn me to watch out for the traps of the devil, in 2 Tim 2 He also shows me the way out of any such trap I need to:



Come to know the truth (v25): Recognize

Come to my senses (v26): Realize

Repent (v25): Repent

Escape (get out & Run away) from the trap (v26)

God tells me through Jeremiah 9:23-24 that I need to be in a situation where **I can boast**

Not about my wisdom

Not about my strength or exploits

Not about my riches

Not about anything of myself...

...But I can **boast about this: that I understand and know Him!**

When I ask myself if I understand and know God, I can say:.....

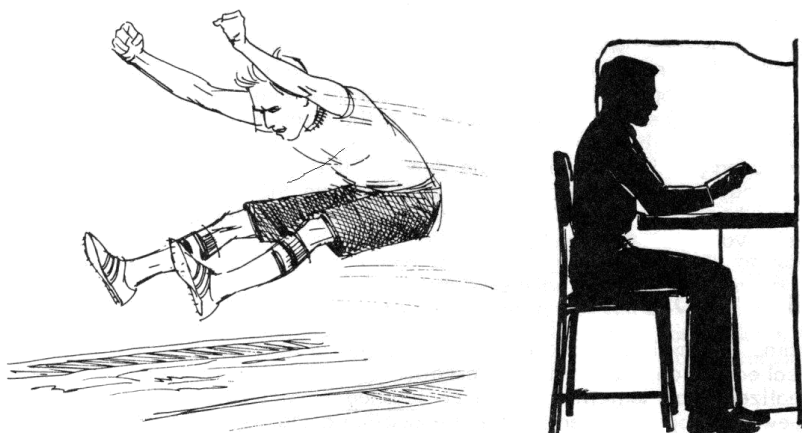
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Pray “Father, please show me Yourself, that I may know You!”

Go + Do seek to see His face (*and* to see the devil’s traps).

“For physical training is of some value...”

1 Tim 4:8a



“...but godliness has value for all things...”

1 Tim 4:8b

“...rather train (exercise, discipline) yourself to be godly”

1 Tim 4:7b

24 October: Love that Lasts in the Last days

Pray “Lord, please keep me true to You!”

Read Jeremiah 11-13 and 1 Timothy 4

Think + write “The Spirit clearly says that ***in later times***...

- ◆ Some will abandon the faith and
- ◆ Follow deceiving spirits and
- ◆ (Follow) things taught by demons” (1 Tim 4:1)
- ◆ “Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold” (Matt 24:12;GNB).

This teaches me that.....

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I need to:

- **Train myself** to be **godly** (**discipline myself** for the purpose of godliness) - 1 Tim 4:7. This includes the discipline of reading my Bible, praying, spending time alone with God, worship, evangelism, journaling, disciple-making, etc....
- **Set an example** for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity - 1 Tim 4:12
- **Be diligent** and whole-hearted in this (v15)
- **Watch** my life and doctrine closely (v16)
- **Persevere** (v16)
- Realize that “**a man’s life is not his own**” (Jer 10:23a)
- “It is not for man to direct his steps” (v23b) - I need to be corrected (v24) and **directed by God**, step by step...
- Realize that there are people (“those closest to you, your own brothers and cousins”) who are working against me, “they’re out to get” me... God says: “**Don’t trust them**, especially when they’re smiling”! (Jer 12:6). This is a very important lesson to learn in life and not to forget!

God says (in Jeremiah 12:8,9;MSG) that “this one I held dear”, “those I most love”, have become like a preening peacock and like a snarling lion (baring her teeth at me), which is sad. Such a person who has become proud and showing a dislike for God are in big trouble - they are “under attack by vultures” (v9), which represent demons...!

Pray “Father,.....”

Go + Do diligently discipline myself - for God’s sake.



“Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?
Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die?
Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?
Can YOU sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?!”
Leonard Ravenhill

25 October: Is God a Stranger?!

Pray “O Lord, may You never become a stranger to me!”

Read Jeremiah 14-16 and 1 Timothy 5

Think + write There was a time when God was “like a stranger in the land” (Jer 14:8a), “like a traveler who stays only a night” (v8b). God becomes like a *stranger*, a *traveler*, in relation to me when:.....
.....
.....

To ensure that God does not become a stranger in my life, I'll:

- ◆
- ◆
- ◆
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As far as my relationship to younger women is concerned, God says: “Treat ...younger women as sisters, with ***absolute purity***” (1 Tim 5:2b). The emphasis is on “absolute purity”. This is beautiful. I love God’s way and God’s standards - it is the best! He knows the best! His way is my choice! By the way... there is not one verse in the Bible that speaks about or approves of having a “boyfriend” or a “girlfriend”! Some people say that to have a “boyfriend” or a “girlfriend” is NATURAL. They are right: it is “natural” to the “natural” (sinful) nature, ...but as followers of Jesus we are called to NOT live according to the natural, but to live according to the SUPER-natural (the spiritual, the Spirit of God). I read in Rom 8:13 that if I live according to the NATURAL, I will DIE! I need to rather **be led by the SPIRIT of God** and **NOT by the “natural,”** then I’ll truly LIVE!

As far as getting married is concerned, I need to: (1) **never** follow my ***Flesh*** (physically), (2) nor my ***Feelings*** (emotionally), (3) nor my ***Friends*** (socially), (4) nor my ***Family***, ...but (5) only my ***Father*** in heaven (spiritually). I need to be dead to myself, dead to the fleshly desires, dead to the emotional desires, dead to family pressure, dead to social pressures... and alive to God’s will only! I need to be guided **spiritually**, by Him. This is the only sure and safe way to God’s best.

Pray “Father, please guide me in Your way of doing everything!”

Go + Do His will only.

PURITY

is Precious

P ~ Passion for Jesus, and Prayer

U ~ Unction: Holy Spirit baptism

R ~ Repentance (deep) of all sins

I ~ Integrity in all I do and think

T ~ Trust God and ruthlessly crush

Temptation in its start, giving NO place to it,
also in my Thoughts!

Y ~ “Y”: ...because I love Jesus, I Yearn for
Him and want to glorify Him!



“Keep yourself PURE” - 1 Tim 5:22

In “*Surviving Temptation Island*” the Davidson brothers share how we can keep pure by living God’s Word. Here’s an adapted version of their...

WOW!

Purity Plan

I think **WOW** ...Purity is Possible! Purity is God’s Plan for me! Purity is God’s Provision for me (in Christ)!

I make a **VOW** to remain sexually pure...



I plan **HOW** I can do it (through Jesus) by e.g.: creating a plan for self-control, identifying my weaknesses, developing a strategy for accountability, recognizing patterns and habits that make me vulnerable to sin, being alert, and by staying plugged into God’s Word.

I do it **NOW** and stand strong regardless of what others do or say. I repent NOW of each and every sin, and accept God’s forgiveness, based on what Christ did on the Cross for me and in my place...

I’ll push the **PLOW** by continuing to (1) meet the daily challenges of purity, (2) pray, (3) persevere, and (4) trust in God. I’ll never give up, even if I stumble. I trust God to help me NOT to stumble ever again - to His glory!



Jesus says:
 “Come, follow me...
 and I will make you
fishers of men”
 (Mark 1:17)

Fishers of men

“Behold, I will send for many
fishers, says the Lord,
 and they will fish them
 out...” (Ampl); “See, I will send for great numbers of
 fishermen, says the Lord, and
 they will *take them like fish in a net...*”
 (Jeremiah 16:16;BBE)

Hunters

“...and afterward I will send for
 many hunters,
 and they will hunt them
 from every mountain and
 from every hill and out of the
 clefts of the rocks” (Jeremiah 16:16; Ampl).

“...and after that,
 I will send for numbers of *bowmen*,
 and they will go after them,
 driving them from every mountain and from every hill,
 and out of the holes of the rocks” (BBE)



For Your arrows have sunk into me and stick fast, and Your hand has come down upon me and pressed me sorely. (Ps 38:2). He has caused the arrows of His quiver to enter into my heart (Lam 3:13).

TARGET specific person
TRAVAIL in intercession
TRUST relationship
TALK winsomely *and listen*
TESTIFY with life & lip of Him
TURN & TRUST in the Lord
Jesus



A Hunter for Jesus...
shooting with God's arrows of
His Law,
His Love,
His Life!

26 October: Made over again!

Pray “Lord, may I never become estranged from Your love!”

Read Jeremiah 17-19 and 1 Timothy 6

Think + write I learn through Jeremiah 14-16 that:

1. If God has become like a **stranger** to me (14:8), a visitor...
2. I need to **repent**... and God will **restore** me that I may **serve** Him (15:19),
3. Then, when **His words** come, I’ll eat them and they’ll be my joy and my heart’s delight (15:16), and
4. I may become His **fisherman** (and be a fisher of men) and His **hunter** or **bowman** - to hunt those who are lost and “shoot” them with the arrows of God’s Love, God’s Law and God’s Life...!

This winning of others through God’s love is beautifully described in a prayer by Novalis, and translated by George MacDonald as follows:

“Thou with Thy love has found me!

O, do not let me go!

Keep me where Thou hast bound me

Till one with Thee I grow.

My brothers yet will waken,

One look to heaven will dart -

Then sink down, love-o’ertaken,

And fall upon Thy heart.”

In Jeremiah 17 it is shown so clearly that:

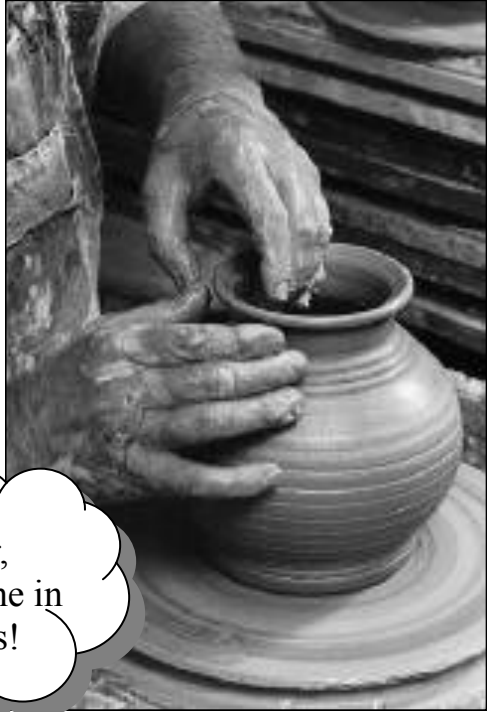
- ❖ The one “who **trusts in man**, who depends on flesh for his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord”, is cursed... (v5)
- ❖ The man (and woman) “who **trusts in the Lord**, whose confidence is in Him”, is blessed and fruitful... (v7-8)
- ❖ The **heart is deceitful above all things**... (v9). To me, this means that

I learn from Jeremiah 18 that the pot (the person) in the hands of the Potter was: (1) **Made by God**, (2) **Marred by sin**, and (3) **Made over again by God**—as He wanted it to be... This is what God has also done for me. I am eternally thankful to Him.

Pray “Father, thank You, thank You!” **Go + Do** love Him.

“But **Thou art making me**, I thank thee, sire.
What thou hast done and doest thou know'st well,
And I will help thee: **gently in thy fire**
I will lie burning; on thy potter's-wheel
I will whirl patient, though my brain should reel.
Thy grace shall be enough the grief to quell,
And growing strength perfect through weakness dire.”

George MacDonald
(From “Diary of an Old Soul”)



Oh Father,
please keep me in
Your hands!

*I was ...Made by God
Marred by sin
Made over again
- as He wants me to be!
Thank You, Lord!*

27 October: Holy Fire

Pray “O Lord, please set my heart aflame for You - every day!”

Read Jeremiah 20-22 and 2 Timothy 1

Think + write Despite all the difficulties Jeremiah went through, he said God’s “word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones” (Jer 20:9;KJV), ...“Your message is like a burning fire deep within me” (GNB). God also says: “Is not My Word like fire”? (Jer 23:28). A fire... (1) Gives light, (2) Gives warmth, (3) Draws people, (4) Completely destroys dirt and whatever is perishable, and (5) Tends to spread... it is “contagious”. Jesus said: “I have come to bring a fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!” (Luke 12:49). ***He longs that my heart will be aflame with the***

- ◆ Fire of Love for Him ...Matt 22:37
- ◆ Fire of the Holy Spirit ...Rom 12:11, “Be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord” (Ampl). Also see Luke 3:15-18.
- ◆ Fire of Zeal for Him - for His Name, His kingdom and His glory.
- ◆ Fire of the Word of God ...Jer 20:9;23:28

When my heart is burning with the ***holy fire*** of love for God and for His Word,

- ⇒ I will ***not be able to keep quiet*** about the Lord (Jer 20:9)
- ⇒ I will ***not be able “to stay”*** and not go to be His missionary (Jer 20:9b;Ampl)
- ⇒ There will be ***no place for the unholy fires*** of lust (Hosea 7:4-6), or the unholy fires of jealousy and gossip and wicked words (James 3:6), or the unholy fires of “self” - with it’s self-made plans and self-made solutions to the challenges of life (Is 50:11).

Whenever there is a need ***for the Fire of God to be kindled in me***, I need to seek and ensure the following:

1. Fellowship with Jesus (Luke 24:13-35)
2. Forgiveness of my sins (Rev 2:2-5)
3. Fan into flame... In Greek: “blow the ashes off” (2 Ti 1:6)
4. Full surrender to God with all on the altar (1 Kings 18:16-39)
5. Fullness of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

My response is:.....
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Pray “Father, I pray as Augustine prayed, please give me: To my fellow-men a heart of love, to my God a heart of flame, to myself a heart of steel...”!

Go + Do burn for Jesus!

Refining Fire

(Isaiah 1:25)

O Lord our God, to Thee is known
Our inmost heart's desire;
Thy love is fire, Thy love alone;
O bathe our souls in fire.

And purely purge away our dross,
And take away our tin;
And by the virtue of Thy Cross
Renew us, Lord, within.

O turn Thy hand, Thy wounded hand,
On us who love Thy name,
And make of us a holy band,
A single, burning flame.

Amy Carmichael





***“Make me Thy fuel,
Flame of God”***

Forest Fire

O high and holy Fair,
As forest fire
Leaps to the upper air,
Would we aspire.

Perish our leaf or bough
And ashes be,
If only here and now
We rise to Thee.

O Fairest, it were shame
Less to desire;
O turn us all to flame
Like forest fire.

Amy Carmichael

28 October: 2 Timothy 2...!

Pray “Lord, may You please make this chapter alive in me.”

Read Jeremiah 23,24 and 2 Timothy 2

Think + write To me, 2 Tim 2 is one of my favorite “fullest” chapters in the Bible. There is so much to learn from it! I see (for instance) that I need to:

- ✓ **Be strong** the grace that is IN Christ Jesus (v1)
- ✓ **Endure hardship, not get involved in worldly affairs**, and **seek to please Him only** - like a good soldier of Christ (v3,4)
- ✓ **Run according to God’s rules** - like an athlete (v5)
- ✓ **Work hard** to receive a harvest - like a farmer (v6)
- ✓ **Reflect** and think on what God is saying to me (v7)
- ✓ **Remember Jesus Christ!!!** (v8). This is a key to life and to victory over temptations.
- ✓ **Do my best** to be an approved workman of God (v15)
- ✓ **Cleanse myself properly**, then I’ll be fit for use by God (v21)
- ✓ **Flee** the evil desire of youth...! (v22a)
- ✓ **Pursue** righteousness, faith, love and peace... (v22b)
- ✓ Do it only **together with THOSE** who call on the Lord out of a pure heart...! (v22c). This is very important and is unfortunately often neglected—with sad consequences.
- ✓ Gently **show others** how to **escape** from the snare of Satan, ...through coming to know the truth, coming to one’s senses, repentance, and running away... (v25,26)
- ✓ Do all of this “**with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us**”, while being on my guard all the time... (2 Tim 1:14).

Someone summarized Jeremiah 23:16 by saying: “Listen to NO man who fails to listen to God!”. To me, this means that.....

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God says that His people will return to Him with all their heart and He will give them a heart to know Him (Jer 24:7). I understand this to mean that.....

Pray “Father, may I always be Yours and may I know You more!”

Go + Do what I was told in 2 Timothy 2...

29 October: I am sent!

Pray “*Lord, am I sent?*”

Read Jeremiah 25,26 and 2 Timothy 3

Think + write Jeremiah had no doubt in his mind about being sent by the Lord. He said:

✠ “The Lord sent me...” (Jer 26:12)

✠ “In truth *the Lord has sent me...*” (Jer 26:15)

✠ “Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves...” (Luk 10:3)

✠ “As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you...” (John 20:21)

✠ “Here am I. Send me!” (Is 6:8) was Isaiah’s response to God’s question: “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Is 6:8).

When I consider this urgent matter (and high privilege) of being personally sent by the Lord, I realize that as far as I am concerned.....

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The verses the Lord used to speak to me (personally) about going, about being sent by Him, are the following:



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Lois Buck (the daughter of a missionary to India) wrote “In Christ—the Gospel according to Paul”. Three of the 12 stanzas are as follows:

**From the glory and the gladness,
From His secret place;
From the rapture of His Presence
From the radiance of His Face—**

**Christ, the Son of God hath sent me
Through the midnight lands;
Mine the mighty ordination
Of the pierced Hands.**

**Mine the message grand and glorious
Strange unsealed surprise—
That the goal is God’s Beloved,
Christ in Paradise.**

Pray “*Father, thank You for even sending me!*”

Go + Do what He has sent me to do.

***I am a bond-servant,
a love-slave of Jesus...***



Dismiss me not Thy service, Lord,
But train me for Thy will;
For even I in fields so broad
Some duties may fulfill;
And I will ask for no reward,
Except to serve Thee still.

T.T. Lynch

A Last Prayer

Father, I scarcely dare to pray,
So clear I see, now it is done,
That I have wasted half my day,
And left my work but just begun;

So clear I see that things I thought
Were right or harmless were a sin;
So clear I see that I have sought
Unconscious, selfish aims to win;

So clear I see that I have hurt
The soul I might have helped to save;
That I have slothful been, inert,
Deaf to the calls thy leaders gave.



In outskirts of thy kingdom vast,
Father, the humblest spot give me;
Set me the lowliest task thou hast,
Let me repentant work for thee.

Helen. H. Jackson

30 October: Love not this world

Pray “Lord, please help me to always love You and Your Word.”

Read Jeremiah 27, 28 and 2 Timothy 4

Think + write Just like Timothy, I am helped to understand that “there's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another--showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us. I can't impress this on you too strongly. God is looking over your shoulder ...so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch ...Don't ever quit. Just keep it simple” (2 Ti 3:15-4:2;MSG). Thank the Lord for His Word!

One of the great warnings in the Word of God is what I read regarding Demas. He was a fellow-worker with Paul (Col 4:14 and Philemon 1:24), Dr Luke and Mark. Later, Paul said: “Demas fell in love with this present world and has deserted me” (2 Ti 4:10;GNB). Oh, how I need to guard my heart—NOT to fall in love with this present world! Love for this present world is shown by:

- ☹
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- ☹

What will help me to NOT slowly start to love this present world (and the things of this world) are the following:

- ☺
- ☺
- ☺

I want to be able to always say: “The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength... And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom...” (2 Ti 4:17,18;NIV), “God's looking after me, keeping me safe...” (MSG).

Pray “O Father, please keep my heart in love with You. Please help me NOT to start to love this present world, in Jesus Name. Amen”

Go + Do what is written in God's Word—to love God.

I am

ready

to be

offered...

...yielded, waiting

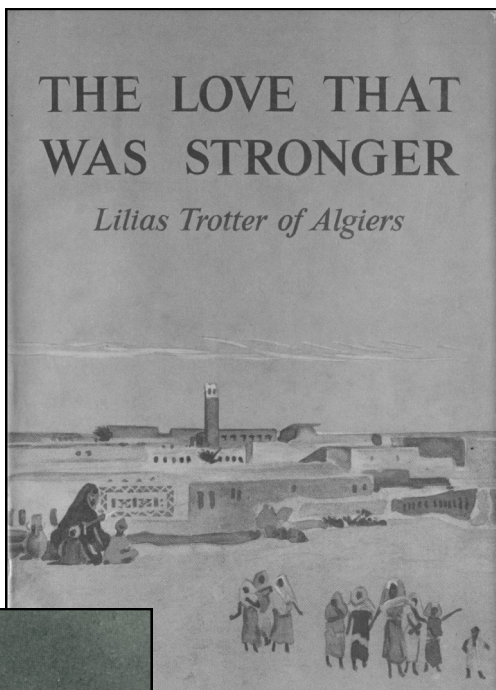
**for the Breath of Heaven
2 Tim 4:6**



Lilias Trotter

had one passion,
and that was—Christ!

This passion was lived
out as a missionary
among the Muslims
in Algiers



The people
who knew
her said:
“No one
ever-ever
loved us
like this!”

Lilias Trotter said:

“There lies before us a beautiful possible life, one that shall have a passion for giving, that shall be poured forth for God, and spent out for man; that shall be consecrated for ‘the hardest work and the darkest sinners’...”

“Let us give ourselves away for Him...”

“And the rapidity of our growth will be just the measure of the rapidity with which we deal with every doubtful thing”

“This means a very close walk with Him...”

“One learns as one goes, not to fear the detours by which God leads on...”

“Every stage of heavenly growth in us is lovely to Him”

“Take the very hardest thing in your life—the place of difficulty, outward or inward, and expect God to triumph gloriously in that very spot. Just there He can bring your soul into blossom...”

“We ourselves are ‘saved to save’ - we are made to give...”

“A flower that stops short of its flowering misses its purpose. We were created for more than our own spiritual development; ...reproduction, not mere development, is the goal of matured being — reproduction in the lives of others.”

“When God delays in fulfilling our little thoughts, it is to have Himself room to work out His great ones...”

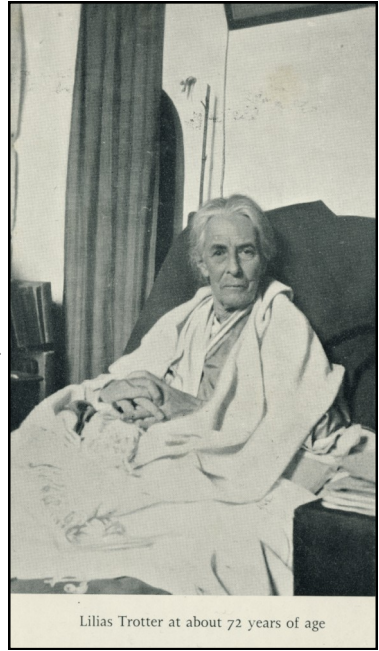
“The needs-be is that we should YIELD to His touch...”

“**The printed message** is the one that may reach the furthest and the swiftest with the ‘witness’ that will bring in the Consummation”

“**Two glad Services are ours**
Both the Master loves to bless
First we serve with all our powers
Then with all our helplessness”
Lilias Trotter

“**This dandelion** has long ago surrendered its golden petals, and has reached its crowning stage of dying—the delicate seed-globe must break up now — it gives and gives till it has nothing left... There is no sense of wrenching: it stands ready, holding up its little life, not knowing when or where or how the **WIND** that bloweth where it listeth may carry it away...”

Lilias Trotter



“Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord Thy love at last hath conquered;
Grant me now my soul’s petition—
None of self and all of Thee.”

Theodore Monod

“And I claved to Him as He turned His face
From the land that was mine no longer;
The land I had loved in the ancient days
Ere I knew **the love that was stronger.**”

Tersteegen

WHICH IS THE STRONGER LOVE
IN MY LIFE?!

"Happy
Halloween"



is from HELL...

- A Christian should have **NOTHING** to do with it...!
- Halloween is demonic
- It's linked to the witches' new year celebrations
- It's a Druid festival for the "god" of death, Samhain
- Animals & humans were cruelly sacrificed on that day
- The lighted pumpkin face (Jack-O-Lantern) is an ancient symbol of a damned soul...
- People expected a "treat" if they participated in the demonic sacrificing, and a "trick" (curse) if not...
- Participation in Halloween is **FORBIDDEN** by God.

See Deuteronomy 18:9-14



















































Best Books

The apostle Paul said: “When you come, bring ...the books” (2 Tim 4:13). According to Richard Baxter, who was used by God to write many godly books and to lead many people to Christ, “It is not the reading of many books that make a man wise, but the well reading of a few, could he be sure to have the BEST...”

The following are some of the books that God used to influence my life; I would say that they are of the Best Books I have read in my life, thus far:

-  **My Utmost For His Highest** (Oswald Chambers)
-  **Waiting on God** (Andrew Murray)
-  **Gold Cord** (Amy Carmichael)
-  **The Diary of an Old Soul** (George MacDonald)
-  **The Holy War** (John Bunyan)
-  **War on the Saints: unabridged version** (Jessie Penn-Lewis)
-  **The Letters of Samuel Rutherford** (Andrew Bonar)
-  **The Christian in Complete Armor** (William Gurnall)
-  **God’s Best Secrets** (Andrew Murray)
-  **Life Together** (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
-  **The Royal Way of the Cross** (Fenelon)
-  **The Diary and Journal of David Brainerd** (J. Edwards)
-  **Memoirs and Remains of Robert Murray M’Cheyne**
(Andrew Bonar)
-  **Abide in Christ** (Andrew Murray)
-  **The Key to the Missionary Problem** (Andrew Murray)
-  **Calvary Road, and We would see Jesus** (Roy Hession)

-  **Continuous Revival** (Norman Grubb)
-  The New Life, *and* **Humility** (Andrew Murray)
-  Great Verses through the Bible *or* “**Our Daily Homily**” (FB Meyer)
-  **The Inner Life** (Andrew Murray)
-  **Revival Lectures** (Charles Finney)
-  The Cost of Discipleship (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)
-  Supreme Priorities & Beauty for Ashes (Zac Poonen)
-  So send I you (Oswald Chambers)
-  Not knowing wither (Oswald Chambers)
-  John Sung: Flame for God in the Far East (Leslie T. Lyall)
-  Regrets of a dying man (Adolphe Monod)
-  The Spiritual Man (Watchman Nee)
-  Mountain Rain (Eileen Crossman)
-  The Promise of the Spirit (Charles Finney)
-  The Conquest of Canaan (Jessie Penn-Lewis)
-  Spiritual Warfare (Jessie Penn-Lewis)
-  The Warfare with Satan (Jessie Penn-Lewis)
-  The Reformed Pastor (Richard Baxter)
-  A Chance to Die (Elisabeth Elliot)
-  Edges of His ways (Amy Carmichael)
-  Praying Hyde (Francis McGaw)
-  Spiritual Disciplines (Donald Whitney)
-  Revival, God’s way (Leonard Ravenhill)
-  Lilith, Phantastes *and* The Wise Woman (George MacDonald)
-  Stones of Fire (Isobel Kuhn)
-  Oswald Chambers: Abandoned to God (David McCasland)
-  The State of the Church (Andrew Murray)
-  J. Hudson Taylor: a man in Christ (Roger Steer)
-  The Wiersbe Bible Commentary (Warren Wiersbe)
-  Matthew Henry’s Complete Bible Commentary

If I was given the choice to take **10 books** with me (apart from my *Amplified Bible*!) when God sends me as a missionary to a far-off place, I would choose: (1) *My Utmost for His Highest*, (2) *War on the Saints*, (3) *Gold Cord*, (4) *God’s Best Secrets*, (5) *The Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, (6) *The Christian in Complete Armor*, (7) *The Dairy of an Old Soul*, (8) *Our Daily Homily*, (9) *The Diary and Journal of David Brainerd*, and (10) *The Holy War*.

What would YOUR choice be?!

31 October: God has plans for me!

Pray “Lord, may I find and fulfill Your plans for me.”

Read Jeremiah 29, 30 and Titus 1

Think + write God says: “For I know the plans I have for you, ...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jer 29:11). This seems unimaginable, amazing, nearly unbelievable, but it’s true: **God has plans for me!** I do not deserve it, I am not worthy of it, but I accept it and say:.....

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The sure unfolding and fulfilling of these plans of God (not my own plans!) are linked to what I read in Jeremiah 29. I read that I need to:

- ✓ **Call upon God** (v12)
- ✓ **Come to Him** (v12)
- ✓ **Pray to Him** (v12)
- ✓ **Seek Him with ALL my heart** (v13)
- ✓ **“Get serious about finding” Him** (v13;MSG)
- ✓ **“Want it more than anything else”** (v13;MSG)

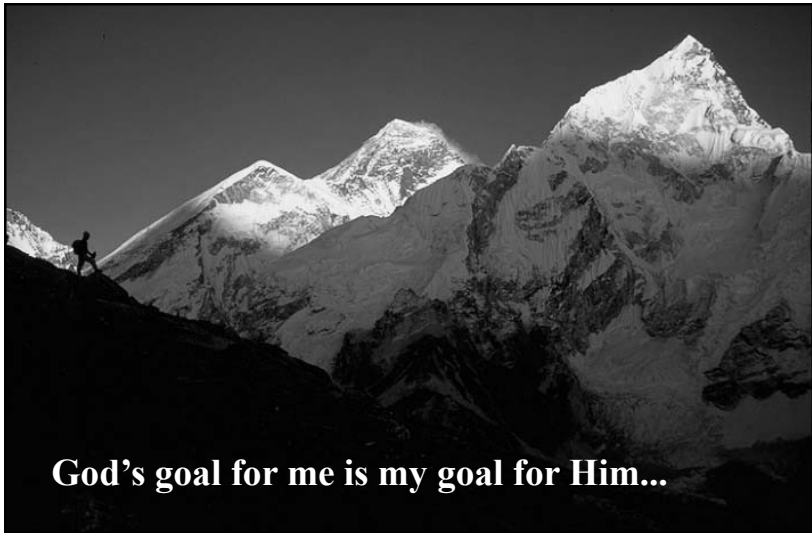
This makes me realize that I.....

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AW Tozer said: “Revivals (or any other spiritual gifts or graces) come only to those who **want** them badly enough. It may be said without qualification that every man is as holy and as full of the Spirit as he **wants** to be.” Joy Dawson also said: “God does not reveal Himself to the casual enquirer, but only to the **diligent seeker.**” This is very true, but it means that I.....

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.....
God promises to heal us, restore us (Jer 30:17), break the bondages in our lives (v8), save us (v11) and be our God (v22), ...but He also asks this question: ...Who is he (or she) **who will commit himself** (or herself) **to be close to Me?!** (v21b). My response is as follows:

Pray “Father-God,.....
.....*Amen.*”

Go + Do what He told me (in Jeremiah 29) and showed me of His plans for me.



God's goal for me is my goal for Him...

...through His Cross and through mine



to His glory!

*“The handles of my plow
with tears are wet,
and yet, and yet,
O Lord,
keep me
from turning back...”*



Who will
COMMIT

himself / herself

to be
CLOSE

to
Me?!

Jeremiah 30:21b

《CLOSE》

To WHO am I close?

Am I close to JESUS today?

When I am close to JESUS

- ◇ Others will see it (Acts 4:8-13)
- ◇ Jesus will be precious to me
- ◇ I'll talk about Jesus
- ◇ I'll be bold for Him
- ◇ I'll have courage to speak & do the right
- ◇ My speech will show it
 - “Oh, that it might be said of me*
 - Surely, thy speech betrayeth thee -*
 - Thou hast been with Jesus of Galilee”*
- ◇ My whole demeanor will show it
- ◇ I'll share in His suffering
- ◇ I'll be more like Jesus

COMMIT

To COMMIT myself to Jesus means

- a Definite, Decisive, Continued ACT of my will, in which
- I turn my life over in full surrender to Him...so that He can do whatever He wants with me, daily...
- I am abandoned to Him
- I am completely given over to Him
- It also includes definite, specific ACTS that lead to being Constantly Close to Him (*as Joshua did in Ex 33:7,11, ...& Ezra & Daniel*)

... for instance:

- ✓ *Specific Time alone with Jesus DAILY*
- ✓ *Read His Word systematically DAILY*
- ✓ *Pray to Him during set times...*
“A.C.T.S.”
- ✓ *DAILY read a devotional*
- ✓ *DAILY read through “All for Jesus”*

WHO will?

Commit himself / herself...?

- 1. To have a Specific Time alone with Jesus DAILY?*
- 2. Read His Word systematically DAILY?*
- 3. Pray to Him during set times...
“A.C.T.S.”?*
- 4. DAILY read a devotional?*
- 5. DAILY read through “All for Jesus”?*

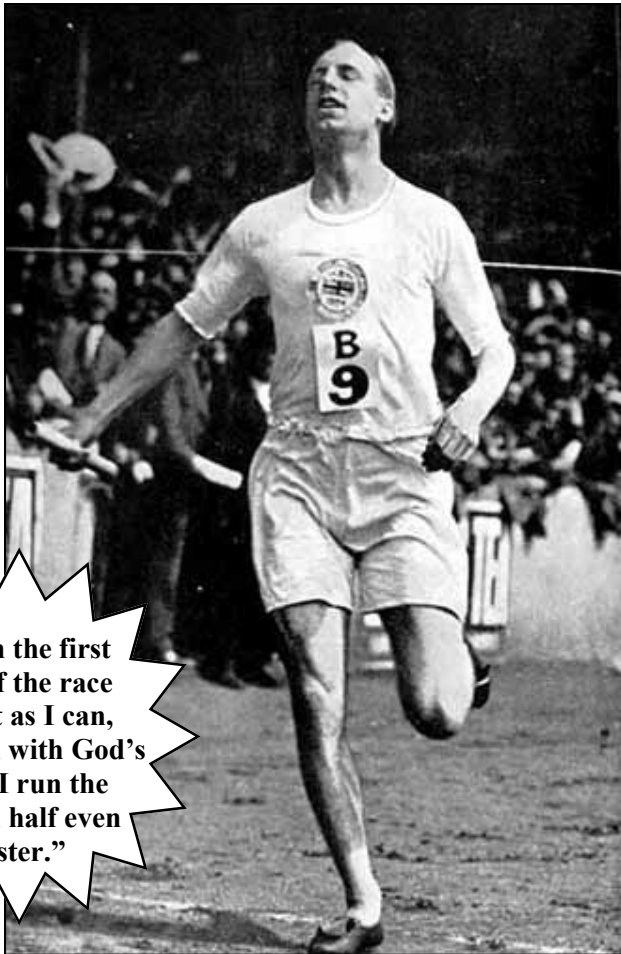
Commit himself / herself...

TO THE LORD JESUS?!

Will YOU?



Eric Liddell—Olympic gold medalist in the 400m
...and God's missionary to China!



**“I run the first
half of the race
as fast as I can,
and then with God’s
help, I run the
second half even
faster.”**

He said: “*Athletics is part of educating the whole person...* As we realize that we not only have to store our *minds* with knowledge, but to educate our *bodies* for the strenuous life we must go through, and also remember that we are *spirit* as well, then we will send out graduates who are really worthy of taking their place in any part of life.”

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.**

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and “beautiful” for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it *is* Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.

**Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, ALL for Thee.**

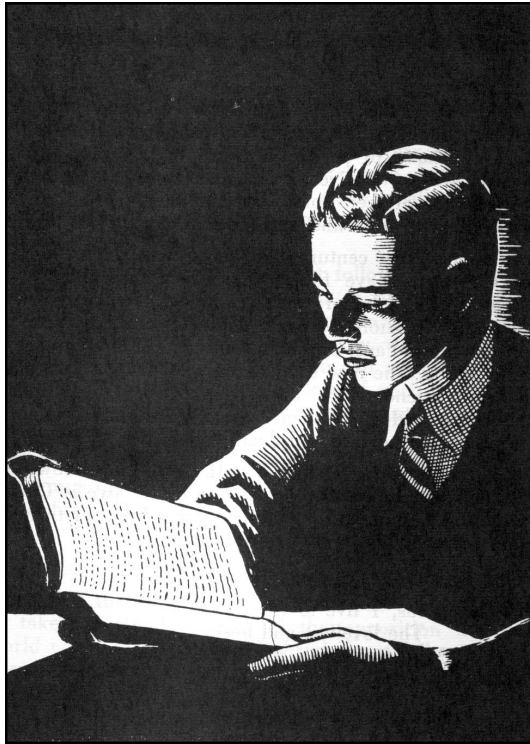
**Take myself,
and I will be
ever,
only,
ALL for Thee.**

She later wrote that every
“**Take**” in this poem should
be re-written as “**Keep...**”!



Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

*“Get
and read
God’s book”*



*“Seek out of the book of the Lord
and read...”*

Is 34:16 (MSG & Ampl)