



“Restore Your Brothers”

(“They are being robbed by sickness”)

~ Jesus

A testimonial of God's grace

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul."

Psalm 66:16

"He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength."

Isaiah 40:29

“I have come down to rescue them.”

Exodus 3:8

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Dream: "...do something"

(descending a treacherously steep hill)

6-2-21 We. 8:30pm:

- I have not wanted to try and publish anything from my notes as I thought it inappropriate, but then I dreamt...

"Do something"

- On 5-14-21 Fr. at my 1:33pm eye mask treatment for dry eyes, I saw and heard in a dream...
- A man descending a treacherously steep mountainside, then...
- A Man standing before me who I believe is the Lord, saying...
- "Yeah, I know it's mostly inappropriate but do something." Then...
- ...He tore a note off a pad and handed it over.
- (The Man was the Foreman who spoke to me in the Skyscraper church building dream (pg. 59) who told me that He was "going to take charge.")

My math:

- The descent...
- (Is it me descending the hill (getting older/increasing affliction)?
- (I prayed the Lord would help them/me catch hand and footholds).

- The "mostly inappropriate"...
- Biblical examples of seeming inappropriateness that were not sin (the Lord would not tell me to sin)...
- Paul ate with the Gentile converts to Christ, and Peter did also, at first, then for the fear of the perception of his Jewish peers, that it was inappropriate, he then drew away from them¹ (and Paul called him out on that and Peter came around).
- Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at the well, though she was surprised by it, because the Jews found that sort of thing inappropriate. ²
- Jesus took company amongst sinners, though the Pharisees found that very inappropriate.³

More math:

- Was the note...this note (like the words of His in this note)? Or, a pass...to do the seemingly inappropriate?
- Was the note a note of grace to "be strong in the grace in Jesus Christ?"...
- ...as in, I know you will make mistakes but, "Do something" your covered by My grace?
- So, I'm doing something here, as well as some other things that I was on the fence about.
- (The note was His words here...His command to me).

6-7-21 Mo. 4:02pm: a realization...

- Earlier today I realized the man descending the treacherously steep hill was actually a man descending the mountain of God, because...

- When you here from the Lord on the mountain He will include something to do. "...do something."
- (A previous dream, long ago (07'?), regarding a mountain, was of me and John B. (a brother in Christ) sitting on a mountain's shoulder while a whirlwind was loose in the valley below.)

Footnotes:

¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

Galatians 2:11-12 NASB1995

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² Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

John 4:9 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.4.9.NASB1995>

³ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Luke 7:34 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/luk.7.34.NASB1995>

8-12-21 Th. 3:23pm: I'm beginning to realize a connection to this "Restore your brothers" note with the below note...

- "They are being robbed by sickness "
- Where I saw a man/angel in a dream lifting a veil/curtain (red?) up, and was told...
- "Pray into some of these pupils, He is the focus of our partnership."
- Then later heard, "They are being robbed by sickness." And, "They will wake after death."

My math:

- "Pupils": here would be disciples.¹
- "Pray into": pray they be filled with the Holy Spirit.²
- Christ is the "focus": The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ.³
- "Being robbed by sickness": sin is biblically equated with sickness.⁴
- "They will wake after death": waking after death, here, could be the mortification of the flesh, now by, Spirit *filled* disciples.⁵
- (Die to self, wake to life)⁶
- (Victories can be had when Spirit-filled).⁷

¹A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:40 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/luk.6.40.NKJV>

²And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 5:18 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/eph.5.18.NKJV>

³However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Romans 8:9 NASB1995

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⁴But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/isa.53.5-6.NKJV>

⁴that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

Matthew 8:17 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/mat.8.17.NKJV>

⁵For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for

whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Ephesians 5:12-14 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/eph.5.12-14.NKJV>

⁶And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:24-25 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/gal.5.24-25.NKJV>

⁷ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 NASB1995

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Eagle / Wolves dream (96' or 97' pre-conversion)

Eagle, Wolves dream: (96' or 97')

- A dream of the night.
- (I was not walking with God...I was living in sin.)

In this dream I found myself in the wilderness, at night. Suddenly a golden eagle like a bolt from above struck at my heart piercing my chest with it's talons. Reflexively I grabbed a hold of it while crying out loudly upward, "I will tear your eagle apart!"

Immediately the eagle was gone. Then I noticed a black wolf coming towards me. The wolf didn't shake my confidence at first, because I believed that I could kill it with my bare hands, but, stepping into view behind that wolf a second black wolf. I then knew that I couldn't take them both. If I struggled with one the other would tear me apart.

End

5-31-21 Mo. 3:46pm: inclusion...

- Obvious to me now (for many years) the eagle was meant by God to prick* at my heart...
- ...and when I wasn't turned by His goads*, wolves were released upon me.
- Then, I knew my weakness...and eventually turned to God for salvation.

* "And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'"

Acts 26:14-15 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/act.26.14-15.NASB1995>

Heavenly Meeting Place - (97' or 98' post-conversion)

The lead-up to the dream:

So, after a few days of drugs and sin and after the drugs and sin were over, I was spent, and "The Voices" began hounding me as was their practice after the sin and drugs were over. Typically, I would do my best to ignore them but this time there was something different. At my camp the voices were now telling me that Satan was coming. I did my best to take that in stride but I soon caught a glimpse of my dog, Jake staring intently with a gaze that stopped my heart...someone was there. I followed his gaze across the camp and there, stepping into the camp, and coming to a regal broadside stance, was a large Blacktail buck deer with a large set of antlers. (for another antler reference dream see this: Dream: Sin, at the door Pg. 65) I had never seen a buck come into my camp before...every cell in my body came to its highest alert. It was the concurrence of the never before happening of the voices saying that Satan was coming, and then the never before happening of a buck coming into camp that chilled me. I didn't think that the deer was actually Satan but something was going on, Fight or Flight! But first I waited for the buck to move out.

I then chose as a controlled flight as I could possibly muster. My heart was racing, so much so, that I planned on stopping somewhere in my van to get some aspirin to prevent a heart attack. I've never had that plan or thought before or since. So, I was leaving at a run. I began tensely breaking camp and loading my van, I wanted to get out of the woods and get to somewhere friendly, I decided to go to my friend Randy's house in NE Portland where I could park my van and get some needed sleep out front on the street. I had about 45 miles to go.

Somewhere in the first half of the trip my engine oil light came on and I pulled over to add oil. I was frantically looking for a quart of oil but couldn't find one when one of the voices told me plainly where to find it, this was unusual as the voices never before provided me with useful information but generally disinformation, yet the oil was where they said it was. I added the oil to the engine, then, the voice insisted that I add another quart. But I thought this was a trick to get me to overfill the engine so that there would be an excess of leaking oil which could cause an engine fire, I figured they'd like that. I refused. They got angry, and somewhere down the road they shouted out in a very loud, atypical way, "Mind control! Mind control! Mind control!" and laughing maniacally. The sound of the voice actually reverberated the paneling of the van, this was no "voice inside of my head" this time.

Again my heart was racing all the more and I still wanted to stop and get aspirin, fearing a heart attack, but I was in no shape to be around people at this point. I was on the I-5 hwy southbound at this point going about 55 mph. The engine of the old van was running beautifully and I noticed the tire sound pleasantly humming, then suddenly the tire and engine sound became deep resonate soulful singing. Wow! It was as if a company of angels were calming my fevered brain, it was the most beautiful sound I've ever heard besides God's voice. My heart rate slowed, I gained some courage, the bad voices were gone, what an incredible relief! I really did think, and still do, that angels were singing, their presence strengthened me against the very foreboding darkness that I had found myself in. In my mind they sounded like a company of warriors encamped during the night in the enemy's territory, encouraging one another with song until first light when they would strike and take back from the enemy what rightfully belonged to their Lord.

So the fever of fear broken, and in my mind, saved by angels, my mind had the freedom to think of other things, and what my mind turned to, away from the fear

of the Devil, was deep sorrow. Sorrow for having sinned before God. And also alternately, a great, smothering weight of guilt that was just too much to carry anymore.

I was a wreck but I drove on and made it to Randy's, I suspect around 11pm. I got out of the van and before I went to Randy's door I dropped to my knees out in the street at my van's front wheel and begged God to forgive me, I couldn't carry all of that weight of sin and guilt. As I was kneeling in prayer against the front wheel with my feet and lower legs out in the narrow street a car began coming down the road towards me. I thought, I better move my feet or they'll get run over but I told myself that it would be better to lose my feet than to interrupt my confession to God, I needed His mercy more than anything. So I laid my burden down before the Lord (and the car missed me). Then I went and, thankfully, found Randy home. I didn't tell him what I was going through but he could clearly tell I was in bad shape and allowed that I could park out front for the night. After spending some time inside I excused myself and went back out to my van to get some badly needed sleep. And...

The Heavenly meeting place dream:

- A dream of the night (1998')...

Part 1

I found myself at an inn, empty except myself, seated at a table which had a glass of beer on it for my refreshment. The room was spacious and had many tables and chairs, I think it was a large log structure, lots of amber colored wood, it was beautiful. It is my favorite kind of room and color of wood.

Then three men approached me, together. The over-arching impression, that still remains of them that I can recall, is that of love and kindness. Love, and that they

knew everything about me yet mentioned nothing of my sin, and that they were clearly holy. I asked them, "Where is everybody?" and the one in the middle of them said with great humility, in the kindest of tones, "They're out working." / (11-28-18: I now know that this was Jesus (and two angels?). Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Jesus)

Matthew 11:29 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/mat.11.29.NKJV>

Part 2

Next, I found myself unclothed in the hands of a physician dressed in white with closely cropped white hair, being examined like a newborn infant would be. He examined every inch of me and pronounced, "He's okay".

Part 3

Then I found myself looking across a room towards a wall that was partially open (like a pony wall), and Jesus, in traditional garb and long hair walked over to me and said, indicating to the contents of the other side, which was filled with every kind of sexual immorality, as an orgy, "Do you want that?" Quickly, I answered, "No."

Part 4

Then I saw a woman on a couch or love-seat. I looked into her eyes and we bonded instantly, knowing each other in a special way, for where we were. I went to her and we embraced. (I have since named her, Faith and keep an eye out for her, hoping to see her again.)

Part 5

Next, "Faith" and I were seated in a well lit classroom, at school type desks. There was a chalkboard. And at the front of the room, before us was a Teacher at his desk who gave each of us, a magazine sized book with a plain cover. It was then time for Faith and I to go and we gathered at a submarine type hatch in the floor with a ladder descending below it.

Part 6

Then we went (Faith first) down the ladder that landed on a catwalk over a large expansive room filled with rows of machines. After I followed Faith down the ladder, into the world, I could no longer see her...and I didn't like this place.

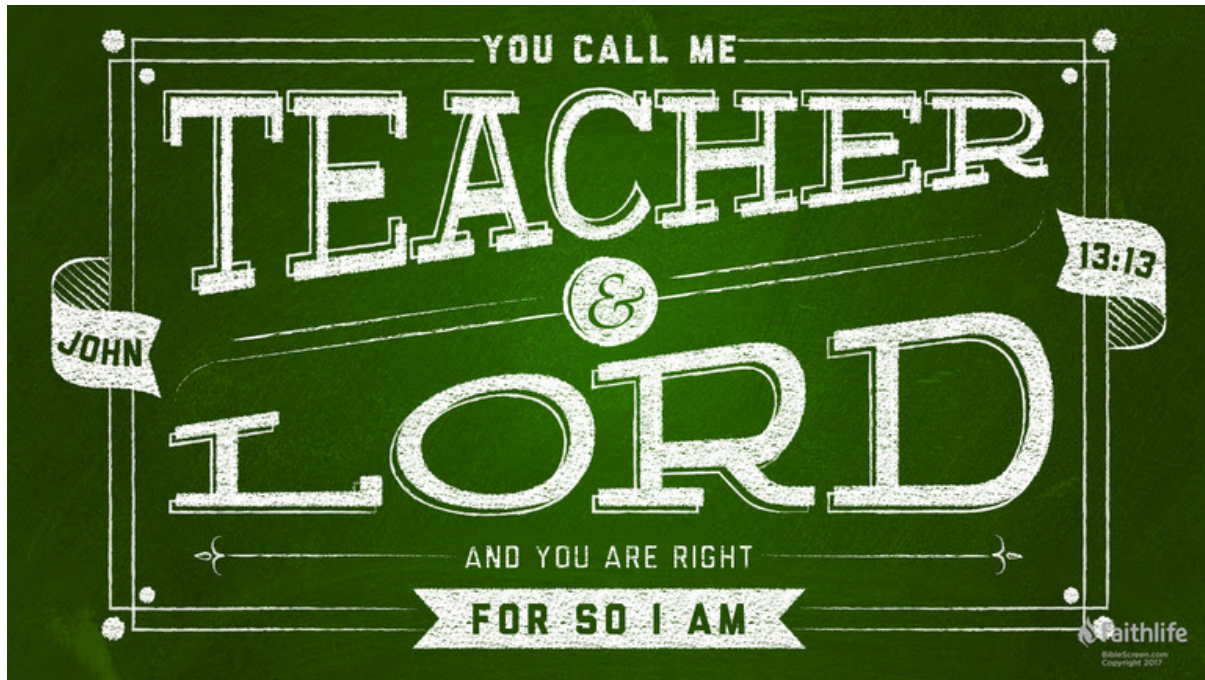
Then I awoke in my van, realized where I was now, and wanted immediately to go back to that place where I had just been (not the mechanical room but Heaven). So, I purposely went back to sleep to get back to that wonderful place.

Part 7

And it worked...but then it didn't, because I found myself unable to get back into that heavenly classroom, Heaven, where love abounded, because when I climbed up the ladder I found the hatch was only partially open. But I did try, I tried squeezing myself through the narrow opening but only managed to get my head and shoulders in, and then I was stuck. Next thing I knew, I woke again in my van.

Dream end

(I sometimes think that I'm somehow still in that position, as in the dream, head and heart in Heaven, my feet still on earth. No...Jesus is the way, the ladder and stairway to Heaven, I was still supported by Christ.)



The lasting impressions of this dream:

- God shows loving kindness for those who repent.
- There is refreshment in the Lord.
- Upon examination I was found to be alive and well...born-again.
- God gives grace (help in time of need).
- The Lord is perfect in every way and most highly desirable.
- The Lord Jesus will put you to the test, he has and is testing me anyhow.
- The books Faith and I each received were books of dreams that we would have for God's purposes such as our instruction and comfort.
- I'm saved!

Satan/Devil stands before me, tempting

Luke 4:6-8 NKJV (Jesus tempted in the wilderness)

And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "

<http://bible.com/114/luk.4.6-8.NKJV>

Satan stands before me:

- a dream of the night (#4 pre- 4-24-03)...
- In this dream I was in the grasp of a large thug, behind me, amongst two(?) other demons before Satan.
- Satan was attired in dark princely clothing.
- He had black, slicked back hair with a widows peak.
- His eyes were entirely black, no whites to them, like obsidian orbs.
- He was not human, whereas the demons/thugs were.
- I was in the grip of the largest of the three thugs.
- Satan speaking to me said, "Use the power of darkness and I will set you free.
- I refused him saying, "No"

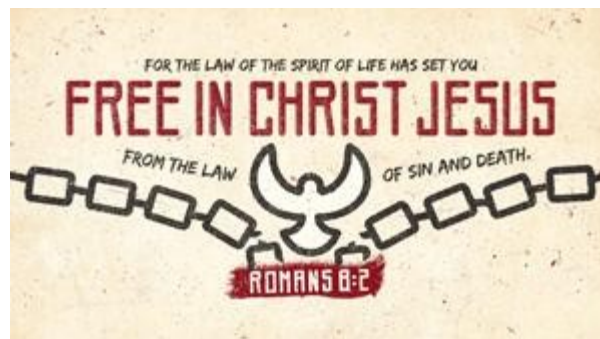
- Immediately, I was released from the demon's grip and was caught up, lifted up above, set free, when I submitted to God, not the devil.

Dream End

- (7-19-18 Th. 12:33pm): the setting in my mind, of this dream, is that it took place in a Greek or Roman ruin.
- (10-17-20 7:54am): recalling further now: the setting was a Greek ruin, onstage.

Insight:

- I've wondered for years what Satan might have meant by, "the power of darkness."
- The best answer I could come up with as to what the power of darkness is, is that the power of darkness is a lie, that is...lies are very powerful and Satan was a liar from the beginning.¹



¹ You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

[John 8:44 NASB1995https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.8.44.NASB1995](https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.8.44.NASB1995)

Primitives torture Jake and I

Primitives torture Jake and I...

- A dream of the night (2003?)
- (I am a chronic pain sufferer: Back, SI-joints, hips, knees, elbows, liver, etc. and have a "schizophrenia" diagnosis).
- Late in the night I dreamt...
- It was night time and I was staked out on bare ground on my back, spread eagle, near a small fire...
- Jake (my Siberian Husky) also was laid out on the ground nearby.
- There were two dark haired men wearing only loincloths torturing Jake and I.
- They worked methodically without speaking.
- I was in pain...
- Then I woke up in pain, and...
- And considered that perhaps it was demons torturing me (persecution?¹) that was the cause of my pain.
- (On 5-17-19 I heard, "They will see you dancing with delight!"²).

¹ "Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!"

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7 NASB

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- Not that I think my "revelations" are as great as Paul's of course.
- His "thorn in the flesh" was given to, in a way, weaken/humble him, due to great revelations/dreams that might cause pride. (Or, so others would not exalt him).
- My dreams, I am believing, were given to strengthen and encourage, due to my *already* being so weak. And this they have done...thank you, Lord God, our Father! Please fill us with your Holy Spirit! Amen.

² The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23:1-6 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.23.1-6.NASB1995>

"He's one of us now!"

"He's one of us now" (a dream of the night 7-1-05)

- I was in a room, and before me there was a raised, seated row of judges, like the seating for the supreme court justices...
- They were all looking to be in rough shape: tattered clothing, with a roughened appearance, like they had all been through tough times.
- I stood before them, like one to be judged, or like one to plead his case.
- Then there was a woman, in similar condition to the others, but standing, also before the judges, with a bandaged lame foot, wearing sandals...(5-1-20 Fr: their glory was not in fine clothing here but in their faith, which remained, while yet wounded and in tatters).
- And regarding me she said, adamantly, "He's one of us now!"
- Then I showed them a set of handcuffs that I had in my bag. The handcuffs must be my testimony: that I was freed from the bondage of sin.²
- I believe battle worn judges were the persecuted saints of old.¹

¹All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

HEBREWS 11:13 NASB

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¹and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

HEBREWS 11:36-40 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.11.36-40.NASB>

5-2-20 Sa. 8:54am: from today's Spurgeon email...timely, as I was meditating on this dream yesterday, by grace...

Evening

"These all died in faith."

Hebrews 11:13

Behold the epitaph of all those blessed saints who fell asleep before the coming of our Lord! It matters nothing how else they died, whether of old age, or by violent means; this one point, in which they all agree, is the most worthy of record, "they all died in faith." In faith they lived--it was their comfort, their guide, their motive and their support; and in the same spiritual grace they died, ending their life-song in the sweet strain in which they had so long continued. They did not die resting in the flesh or upon their own attainments; they made no advance from their first way of acceptance with God, but held to the way of faith to the end. Faith is as precious to die by as to live by.

Dying in faith has distinct reference to the past. They believed the promises which had gone before, and were assured that their sins were blotted out through the mercy of God. Dying in faith has to do with the present. These saints were confident of their acceptance with God, they enjoyed the beams of his love, and rested in his faithfulness. Dying in faith looks into the future. They fell asleep, affirming that the Messiah would surely come, and that when he would in the last days appear upon the earth, they would rise from their graves to behold him. To them the pains of death were but the birth-pangs of a better state. Take courage, my soul, as thou readest this epitaph. Thy course, through grace, is one of faith, and sight seldom cheers thee; this has also been the pathway of the brightest and the best. Faith was the orbit in which these stars of the first magnitude moved all the time of their shining here; and happy art thou that it is thine. Look anew tonight to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith, and thank Him for giving thee like precious faith with souls now in glory.

²So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles.”

NAHUM 1:13 NASB

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²For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

ROMANS 6:14 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.6.14.NASB>

²But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the

wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:22-23 NASB

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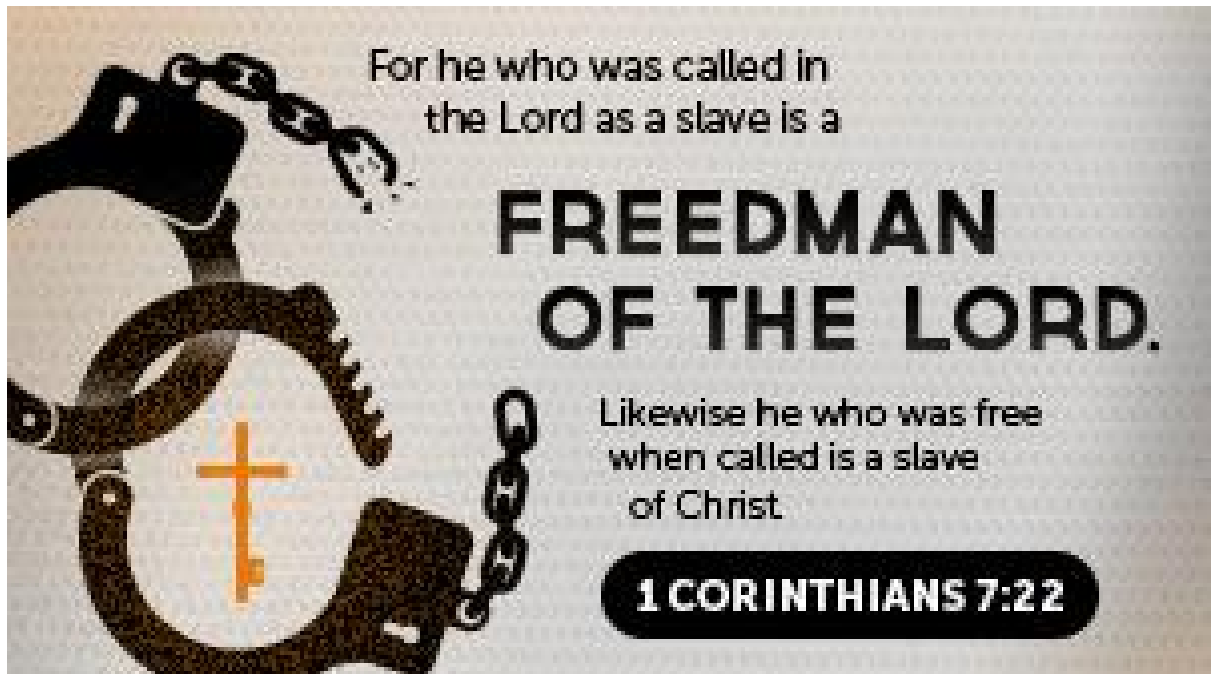
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A courtroom similar to what I saw in the dream...



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The Devil's work truck, Justice and Wisdom...and the Townhouse

"If the Lord had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence. If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Your lovingkindness, O Lord , will hold me up. When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul."

Psalms 94:17-19 NASB

<http://bible.com/100/psa.94.17-19.NASB>

- I was very distressed at the time of the following dream.
- Now I recall the dream that gave me such relief upon recollection of it while I was hospitalized (I was thinking that I wasn't saved, but this dream convinced me that the Lord had saved me and placed me in His family; there was even a celebration! He took me from, "the works" for salvation lie of the devil and delivered me, by His grace, for my faith that he is the God of hope, the one thing I didn't forget when every other good spiritual memory was failing me).

The Devil's work truck, Justice and Wisdom...and the Townhouse: (a dream of the night 12-30-06)...

- In this dream I found myself riding in a red work truck on a road that was passing through a dark forest with a murderously angry man with dark features driving.
- He wanted to kill me but something was restraining him (I could feel the hate seething from him).

- Then the truck was stopped and wanting to placate him somehow I poured gasoline into the pickup truck's gas tank, spilling some. (this gasoline I'm thinking may represent my giving any credence to the devil's accusations).
- He remained very angry. Then the truck's engine failed again and the truck stopped, with the driver now seething with hate all the more.
- So I got out of the truck and opened the hood, and I even climbed into the engine compartment where I got stuck trying to fix it. (Was I climbing into the devil's engine of works based salvation?)
- Fortunately in the dream, when I was trapped in the engine compartment, God found me (in the form of a sheriff...I now call Him Justice).
- He was a tall older man, very kind, in a sheriff's uniform. He was of the utmost in competence and strength. Reaching in He pulled me from my entanglement of the engine compartment.
- (the verse that immediately came to mind when I woke from that dream was: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us" 1 John 1:9. 7-29-19 Mo. 11:20pm: today on The Narrow Path radio program* Steve Gregg explained that God is just to forgive us our sins" because Jesus has paid for our forgiveness with His life. Thank you Lord!)
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- https://www.thenarrowpath.com/radio_archive.php?month=July&year=2019
- I was then freed from the snare of "works based salvation" and delivered...by grace!

The dream cont...

- So, being freed from the Devil's work truck engine compartment, on the dark forest road, Justice then brought me to an opening in the woods. It was still night time...and before us was a building in the moonlight that very much resembled the Space Needle in Seattle.

- Next, I found myself inside that structure, a dwelling place, with Justice who began consulting with the resident, a wise woman (I call her Wisdom now).
- She was over 50 years of age, I would say, by the long gray hair (and in my mind I can see her in her kitchen with herbs hanging about).
- Justice was deferential towards her, consulting her as to where I was to go. And Wisdom said no to an idea that I had been considering (which Justice related to her) then an answer was given (that I couldn't hear) which Justice accepted.
- Then He took me from there to where I was to go.

I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.
(Wisdom speaking here)

PROVERBS 8:17 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/pro.8.17.NASB>

- Justice took me to a townhouse. He brought me up to the door on the left (the House's right side) and knocked.
- The door was answered by a jubilant mature woman with a drink in her hand, and I was let in.
- Inside there was a family¹ celebrating² inside. There were beverages in their hands, and they were rejoicing.
- Once inside I then went directly upstairs...to rest I suppose, or clean up.

¹God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Psalms 68:6 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/psa.68.6.NKJV>

²"And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

<http://bible.com/114/luk.15.9-10.NKJV>

The wounded sea turtle

Preface:

- During a period of time (early 2000's) when I was wondering which part of my brain was affected, or damaged, in such a way as to exude symptoms equivalent to schizophrenia, I had a dream including a sea turtle, which was missing it's right front flipper.
- Almost since waking from this dream, which I will describe below, I have felt that the profile of a turtle, with it's domed shell and folded back flippers, resembled the profile of a human brain.
- Schizophrenia is associated with a diminishment, in size, of the temporal lobes.

The wounded sea turtle:

- A dream of the night (early 2000s).
- In the dream I could see myself kneeling alongside a green sea turtle of approximately 100lbs. in weight.
- The sea turtle was missing it's right front flipper, leaving a stump which was infected.
- In my right hand was a Swiss Army knife with the blade open.
- In this dream my heart was troubled because I knew that I was to perform an excision of the infected flesh of the sea turtle's flipper stump.
- Then Jesus suddenly entered my awareness in this dream, He was kneeling beside me saying, "Use the knife".

Upon awaking:

- I awoke thinking that the blade of the Swiss Army knife was to be analogous to my conscience (but see below). The infection...the voices.

My thoughts:

- 7-14-18 Sa. 4:29pm: After I got out of the Navy my father sent me a Swiss Army knife for Christmas. It was the sharpest knife I had ever had. I used to think it must be as sharp as a scalpel. After I had this dream I reflected that, so, my earthly father had given me a Swiss Army knife, and now my heavenly Father has given me one also. (The fact that it was a Swiss Army knife confirmed to me that the dream was a gift from God, the "Father of lights", our Heavenly Father.
- The Sea Turtle is my brain/flesh likened by Jesus, in my particular case, to this animal, as Jacob likened several of his sons, to various animals in Gen. 49:9ff).
- And I'm understanding that my brain has temporal lobe damage (a sea turtle flipper resembles a temporal lobe) and the wound infected is an invasion of foreign entities (like germs infecting a wound)..."the voices."
- The wound may have been caused by: spiritual predation; psychological trauma; or physical harm. Any one of these, or any combination of the three, could have happened from the bus wreck that I was in in 1978' near Athens Greece.
- It is important to note here that the Sea Turtle of the dream, was a young adult in size, this is important to note, because I, a sailor, was a young adult at the time of the bus accident.
- Myself...in the dream, is the "spirit man", holding the Sword of the Spirit¹ (the blade of the Swiss Army knife, sharpest of all my knives) in my right hand .

- The blade of the Swiss Army Knife, that Jesus told me to use, is the "Word of God"... "the Sword of the Spirit, sharper than any two-edged sword"² that, in the dream, I understood was to be used, to excise the infection from the wound. The Word of God would remove it.

¹ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/eph.6.17.NASB1995>

² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.4.12.NASB1995>

7-14-18 Dr. 10:32am: today's Our Daily Bread with Scott was a teaching about the word of God healing us, the word which is sharper than any two edge sword...

7-14-18 Sa. From ODB reading at 10:04am call: Scott's NIV Study Bible (life application vers.) Note on He. 4:12: "With the incisiveness of a surgeons knife, God's word reveals who we are and, who we are not. It penetrates to the core of our moral and spiritual life. It discerns what is in us, both good and evil. The demands of God's Word require decisions. We must not only listen to the word but we must also let it shape our lives."

So, I'm thinking the Swiss Army Knife in the dream was the word of God that I could use to excise the infection and get healing, spiritually and maybe even for the brain as, it is plastic (that is, it changes (somewhat) in structure according to it's environment etc.)

Today's Our Daily Bread: (referenced above)

Hiding Our Hurts July 14, 2018

Read: Hebrews 4:12–13 Bible in a Year: Psalms 10–12; Acts 19:1–20

The word of God . . . judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.—Hebrews 4:12

I was guest-speaking in a local church and my topic was an honest story about presenting our brokenness before God and receiving the healing He wants to give. Before closing in prayer, the pastor stood in the center aisle, looked deeply into the eyes of his gathered congregants, and said, “As your pastor I have the privilege of seeing you midweek and hearing your heart-breaking stories of brokenness. Then in our weekend worship services, I have the pain of watching you hide your hurt away.”

My heart ached at the hidden hurts God came to heal. The writer of Hebrews describes the Word of God as alive and active. Many have understood this “word” to be the Bible, but it’s even more than that. Jesus is the living Word of God. He evaluates our thoughts and attitudes—and loves us still.

Jesus died to give us access to God’s presence, all the time. And while we all know it’s not wise to share everything with everyone, we also know that God intends His church be a place where we can live unapologetically as broken and forgiven followers of Christ. It’s to be a place where we “carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2).

What are you hiding from others today? And how are you trying to hide from God as well? God sees us through Jesus. And He still loves us. Will we let Him?
—Elisa Morgan

Who will you prayerfully consider letting help you carry your burdens?

God sees us with the eyes of a Father.

INSIGHT: Hebrews 4:12-13 has long been interpreted as referring to the Bible itself. And it's certainly true that God's Word is "alive and active." But when we consider that in John 1:1-14 Jesus Himself is called the Word, we gain a fuller comprehension of how this Word can judge the "thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

As we become aware of God's intimate knowledge of our hearts and motives, we might find that awareness intimidating. Yet this knowledge isn't intended to drive us from God's presence but rather to draw us to Him. In this same context of Hebrews 4, the writer points to Jesus, our "great high priest who has ascended into heaven" (v. 14). We may draw close to Him because He can "empathize with our weaknesses" (v. 15) and has Himself made the way for us to "approach God's throne of grace with confidence" (v. 16).

As we learn to be increasingly open and honest with God, who knows every hidden corner of our hearts, we also gain confidence to be transparent with each other.

Tim Gustafson

A Biblical precedence of human/animal comparison:

- In "The blessings of Jacob", Genesis 49:1-27, Jacob describes what type of animal some of his sons have a similtude to. It has occurred to me this last year or so that in this dream the use of the sea turtle was intended not not only to answer my ponderings about which part of my brain was affected, the temporal lobe, but also to tell me something about myself, that is to say, that I share some characteristics with sea turtles, (not exactly the animal I would pick for myself by the way) such as a naturally defensive shell. And, my having a natural shell for defense could explain (partially) why the demons haven't easily overrun me, though they definitely have done damage.(thus the severed right flipper of the turtle, which is my damaged temporal lobe (the temporal lobe looks a bit like a turtle flipper).

4-7-19 Su. 12:52pm:

- "The superior temporal gyrus comprises the primary auditory cortex, while nearby temporal regions function in higher level auditory processing, including speech and language. ... The medial temporal lobe comprises the hippocampus and is thought be involved in the formation and propagation of memory.Oct 31, 2020"
- <https://library.neura.edu.au › tempor...>
- Temporal lobe - NeuRA Library

Cont...

4-7-19 Su. 10:18am: below is from today's email verse art from, Faithlife...

- Note the Sea Turtle with a star at bottom right,
- the turtle with the star gives glory to the Lamb. Amen!



How to minister:

- Was wondering what a minister's tone and demeanor should be for those of this kind of suffering...
- And the Sea Turtle dream came to mind...where Jesus knelt beside me (He was lowly and gentle).
- And He instructed me to, "use the knife." (the surgically sharp blade (Word of God))...
- to excise the infection (deadly sin).
- He drew near; He was lowly; He was gentle; He gave life saving instruction without condemnation; He cared; He helped; He loved.

Escape from a Siberian Gulag, into the Taiga, but...

Escape from the Gulag:

- a dream of the night (2009' or so).

Some context:

- As a young adult I read, "The Gulag Archipelago" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. This dream was reminiscent of those books to me.

The dream:

- I was in a poorly run very overcrowded prison...
- I escaped into a winter forest.
- (I don't know how I know this but I believe in this dream, that it took place in Siberia.)
- Once out in the winter forest I then became certain that I would not survive out there due to the very harsh climate and lack of resources, so...
- I then escaped the forest by breaking back into the prison, undetected, and dwelt there, without the establishment knowing of it.
- The prisoners clothing was ragged. Conditions were dismal. Crime was rampant.
- The prison population was under somewhat of a self control, by various gangs.

- Not all however, in this prison, were criminals, but dissidents of a corrupt government.
- I saw this dream as being indicative of my present state, I had escaped the world (went to the forest) and was now back in it.

Paul:

I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1co.5.9-13.NASB>

- We are not expected to go out of this world.
- But to be, *not of* this world while in it.

Jesus:

I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

JOHN 17:15-19 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.17.15-19.NASB>

On the Highway, before me The City of God (New Jerusalem)

Escape from below...the City of God before me:

- A dream of the night (2006 or 07')

I'm on a two lane highway, on the left side of the road, facing the direction of on-coming traffic, of which there is none. My Sister is on the right side of the road standing and facing me.

There is a wide area of the highway's shoulder on my left. Within the wide area there is a volcano about 80-100 feet high, spewing lava. Next to the volcano is a small shack, about the size of an outhouse. There is a line of people at the entrance to the shack waiting to get in. I then find myself in the line.

Next, I find myself going in the shack¹, it is not an outhouse. There is a dark stairway leading down, with the line of people descending on it. I begin descending as well. The atmosphere becomes oppressive, hot, dark, crowded and foreboding. I notice someone buried alive in the wall to the right, somehow I could see inside the grave, which glowed red as if lit with embers. Fear engulfed me and I turned around and began struggling back up the stairway against the direction of the crush of those descending.

¹Her house is the way to Sheol, Descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7:27 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/pro.7.27.NASB>

Then:

Perhaps this is where a new dream begins, but I then find myself on the same highway and the countryside is now tranquil. Before me, about a day's hike away, is a most beautiful city on a hill¹, and the road that I am on leads to it. The city on the hill is lit from within, even all of its members and materials, luminesces as a jewel with its own source of light², in beautiful living color. It is only a day's hike away...it's reachable.

Thank you, Lord!

¹And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Revelation 21:10 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.21.10.NASB1995>

²And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Revelation 21:23 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.21.23.NASB1995>

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

Matthew 5:14 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.5.14.NASB1995>

Dream: The Prison cell and the Warden

The prison cell and the Warden:

- a dream of the night (2006' ?)

Some context: Due to longstanding chronic injuries and pain I cannot sit for long, or, stand still for long, as inflammation settles in when I do. Thus, I don't drive or socialize much at all, but mostly remain in my apartment (cell).

The dream:

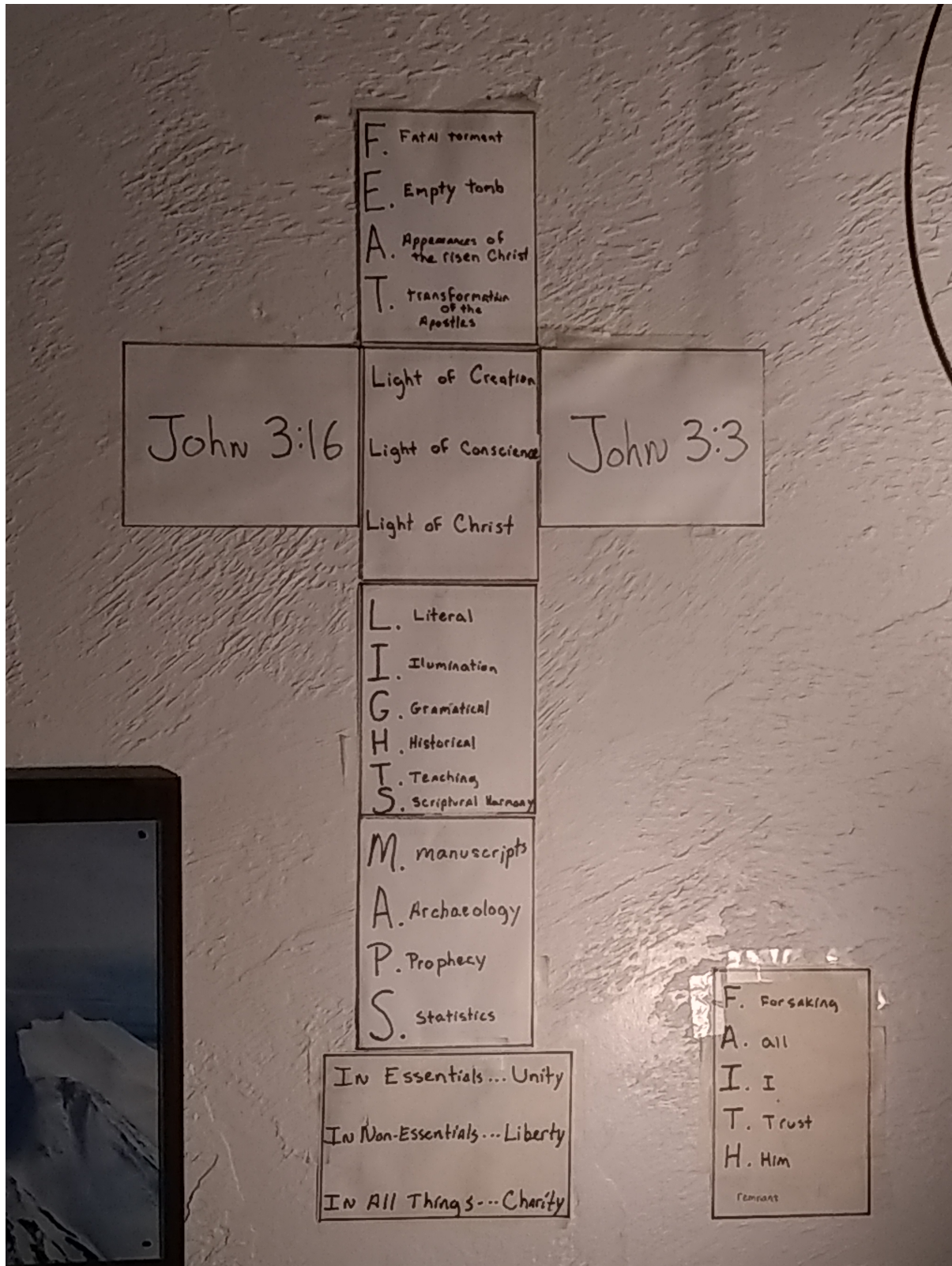
- So, I was seated on a couch in a prison cell. The prison cell door, and a wall of bars like a cage, was to the right of where I was seated (but I viewed the dream from the left), and the cell door was open. The couch was facing the wall to the left of the cell door.
- Against the wall that I was facing, and on top of a low shelf or cabinet, was a television set that was not on.
- To the left of the TV, and atop the same shelf, was a collection of Bible books. From left to right, the Bible and books came first, before the television. (I believe the order is important).
- I was sitting still and quiet, while a man, I believe he was the warden of the prison, moved behind me (behind the couch) while observing me...without speaking.
- Outside the wall of bars and in the prison hallways was a group of celebrants parading down an aisle towards the right of my cell, they were dancing and playing instruments of music. I remained seated and did not join in.

- After waking I realized that the layout of the cell was like the layout of my living room, and I began wondering who the warden was: was he a good guy, or, a bad guy? I figured that I was in the prison for my past sins.
- I believe it was years later that I realized that behind my couch (at home) is a Christian cross, and then I knew, that the Warden must have been Jesus, and I regretted not worshiping Him in the dream, what was I thinking¹...maybe it was my natural distrust of wardens that blinded me.

¹When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. John 20:14 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.20.14.NASB>

The cross behind my couch:



Three tractors cultivating a field



Three tractors cultivating a field:

- A dream of the night (2005?).
- In this dream I was shown something...
- I was situated up high, observing, alongside a man...an angel.
- Before and below us, there was a large freshly plowed field.
- There were three tractors discing from right to left.
- The two tractors furthest from me moved in tandem, that is, at the same speed, and side by side.

- The one tractor closest to me was discing in the same direction, in the next closest row, but was about a tractor length behind the other two.
- I woke thinking I was to judge the work being done, but now not so much, I'm not the judge.

Today I read the daily reading from, "A Year with C.S. Lewis," that brought this dream to mind... (am finding some resonance from the beat of the word here in Lewis's writing and the beat of the word from the dream. (Resonance increases amplitude).

A Year with C.S. Lewis:

7 JUNE: A Whole New Nature

The records represent Christ as passing after death (as no man had passed before) neither into a purely, that is, negatively, 'spiritual' mode of existence nor into a 'natural' life such as we know, but into a life which has its own, new Nature. It represents Him as withdrawing six weeks later, into some different mode of existence. It says—He says—that He goes 'to prepare a place for us'. This presumably means that He is about to create that whole new Nature which will provide the environment or conditions for His glorified humanity and, in Him, for ours. The picture is not what we expected—though whether it is less or more probable and philosophical on that account is another question. It is not the picture of an escape from any and every kind of Nature into some unconditioned and utterly transcendent life. It is the picture of a new human nature, and a new Nature in general, being brought into existence. We must, indeed, believe the risen body to be extremely different from the mortal body: but the existence, in that new state, of anything that could in any sense be described as 'body' at all, involves some sort of spatial relations and in the long run a whole new universe. That is the picture—not of unmaking but of remaking. The old field of space, time, matter, and the senses is to be weeded, dug, and sown for a new crop. We may be tired of that old field: God is not. —from Miracles

- And, each "new creature" gets weeded, dug, and sown for a new crop as well.
- The plow first, then the discs to make the soil right.
- It's probably going to hurt a bit at times...a lot of unlearning to do, but there's a purpose, and a reward, for the pain: a new crop, pleasing to the Lord.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/2co.5.17.NKJV>

6-15-19 Sa. 7:29pm: from a 5-23-19 Th. From anotation of another Lewis reading, daily email...

"I find I must borrow yet another parable from George MacDonald. Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of—throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

The command Be ye perfect is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command. He said (in the Bible) that we were 'gods' and He is going to make good His words. If we let Him—for we can prevent Him, if we choose—He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal

creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful, but that is what we are in for. Nothing less. He meant what He said."

From Mere Christianity

Compiled in: A Year with C.S. Lewis

Gigantic fruit

Gigantic fruit:

- a dream of the night (2013'?)

I found myself in an uncultivated area within farmland. There was a farmer standing within this area which was brushy, grassy and scrubby, with no evidence (such as foot paths or planted rows) of tending. The farmer was attired in bib-overalls with shaggy collar-length gray hair and a bushy beard, very simple and homespun in appearance. He started to smile as he gazed across this space, bringing my attention to some plants and vines that were growing interspersed amongst the scrubby trees, shrubs and tall brown grass. And these plants and vines were richly bearing very over-sized, gigantic lush fruit. Glancing back, I saw Him beaming with a great smile! This is the Lord! my thoughts were, as I was waking...He loves the supernatural fruit of the Holy Spirit!

What I'm getting from this dream today is that the fruit of the Spirit isn't always, in the cultivated fields but in the Lord's secret places.

The fruit of the Spirit:

Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Patience, Understanding, and Self-control is what He loves.

His beaming smile still lifts me up every time I think of it.

5-6-16 Fr:

Every time I think of this dream now I see a corner of an abandoned farmhouse not many yards from the fruit patch, and I now imagine(?) that the farmer had left this farmstead for some time, and had now returned to find the property untended, yet, where the garden for the family used to be, something delightful was happening amongst the dilapidation...lush ripe fruit.

- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal. 5: 22-23 NASB)

8-26-19 Mo. 8:49am:

- The Lord's appearance as a smiling Farmer was a "milder glory?" that attracts...and not repels?
- See a C. H. Spurgeon email below on God's "milder glory."

Evening

"The people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him." Mark 9:15

"How great the difference between Moses and Jesus! When the prophet of Horeb had been forty days upon the mountain, he underwent a kind of transfiguration, so that his countenance shone with exceeding brightness, and he put a veil over his face, for the people could not endure to look upon his glory. Not so our Saviour. He had been transfigured with a greater glory than that of Moses, and yet, it is not written that the people were blinded by the blaze of his countenance, but rather they were amazed, and running to him they saluted him. The glory of the law repels, but the greater glory of Jesus attracts. Though Jesus is holy and just, yet blended with his purity there is so much of truth and grace, that sinners run to him amazed at his goodness, fascinated by his love; they salute him, become his disciples, and take him to be their Lord and Master. Reader, it may be that just now you are blinded by the dazzling brightness of the law of God. You feel its claims on your conscience, but you cannot keep it in your life. Not that you find fault with the law, on the contrary, it commands your profoundest esteem, still you are in nowise drawn by it to God; you are rather hardened in heart, and are verging towards desperation. Ah, poor heart! turn thine eye from Moses, with all his repelling splendour, and look to Jesus, resplendent with milder glories. Behold his flowing wounds and thorn-crowned head! He is the Son

of God, and therein he is greater than Moses, but he is the Lord of love, and therein more tender than the lawgiver. He bore the wrath of God, and in his death revealed more of God's justice than Sinai on a blaze, but that justice is now vindicated, and henceforth it is the guardian of believers in Jesus. Look, sinner, to the bleeding Saviour, and as thou feelest the attraction of his love, fly to his arms, and thou shalt be saved." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

The Lord of hosts' gathering

...I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

The Lord of Hosts gathering:

- A dream of the night (11-17-05).

Some context:

- A friend, John B. was spending the night. He had come to my door needing a place to sleep because due to drug and alcohol use had lost his place to stay. He was scheduled however to enter a Christian drug and alcohol, live-in, treatment program the next morning. I threw open my home to him and provided every hospitality as he was a child of God.
- That night I dreamt a dream of the Lord...
- It was a clear, beautiful day on a green rolling landscape.
- There was a large army tent pitched.
- Outside the tent, sitting at a small desk, with an open ledger and a pen in her hand, was a young blonde-haired woman sitting quietly and confidently, ready to write.
- I took stock of the army tent, noticing that one corner seemed to be lower at the back end where I wanted to stand, and that this would afford a lack of standing height for me, once inside (I am embarrassed by this unnecessary, incorrect, assessment).
- I informed the the woman of my assessment (forgive me Lord) and she dutifully recorded it.

- Next, I was inside the tent (no lack of ceiling height inside).
- The tent was filled with men in army uniform, standing in order and facing forward.
- I moved to the very back of all standing.
- From the back I heard my full legal name called out¹, as a tall Captain moved within the group towards the back. He was somewhat put-out and directed me forward, somewhat towards the front.
- I stood quietly awaiting orders and now found John B. standing beside me on my left.
- The Captain then presented me with a small wooden cross.

Today's insight on the cross given me:

- After the reception of the cross my sufferings can be considered as the fellowship of sharing in the sufferings of Christ.²
- (Not to say that I won't be disciplined by the Lord and suffer for that reason. He disciplines all his children.)

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/isa.43.1.ESV>

²that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

PHILIPPIANS 3:10 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/php.3.10.NASB>

and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

ROMANS 8:17 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.8.17.NASB>

For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:5 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/2co.1.5.NASB>

but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

1 PETER 4:13 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1pe.4.13.NASB>

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

MATTHEW 16:24 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.16.24.NASB>

But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; ¹I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the

rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, And gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

Isaiah 43:1-7 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.43.1-7.NASB1995>

The Elevated room

The elevated room:

- A dream of the night (May 2005').
- In this dream I came to room (a small room suspended in the air), and there was a small doorway.
- Inside a Man was spraying a thick flesh colored coating on the walls inside the room, even on the floor.
- I stood at the opening and reached in with my right hand and touched the floor to see if it was dry yet (I was eager for it to be finished).
- The worker inside (Holy Spirit?) sprayed across the opening as I reached in...painting my chest with the flesh colored coating.
- I then exclaimed, "Hey, this is a new shirt!" (the t-shirt I was wearing was sky blue in color).
- Then the Worker immediately looked behind Him to see the results of my words (and I knew He was looking to the Lord).
- I then woke up and was immediately sorry I had complained.

4-15-18 Su. 11:49am: notes on above dream...

- The room was in the sky.
- The room was my heart.
- The person inside was the Holy Spirit.
- 4-5-19 Fr: by spraying across my chest it was to be understood that the room was my heart.
- He was making the inside of my heart flesh, giving me a heart of flesh, see Ezekiel 36:26... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I

will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
<http://bible.com/114/ezk.36.26.NKJV>

- (later in this passage He says Israel will be ashamed of their loathsome practices (done) and then He says, the desolate land will be tilled (see three tractors cultivating dream).

7-8-19 Mo. 12:14pm: the below from today's daily reading from "A year with C.S. Lewis"...

- Coming in Out of the Wind
- "The real problem of the Christian life comes where people do not usually look for it. It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind. We can only do it for moments at first. But from those moments the new sort of life will be spreading through our system: because now we are letting Him work at the right part of us. It is the difference between paint, which is merely laid on the surface, and a dye or stain which soaks right through. He never talked vague, idealistic gas. When He said, 'Be perfect,' He meant it. He meant that we must go in for the full treatment. It is hard; but the sort of compromise we are all hankering after is harder—in fact, it is impossible. It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad." —from Mere Christianity
- (It was/is the Holy Spirit working in my heart) I find Lewis's passage above to be confirmatory of my understanding of this dream. Thank you, Lord so very much!

The Skyscraper church building and the Foreman

The Foreman in the Skyscraper:

- A dream of the night (apprx. 2004')

Some context:

In 1973' or so when I was about 13 years of age our family went deep into Mexico for a month's vacation. I remember touring inside a few old Catholic churches. I was struck with how elaborately the interiors were decorated with gold architectural appointments while outside I witnessed the people living in squalid thrown together shacks...in poverty.

Dream:

- I stood in an upper room, to the side and overlooking, the ground floor of a church building (a sanctuary with pews and a pulpit).
- The ceiling was extremely high like a skyscraper (like a hollowed out skyscraper).
- It seemed to be a North American structure in the latter stages of construction.
- The upper room that I was in was unfinished, and had an open pony wall from which I could see the sanctuary and the large open spaces above it.
- There were men working. Some of them sat suspended high above the floor, in bosun chairs (they look like a child's swing) installing architectural appointments to the walls.

- Then I saw a young man about the same age as I was when I visited the Catholic church building at 13-14 years old. He walked down the center aisle between the two rows of pews, headed towards the pulpit. As he walked the workers seemed to take notice of him and were displeased with his presence.
- Then a man entered the upper room that I was in through a doorway covered by long hanging thick, clear plastic 6 inch wide slats, like those I have seen in large refrigerated spaces, meant to prevent transfer of air from one space to the next. Or on a construction site these curtains help prevent dust from traveling while still providing visibility.
- He was upwards of 30 years of age and wore a carpenter's tool apron. (There are two kinds of foremen: the kind that wear tool belts and work with their hands, and those who don't).
- His was an air of utterly confident command, a leader to be followed. Entirely competent and good, I would follow Him anywhere. I know him as Jesus, I know Him by His character.
- He spoke and said to me, "Don't worry, I'm going to take charge."

The Foreman building a shear wall

The Foreman building a shear wall:

- A dream of the night (sometime between 20004' and 06').

Dream:

- I saw the Foreman again, this time in my mother's house. (It was a large house that I've never seen before).
- He was building an interior shear wall: a wall clad with plywood (this construction provides greater strength for the building).
- There were a few power outlets in the wall.
- The wall was not yet finished but was well clad with the plywood.
- He worked alone on the wall, with His hands.

6-6-19 8:40am: from an Open Doors email re the persecuted church...

“When China’s best-known pastor, Wang Ming-dao, was finally released from prison, he stated, “In these past twenty years, I have not had a copy of the Bible. Happily between the ages of twenty-one to twenty-four, I spent my time at home doing the housework and studying the Scriptures. I memorized many passages. These passages in my heart came out one by one and strengthened me. Had it not been for those words of God, then not only I, but many others, would also have been defeated.”

- Strengthened like a shear wall.
- A verse of the day email then led me to this passage...

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/eph.3.14-19.NKJV>

9:25am: and another email led here:

Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."

ISAIAH 35:3-4 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.35.3-4.NASB>

9:32am: and another email led here:

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1th.5.11.NASB>

- For years I contemplated whether I dare think the Lord was at work on me.

- And whether it was in me that there were power outlets....(Holy Spirit dreams and visions?)
- And what could the special connection be but the bond of the love of Christ? (Shear walls have specialized construction connectors).
- Two arriving passages about being strengthened...(I am the shear wall being built).
- Two arriving passages about strengthening others...(when I am strong strengthen others, soul).
- And while studying on the foundation below I found...

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

1 PETER 5:10 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1pe.5.10.NASB>

- A word about the foundation upon which my faith is built...

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

EPHESIANS 2:20 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/eph.2.20.NASB>

- The words of the apostles and prophets are foundationally oriented with Christ as Chief.

6-14-19 Sa. 7:34pm: from a 5-23-19 Th. note of mine...

- C.S. Lewis describes below the Lord's work on us as comparable to the rebuilding of a house...it can be painful...

"I find I must borrow yet another parable from George MacDonald. Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of—throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

The command Be ye perfect is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command. He said (in the Bible) that we were 'gods' and He is going to make good His words. If we let Him—for we can prevent Him, if we choose—He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful, but that is what we are in for. Nothing less. He meant what He said." ~ C S Lewis (Mere Christianity)

6-24-19 Mo. 12:56pm: another verse of strengthening...

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/2th.3.3.NASB>

Sin, at the door

Sin, at the door:

A dream of the night (2008'-10'?).

- I was standing in a lit upper room at the head of a darkened back stairwell.
- And I noticed an adult male with a dark countenance standing at the entry to the upper room. (I believe this was the upper room of the Townhouse dream Pg. 28).
- The man was evil so I immediately engaged him and a fight ensued...
- He had a bladed weapon, a knife.
- I also had a bladed weapon, a deer antler branch, where each prong, 4 or 5, was tipped with a metal blade.
- It was a hard vicious fight where each of us was severely wounded.
- Then he turned and left back down the stairs.

Thoughts:

- The one coming up the back way was the enemy, Satan, or a personification of sin.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 10:1 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/jhn.10.1.NKJV>

- The separate blades of the antler weapon are Bible verses...words of God.
- The enemy's blade, sin?

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:56-57 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/1co.15.56-57.NKJV>

If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

GENESIS 4:7 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/gen.4.7.NASB>

Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/jas.4.7.NASB2020>

The Elevated Path

The Elevated Path:

- A dream of the night...March 2004'

The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

Proverbs 16:17 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/pro.16.17.NKJV>

A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

Isaiah 35:8 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/isa.35.8.NKJV>

Dream:

I dreamt that I was on a raised path going through a dark forest. The path I was walking on was raised, as a set of railroad tracks is raised, above the native earth by a ribbon of mounded white gravel, about four feet high. The path was narrow. I would say this path would mostly require single file foot travel, unless two walked very closely together.

So, I'm walking through a forest alone, with some trepidation, but there is a mysterious presence walking about ten yards behind me, cloaked in a hooded garment; and his presence gives me comfort¹.

(this cloak may be a mantle, as in a prophets mantle, as in a mantle like that of Elijah, that Elisha desired).

Then...what's that!? Off to the right...there is a male figure making its way directly towards me. As it gets closer I'm repulsed, by its deranged smile and diseased condition, with numerous oozing wounds on its exposed skin.²

It drew closer and then made its way right up on the path with me, and its desire was to glom itself onto me³. Then it was upon me, so I grappled with it and threw it back off the path, the way it had come. And the thing of disgust sailed through the air about ten yards and fell to the forest floor. As it struck the earth, a small cloud of leaves billowed up from the ground where it landed, and fluttered back down upon the body...burying it shallowly. It was dead. But... unfortunately, it was soon getting back up, it was like a zombie, the walking dead.

End of dream.

- Is this thing, the body of sin*, which I put to death? A thing that must be struggled with and thrown off the path? A besetting sin? I'm thinking so.
- Now what I do, when I see this thing coming (when I'm being tempted by sin) is, I see , both theologically, and as a visualization, the mysterious cloaked figure that was following me, as the Spirit of Christ.⁴ And I move closer to Him in the dream (in my mind) and I see Jesus; even reaching out with my hand, touching Him (I have also placed myself in the dream behind Jesus so, that He is between me and the body of sin, and Jesus raised his right arm and the the thing was gone). Or, going to my knees, worshipping Him...and Jesus placed his hand on my head, and the temptation fled. And

when I'm near Jesus, I want what He wants, not sin, and I am not overtaken by it. So...I re-enter the dream (by meditating on it), and do what the word of God has taught me to do. And it is working...He is working. Praise God!

- P.S. If one might sin and feel reluctant to go to Jesus, thinking He doesn't want me now, well, Jesus said Himself, "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."
John 6:37 NKJV
- <http://bible.com/114/jhn.6.37.NKJV>
- And...
- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- 1 John 1:9 NASB1995
- <https://bible.com/bible/100/1jn.1.9.NASB1995>

* O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:24 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/rom.7.24.NKJV>

¹ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:16 KJV

<http://bible.com/1/jhn.14.16.KJV>

²If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

Genesis 4:7 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/gen.4.7.NKJV>

³ Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV

<http://bible.com/1/heb.12.1-2.KJV>

⁴ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

⁴ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is , there is liberty.

II Corinthians 3:17 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/2co.3.17.NKJV>

C. S. Lewis:

"If you think of the Father as something `out there', in front of you, and of the Son as someone standing at your side, helping you to pray, trying to turn you into another son, then you have to think of the third person as something inside you, or behind you." - - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity (found today in, A Year With C.S. Lewis daily reading for Feb. 7.

“Besetting sin: definition: a fault to which a person or institution is especially prone; a characteristic weakness. The verb beset literally means ‘surround with hostile intent’, so the image is of a sin besieging or pressing in upon a person.”

8-30-18 Th. 3:54pm:

Luke 1:75–79 (NASB95):

75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

76 “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways;

77 To give to His people the knowledge of salvation

By the forgiveness of their sins,

78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,

With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,

79 To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

- I'm thinking every Christian (in the Spirit) (not only a prophet as Paul said, "you can all prophesy,"*) might go before the Lord in this way, as we prepare hearts and minds of those we might encounter, for the Lord.

*For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

1 CORINTHIANS 14:31 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1co.14.31.NASB>

3-24-19 Su. 4:43pm: came across this verse as I was perusing You Version bookmarks. This portion of the bookmark struck me as relevant to the One who walked behind me* in this dream...

* "Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

ISAIAH 58:8 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.58.8.NASB>

Jesus is said to be the radiance of the glory of Lord in...

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

HEBREWS 1:3 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.1.3.NASB>

Crime scene evidence

Crime scene evidence :

- A dream of the night (2018').
- In this dream I was with two old friends.
- The land was dark.
- There had been a murder and there was crime scene evidence about...
- (I believe that pornography is being equated¹ to crime scene evidence in this dream).

¹ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder ." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

James 2:10-11 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jas.2.10-11.NASB>

- In the dream I and my two friends were each handling the crime scene evidence...getting our fingerprints all over it.
- I remember being concerned, in the dream, that the authorities would find our fingerprints on the evidence and think that we had done the murder.

- Next, I was in a large cellar and it was dark but for the orange glow coming from the open hatch of a fiery furnace, where a man was stoking the fire with fuel of some sort.
- I awoke knowing that the crime scene evidence and the furnace's fuel were each pornography.
- And that we shouldn't handle it or, feed Hell's fires by procuring it.
- Thank you, Lord for my freedom from it all! May this dream serve you, and help save!
- (Please add crime scene evidence as another reason not to use pornography.)

The Evergreen branch

11-10-19 Su. 10:58am: this dream coming to mind since yesterday...(this is the 100th note of this notebook)...

- And along with the meditation... "It cannot fail." (a still small voice, an inner speaking).

And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:12 KJV

<https://bible.com/bible/1/1ki.19.12.KJV>

Dream: of 11-27-06:

- I was standing before a person with the appearance of a fool*. A three foot tall court jester type in comical attire.
- The jester then scooped up some earth with his hands and formed it into something of a mannequin.
- The fool had then strings attached to the mannequin's limbs, and manipulated it and did obscene things with it, showing me what he could do.
- Then I bent down and scooped up some earth and formed with it an evergreen branch.¹

¹ And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows

up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade.”

Mark 4:30-32 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mrk.4.30-32.NASB1995>


Evergreen n. definition:

1. A tree, shrub, or plant having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year.
2. evergreens Twigs or branches of evergreen plants used as decoration.
3. Something that remains perennially fresh, interesting, or well liked.

Branch n. definition:

- c. A division of a family, categorized by descent from a particular ancestor.
- From the onset of this dream I have taken the evergreen branch to be a metaphor for a branch of the Church...
 - A branch of the Father's family, of Christ (The Kingdom of God).
 - Lord, the enemy is about, keep me from foolishness...amen and praise God!

Cont....



Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good, For His
lovingkindness is
everlasting. Let the
redeemed of the Lord say
so, Whom He has
redeemed from the hand of
the adversary And gathered
from the lands, From the
east and from the west,
From the north and from
the south.

Psalms 107:1-3

Ditch digger

The ditch digger dream:

- A dream of the night (early September 2015')
- In this dream I was standing in the court of the Lord, by a pillar.
- As I was looking towards the throne room, I heard the Lord call out...
- "I will have a ditch digger."
- So, immediately I turned and went to my room across the way and collected my work gloves...then headed out to the job.
- On the the way a woman with long dark hair followed me and asked of me, regarding being a ditch digger, whether I was disappointed?...as I had previously been a carpenter.
- Then I woke up and thought and said, "No" that I was not at all disappointed.

2 Kings 3:16-18 KJV:

And he said, Thus saith the Lord , Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord , Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord : he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

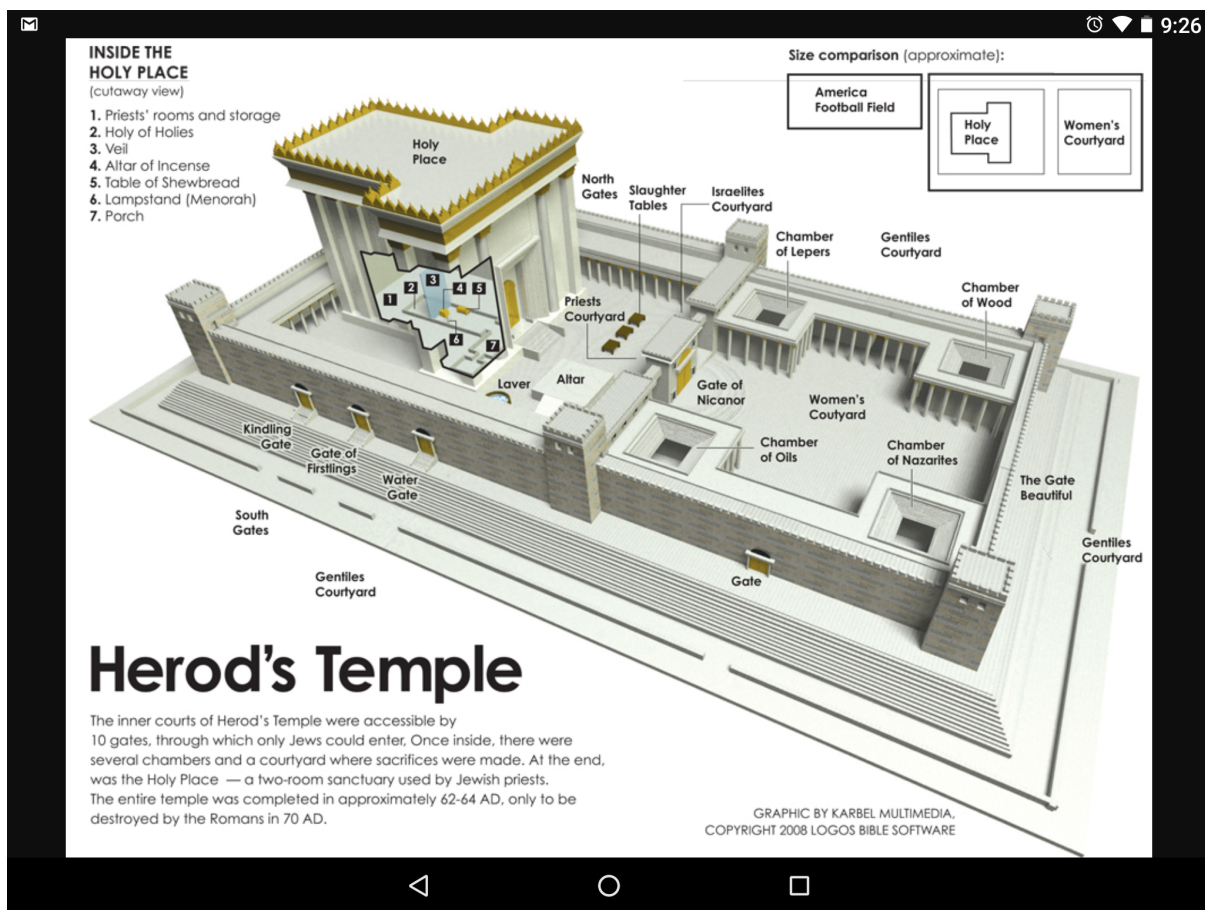
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Revelation 3:12 LEB:

The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never go outside again, and I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God, and my new name.

<http://bible.com/90/rev.3.12.LEB>

- (a word to the church of Philadelphia).



Cont...

6-3-19 Mo. 4:30pm: C. H. Spurgeon on ditch diggers, and the Lord's smile...

Today's Reading

Morning

"These were potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work."

1 Chronicles 4:23

"Potters were not the very highest grade of workers, but "the king" needed potters, and therefore they were in royal service, although the material upon which they worked was nothing but clay. We, too, may be engaged in the most menial part of the Lord's work, but it is a great privilege to do anything for "the king"; and therefore we will abide in our calling, hoping that, "although we have lien among the pots, yet shall we be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." The text tells us of those who dwelt among plants and hedges, having rough, rustic, hedging and ditching work to do. They may have desired to live in the city, amid its life, society, and refinement, but they kept their appointed places, for they also were doing the king's work. The place of our habitation is fixed, and we are not to remove from it out of whim and caprice, but seek to serve the Lord in it, by being a blessing to those among whom we reside. These potters and gardeners had royal company, for they dwelt "with the king" and although among hedges and plants, they dwelt with the king there. No lawful place, or gracious occupation, however mean, can debar us from communion with our divine Lord. In visiting hovels, swarming lodging-houses, workhouses, or jails, we may go with the king. In all works of faith we may count upon Jesus' fellowship. It is when we are in his work that we may reckon upon his smile. Ye unknown workers who are occupied for your Lord amid the dirt and wretchedness of the lowest of the low, be of good cheer, for jewels have been found upon dunghills ere now, earthen pots have been filled with heavenly treasure, and ill weeds have been transformed into precious flowers. Dwell ye with the King for his work, and when he writes his chronicles your name shall be recorded."

12-5-20 Fr. 7:32am:

- I found this Spurgeon writing in my email this morning and it reminded me of the ditch digger dream here, when he described God wanting men, four carpenters, to do rough work...ditch digging is also very rough work...

Evening (Spurgeon devotional)

"And the Lord shewed me four carpenters."

Zechariah 1:20

"In the vision described in this chapter, the prophet saw four terrible horns. They were pushing this way and that way, dashing down the strongest and the mightiest; and the prophet asked, "What are these?" The answer was, "These are the horns which have scattered Israel." He saw before him a representation of those powers which had oppressed the church of God. There were four horns; for the church is attacked from all quarters. Well might the prophet have felt dismayed; but on a sudden there appeared before him four carpenters. He asked, "What shall these do?" These are the men whom God hath found to break those horns in pieces. God will always find men for his work, and he will find them at the right time. The prophet did not see the carpenters first, when there was nothing to do, but first the "horns," and then the "carpenters." Moreover, the Lord finds enough men. He did not find three carpenters, but four; there were four horns, and there must be four workmen. God finds the right men; not four men with pens to write; not four architects to draw plans; but four carpenters to do rough work. Rest assured, you who tremble for the ark of God, that when the "horns" grow troublesome, the "carpenters" will be found. You need not fret concerning the weakness of the church of God at any moment; there may be growing up in obscurity the valiant reformer who will shake the nations: Chrysostoms may come forth from our Ragged Schools, and Augustines from the thickest darkness of London's poverty. The Lord knows where to find his servants. He hath in ambush a multitude of mighty men, and at his word they

shall start up to the battle; "for the battle is the Lord's," and he shall get to himself the victory. Let us abide faithful to Christ, and he, in the right time, will raise up for us a defence, whether it be in the day of our personal need, or in the season of peril to his Church." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

2-28-21 Su. 1:27pm:

- This dream was referenced in another notebook on incoming wisdom regarding my mission...
- I notated there that I had seen a large earth moving machine arriving on a flatbed, in a dream...perhaps strength arriving for my duties.

The Alligator

The Alligator:

- A dream of the night (8-8-2019' or so).
- In this dream I was on a gravel bar midstream in a river.
- Looking downstream I saw a gigantically large alligator in the distance taking notice of me.
- Then it moved quickly towards me so I threw a stone from the gravel bank under my feet at the giant and it stopped 10 yards away.
- I yelled for help, but no one was around.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

Isaiah 43:2 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.43.2.NASB1995>

- Isaiah 43:2 from above was yesterday's verse of the day (preparing me for this dream, strengthening me) thank you, Father, Amen!
- When the Lord calls you home, soul, and if death himself is looming...fear not, God is with you!
- The Lord had me on a gravel bar, not a sandbar, so...
- I had many, many stones, a whole bank of them, to sling at the enemy.
- (And giants have been known to fall from a single stone!)
- I liken this bank of stones to the Word of God that I have stored up in my heart...for I stand on His Word.

Broke out and had surgery

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- A dream of the night while fasting (1-29-2019').
- In this dream I found myself in a darkened room which had no exits...no doors or windows at all.
- I really wanted out of that room so I ran at a wall and smashed my way through it.
- Free of the darkened room I now found myself outside in the daylight, where...
- I was then met by a Man who had the persona of someone who could go anywhere and get anything done.
- He then handed me a knife. It had the look of antiquity about it.
- The ancient knife I held was like no other I have seen. It folded for pocket carrying, yet the blade was more like a scalpel.
- After examining the Knife I gratefully accepted it, then folded and stowed the gift in my pocket.
- But then, instantly, the Man somehow had the Knife back in His hand.
- Then my right hand was in His, and I calmly watched, as He masterfully (with a smile) plunged the scalpel deeply, yet painlessly, into my hand.
- I saw only one single drop of blood during this procedure...then I woke up.

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- This dream was to prove prophetic for me as it wouldn't be long before I did break out of a spiritually dark room, then met God in prayer, and by the Word of God prayed a prayer of faith, knowing for certain that the Lord

would help, because His Word says that what I wanted was something that was according to His will. And He did help...I have been cut loose from the besetting sin (pornography). Thank you, Lord...He is able!

Hebrews 4:12-13 NASB

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.4.12-13.NASB>

2-23-19 Sa. 10:43am: last night I was praying to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be of some use...

- And was wondering what this last breakthrough was like, the breakthrough of faith, and some insight came to me that I jotted down on the Post-it note below:

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What He wants... 10:37p 2-22-19 Fr.
So, when I realized I couldn't do it,
that I couldn't do what was required, I
gave it to Him. Like if I had an intricate
watch movement that wouldn't work and
I had tried everything to fix it, but it
still wouldn't work. So I said, "I can't fix
it... here you do it." Then as soon as I
gave it into Your hand, and You received it,
the Master watchmaker, I rested, and
knew, with great confidence, that the watch
would be fixed. And before I knew it, and
without knowing how, the watch was back
in my hand in perfect working order,
better than before.

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed."

Jeremiah 17:14

"I have seen his ways, and will heal him."

Isaiah 57:18

11-16-19 2:03pm: "It is for freedom that you have been set free."

- This word came to me on the stoop while contemplating, and this dream, the surgery, came to mind.
- It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/gal.5.1.NASB>

12-22-19 Su. 3:54pm: this quote from C.S. Lewis very much resonates with my experience of finally being set free...

C.S. Lewis:

"Now we cannot ... discover our failure to keep God's law except by trying our very hardest (and then failing). Unless we really try, whatever we say there will always be at the back of our minds the idea that if we try harder next time we shall succeed in being completely good. Thus, in one sense, the road back to God is a road of moral effort, of trying harder and harder. But in another sense it is not trying that is ever going to bring us home. All this trying leads up to the vital moment at which you turn to God and say, 'You must do this. I can't.' " ~ C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

- (Exactly what I did...and I was set free!).

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and gloom and broke their chains apart. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His faithful love and His wonderful works for all humanity.

Psalms 107:13-15 HCSB

<https://bible.com/bible/72/psa.107.13-15.HCSB>

6-28-21 Mo. 9:19am: from today's daily reading...

- "It is a living Man, still as much a man as you, and still as much God as He was when He created the world, really coming and interfering with your very self; killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has." ~ C. S. Lewis (Mere Christianity)
- "Killing the old natural self" with the blade...the Word of God.
- Thank you, Lord!

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Acts 3:19 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/act.3.19.NASB1995>

and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1pe.2.24.NASB1995>

A word from the Lord..."Restore your brothers" (and the Ironwood dream)

"Restore your brothers."

- A word from the Lord (2-22-17').

The following word came after repenting of sin with a broken heart, and then surrendering to the Lord the question, "Should I give up the internet?"

- Then a word came from the Lord...

"It's up to you...that's how you judge."

- this in the form of a "word."
- Inaudible, comfortable, recognizable in holiness, strength and love.
- Spoken clearly in my heart.
- (Instantly I was strengthened).

Then He said...

"Restore your brothers."

- (The same, inaudible, comfortable, holy and loving, recognizable tone).

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalms 34:18 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.34.18.NASB1995>

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:3 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.10.3.NASB1995>

I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

John 10:14 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.10.14.NASB1995>

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

John 10:27 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.10.27.NASB1995>

Ironwood is hard to cut (but Jesus is able):

- A relevant dream of the night...(7-31-20).
- I saw in the dream an Ironwood leaf.
- (I have an Ironwood tree that came up on its own in one of my deck rail planters.)
- (Ironwood is very hard to cut in carpentry.)

- This wood is used for tool handles and such.
- Ironwood
tree: https://www.google.com/url?q=https://landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu/plants/ostrya-virginiana&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwiG--uQnfnqAhXlGDQlHXEyDkMQFjALegQlChAB&usq=AOvVaw0-99lgH0Jbs9bW_ClP6jsa
- I prayed for the interpretation of this dream.

Then they said to him, "We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it."
Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please."

Genesis 40:8 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/gen.40.8.NASB>

Dream cont...

- When I saw the leaf in the dream I also saw that a substance like tobacco, made from this leaf, was found in the pockets of a human corpse.
- ...and I was given to understand that people were smoking this leafy substance.
- ...and that once a taste for this product (a product that was imbued/infused with the properties of a corpse) was acquired, it would be very hard to quit (or cut...like ironwood).
- (...like how certain foods, that are essentially rotten, become acquired tastes in some cultures).

- The corpse = someone dead in their trespasses and sins.* (Their "body of sin/death"**))

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Ephesians 2:1 NASB <https://bible.com/bible/100/eph.2.1.NASB>

**knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Romans 6:6 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.6.6.NASBdeath>

**Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

Romans 7:24 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.7.24.NASB>

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.)

Romans 7:25 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.7.25.NASB>

- Sins are rotten yet sinners acquire a taste for their sins (I should know).
- Sins, once a taste for them has been acquired, are very hard to quit/cut.
- Jesus however is a master carpenter¹ who would know very well how to cut Ironwood, and, make something very useful out of it...like a saved sinner's testimony of salvation and deliverance from sin.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God saved me, and delivered me, from my sins...
- He delivered me from alcohol and drug abuse.

- He saved me from sexual immorality and pornography and many other sins.
- Not to say, though, that I'm no longer tempted at times, or don't need more work. We are all put to the test² and have to deal with temptations, and are not yet fully matured.³
- If we fall, we can confess our sins and receive forgiveness through the blood of Jesus, the perfect One⁴ And get back up and press on to the mark.³

¹ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Matthew 13:55 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.13.55.NASB>

² I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, in order to test Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk in it as their fathers did, or not." So the Lord allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 2:21-23 NASB <https://bible.com/bible/100/jdg.2.21-23.NASB>

³ Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 NASB <https://bible.com/bible/100/php.3.12-14.NASB>

⁴ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9 NASB <https://bible.com/bible/100/1jn.1.8-9.NASB>

The Lord has compassion on His children (Psalm 103:13) He is tenderhearted toward us...

He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them. The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all. Bless the Lord , you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! Bless the Lord , all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the Lord , all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the Lord , O my soul!

Psalms 103:7-22 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.103.7-22.NASB>

7-11-20 Sa. 1:17pm: from today's daily reading of A Year with C.S. Lewis...

- Was just thinking of a conversation I might have, of encouragement, with a brother being restored and next I turned to this reading and felt it resonated well with the work...

11 JULY:

All or Nothing

On the one hand, God's demand for perfection need not discourage you in the least in your present attempts to be good, or even in your present failures.

Each time you fall He will pick you up again. And He knows perfectly well that your own efforts are never going to bring you anywhere near perfection.

On the other hand, you must realise from the outset that the goal towards which He is beginning to guide you is absolute perfection; and no power in the whole universe, except you yourself, can prevent Him from taking you to that goal.

That is what you are in for. And it is very important to realise that. If we do not, then we are very likely to start pulling back and resisting Him after a certain point. ~ C. S. Lewis (from Mere Christianity in: A Year with C. S. Lewis edited by Patricia S. Klein)

Healing for the Backslider:

I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 44:22 NASB

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.44.22.NASB>

Isaiah 57:14-21 NKJV

And one shall say, "Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, Take the stumbling block out of the way of My people." For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners. "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the Lord, "And I will heal him." But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."

<http://bible.com/114/isa.57.14-21.NKJV>

Hosea 11:8-11 NASB

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I surrender you, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within Me, All My compassions are kindled. I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, And I will not come in wrath. They will walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion; Indeed He will roar And His sons will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like birds from Egypt And like doves from the land of Assyria; And I will settle them in their houses, declares the Lord.

<https://bible.com/bible/100/hos.11.8-11.NASB>

Hosea 14:4 NKJV

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, For My anger has turned away from him.

<http://bible.com/114/hos.14.4.NKJV>

Psalms 103:3-6 NKJV

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

<http://bible.com/114/psa.103.3-6.NKJV>

Zechariah 10:6 NASB

"I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house of Joseph, And I will bring them back, Because I have had compassion on them; And they will be as though I had not rejected them, For I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.

<http://bible.com/100/zec.10.6.NASB>

II Corinthians 7:10 NKJV

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

<https://bible.com/bible/114/2co.7.10.NKJV>

For the Lord will not reject forever, For if He causes grief, Then He will have compassion According to His abundant lovingkindness.

Lamentations 3:31-32 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/lam.3.31-32.NASB1995>

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

Daniel 9:9 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/dan.9.9.NKJV>

Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."

Isaiah 35:3-4 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.35.3-4.NASB1995>

Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins Into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mic.7.18-19.NASB1995>

There is hope for your future," declares the Lord, "And your children will return to their own territory. I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may be restored, For You are the Lord my God. For after I turned back, I repented; And after I was

instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.' Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the Lord. "Set up for yourself roadmarks, Place for yourself guideposts; Direct your mind to the highway, The way by which you went. Return, O virgin of Israel, Return to these your cities. How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing in the earth— A woman will encompass a man." Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities when I restore their fortunes, 'The Lord bless you, O abode of righteousness, O holy hill!' Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the farmer and they who go about with flocks. For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes." At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.

Jeremiah 31:17-26 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jer.31.17-26.NASB1995>

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my

salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Psalms 51:1-19 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.51.1-19.NASB1995>

Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.

Psalms 27:14 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.27.14.NASB1995>

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.”

<https://ref.ly/Ps119.9-12> via the Logos Bible Android app.

And have mind renewed:

Romans 12:2 (NKJV): And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1co.10.13.NASB1995>

Isaiah 40:1-5 NKJV

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord 's hand Double for all her sins." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord ; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<http://bible.com/114/isa.40.1-5.NKJV>

Christians, abstain from sexual immorality...

I Thessalonians 4:3-4 NKJV:

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

[Biblehttp://bible.com/114/1th.4.3-4.NKJV](http://bible.com/114/1th.4.3-4.NKJV) BibleHub
http://biblehub.com/1_thessalonians/4-3.htm

A way to abstain:

I Corinthians 7:1-3 NKJV:

Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

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If you are so gifted:

I Corinthians 7:7-9 NKJV:

For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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Persist in Christ:

I Corinthians 10:13

NKJV:

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

[Biblehttp://bible.com/114/1co.10.13.NKJV](http://bible.com/114/1co.10.13.NKJV)

Is porn a viable way of escape? Consider the following:

Ephesians 5:3-4 NKJV:

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

[Biblehttp://bible.com/114/eph.5.3-4.NKJV](http://bible.com/114/eph.5.3-4.NKJV)

The NIV'S interpretation:

Ephesians 5:3-4 NIV:

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

<http://bible.com/111/eph.5.3-4.NIV>

Do not be overcome by sin, but rule over it: Genesis 4:7 NKJV:

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

[Biblehttp://bible.com/114/gen.4.7.NKJV](http://bible.com/114/gen.4.7.NKJV)

[BibleHubhttp://biblehub.com/genesis/4-7.htm](http://biblehub.com/genesis/4-7.htm)

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Isaiah 30:15 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/isa.30.15.NKJV>

C. S. Lewis on souls troubled by temptations:

- "He knows what a wretched machine you are trying to drive. Keep on. Do what you can. One day (perhaps in another world, but perhaps far sooner than that) He will fling it on the scrap-heap and give you a new one. And then you may astonish us all—not least yourself: for you have learned your driving in a hard school. (Some of the last will be first and some of the first will be last)." ~ Lewis, Mere Christianity

Big problem? Grow like a Root...persevere.

- 1-1-19 Tu. 10:29am: this thought keeps coming to mind...
- If there's a problem, some kind of longstanding or immovable problem that needs overcoming and there is no immediate way past it...
- Try coming up against it...like a root does at a sidewalk or some other object, and probe it for an opening (study the problem).
- Be patient like a root...persevere.
- - If no opening...look for a way around the object.
- And by all means, the root must at all times be alive and receiving nourishment...the root needs to be growing...
- Receive the rain and the Son from above.
- By growth the root makes it's way through, around, over or under the obstacle.
- By growth the small tendril of a root will increase to uplift, move or even split rock!
- And don't forget to grow deep, for that is from where life will be sustained in the hard times of draught.
- Spread your branches in the sky and wave them in the Lord, by the breezes of God.

- And so, in time, there is shade from the heat for the faint...and a strong branch for the nest.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/jer.17.7-8.NKJV>

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be glad. Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually. Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,"

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1ch.16.8-12.NASB1995>

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary And gathered from the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; They did not find a way to an inhabited city. They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. He led them also by a straight way, To go to an inhabited city. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the

hungry soul He has filled with what is good. There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains, Because they had rebelled against the words of God And spurned the counsel of the Most High. Therefore He humbled their heart with labor; They stumbled and there was none to help. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death And broke their bands apart. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! For He has shattered gates of bronze And cut bars of iron asunder. Fools, because of their rebellious way, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all kinds of food, And they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing.

Psalms 107:1-22 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.107.1-22.NASB1995>

8-12-21 Th. 8:12am: from Our Daily Bread...

- Copied and pasted...
- For revival.

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Listening Matters

I will listen to what God the Lord says. Psalm 85:8

READ Psalm 85

Psalm 85 New American Standard Bible 1995

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.

For the choir director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

85 O Lord, You showed favor to Your land;

You [a]restored the captivity of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

You covered all their sin. [b]Selah.

3 You withdrew all Your fury;

You turned away from Your burning anger.

4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,

And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

5 Will You be angry with us forever?

Will You prolong Your anger to [c]all generations?

6 Will You not Yourself [d]revive us again,

That Your people may rejoice in You?

7 Show us Your lovingkindness, O Lord,

And grant us Your salvation.

8 [e]I will hear what God the Lord will say;

For He will speak peace to His people, [f]to His godly ones;

But let them not turn back to [g]folly.

9 Surely His salvation is near to those who [h]fear Him,

That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Lovingkindness and [i]truth have met together;

Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 [j]Truth springs from the earth,

And righteousness looks down from heaven.

12 Indeed, the Lord will give what is good,

And our land will yield its produce.

13 Righteousness will go before Him

And will make His footsteps into a way.

LISTEN ONLINE

“Come at once. We have struck a berg.” Those were the first words Harold Cottam, the wireless operator on the RMS Carpathia, received from the sinking RMS Titanic at 12:25 a.m. on April 15, 1912. The Carpathia would be the first ship to the disaster scene, saving 706 lives.

In the US Senate hearings days later, the Carpathia’s captain Arthur Rostron testified, “The whole thing was absolutely providential. . . . The wireless operator was in his cabin at the time, not on official business at all, but just simply listening as he was undressing. . . . In ten minutes maybe he would have been in bed, and we would not have heard the message.”

Listening matters—especially listening to God. The writers of Psalm 85, the sons of Korah, urged attentive obedience when they wrote, “I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him” (vv. 8–9). Their admonition is especially poignant because their ancestor Korah had rebelled against God and had perished in the wilderness (Numbers 16:1–35).

The night the Titanic sank, another ship was much closer, but its wireless operator had gone to bed. Had he heard the distress signal, perhaps more lives would have been saved. When we listen to God by obeying His teaching, He’ll help us navigate even life’s most troubled waters.

By James Banks

REFLECT & PRAY

In what ways will you stay attentive to God and the Scriptures today? How can doing so help you to help others?

Father, help me to stay close to You in my thoughts, words, and actions. Please use me as Your servant to bring Your hope to others.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

When the book of Psalms was being collected, it was organized into five books: 1–41; 42–72; 73–89; 90–106; and 107–150. Each book concludes with a statement of praise or blessing to God Himself. For example, Book III ends with Psalm 89:52: “Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.” David is the most well known of the psalmists and most (though not all) of his psalms are found in Books I and II.

Each book is gathered around a particular theme. Book III, which contains Psalm 85, is one of the shorter books but is heavy with psalms of lament—many of which were composed by Asaph or the sons of Korah. With its emphasis on lament, Psalm 85, written by the sons of Korah as a cry for God’s rescue and renewal, fits very well in Book III.

Bill Crowder

An example of a ministerial restoration...

- On Feb. 23-2017’ Th: Steve Gregg (a Bible teacher) on The Narrow Path radio program ministers to a brother (Terry) at the 28:00 minute mark to the 44:22 mark.
- https://www.thenarrowpath.com/radio_archive.php?month=February&year=2017 (Hear that in the archived radio broadcasts here).

The Lord, cutting masterfully

The Lord, cutting masterfully:

- A dream of the night (11-24-20).
- I was on a construction site...
- The foundation and decking of the building, and some walls, were in place.
- I saw two small bull's horns, one smaller than the other, together, laying on the deck of the building site, discarded.
- ...and there were lines laid out on the deck to cut.
- I was with the Boss and He began showing me how to cut the outline of the deck with a circular saw...
- First He made a cut showing me how it is that I do it: attempting to follow the line exactly, yet producing a jagged cut.
- Then He showed me a cut done more fluidly.
- ...He didn't follow the laid out lines exactly, but cut outside them, in sweeping motions, like an artist when he draws or paints, and at an inside right angle He produced a rounded, softer inside corner instead of a sharp angle. He cut off the excess, but left more room than what had been laid out.
- 1-31-21 Su. 9:31am: On Friday's "The Narrow Path" radio program Steve Gregg spoke¹ on how his father corrected him as a child: Steve said that when his father would correct him "There was nothing sharp." (about the

correction). This is confirmation that the softer inside corner the Lord cut above has to do with Him not being sharp in correcting me. Thank you, Father for this your Word!

- Then the Boss gave me a bag and told me to go pick up the trash.
- I began looking for trash to pick up and came across an open clear plastic bag (about a 5 gallon size) filled with curious, geometrically shaped, skillfully made white objects (about 1-1/2" dia.) that I was unfamiliar with, and didn't know if they were trash or not. (I don't think they were trash).
- (Since the day awakening to this dream...I prayed for the understanding)...

¹<https://www.thenarrowpath.com/audio/radio-broadcasts/afternoon-show/TNP210129H.mp3>

Thoughts:

- In high school an art teacher, after seeing my work, tried to tell me how to do the sweeping lines, rather than my more cramped, careful lines. But I never mastered that teaching in art.
- As a carpenter we had to try and follow the laid out lines exactly, so I was uncomfortable waking to this dream and wondered about this boss who wasn't doing so...
- But now I'm seeing that maybe the lines were not His layout.
- Maybe I won't be doing any of the cutting.
- Clean up the construction site, soul...and don't throw out good stuff.
- 7:19pm: An hour or so ago I prayed for understanding as to what was the trash I was to pick-up and not too long afterwards I realized that the enemy's horns lying together were trash...but what are they representing?

- And also I'm thinking the cut off pieces that he removed from the deck would be trash...oh!...those would be the excess! Any excess should be removed, not too much of anything.

9:04pm:

- So, He's cut off the excess (my past excesses), and may still be doing so...
- And there is the enemy's dehorned weapons to throw out.
- Perhaps the enemy was previously working on the site and layed out those lines (or I did) but...
- Then the Boss showed up and dehorned him and threw him off the site.
- He then cut off the excess, but left more room than the enemy was demanding (the "voices").
- Now I throw out the horns.
- Here's a copy of a note on biblical horns I wrote from this other note: Dream: Ditch Digger 9-13-15 Su.
- Copied and pasted note, below:
- 12-5-20 Fr. 7:32am:
- I found this Spurgeon writing in my email this morning and it reminded me of the ditch digger dream here when he described God wanting men, four carpenters, to do rough work...ditch digging is also very rough work.

Evening

"And the Lord shewed me four carpenters."

Zechariah 1:20

"In the vision described in this chapter, the prophet saw four terrible horns. They were pushing this way and that way, dashing down the strongest and the mightiest; and the prophet asked, "What are these?" The answer was, "These are

the horns which have scattered Israel." He saw before him a representation of those powers which had oppressed the church of God. There were four horns; for the church is attacked from all quarters. Well might the prophet have felt dismayed; but on a sudden there appeared before him four carpenters. He asked, "What shall these do?" These are the men whom God hath found to break those horns in pieces. God will always find men for his work, and he will find them at the right time. The prophet did not see the carpenters first, when there was nothing to do, but first the "horns," and then the "carpenters." Moreover, the Lord finds enough men. He did not find three carpenters, but four; there were four horns, and there must be four workmen. God finds the right men; not four men with pens to write; not four architects to draw plans; but four carpenters to do rough work. Rest assured, you who tremble for the ark of God, that when the "horns" grow troublesome, the "carpenters" will be found. You need not fret concerning the weakness of the church of God at any moment; there may be growing up in obscurity the valiant reformer who will shake the nations: Chrysostoms may come forth from our Ragged Schools, and Augustines from the thickest darkness of London's poverty. The Lord knows where to find his servants. He hath in ambush a multitude of mighty men, and at his word they shall start up to the battle; "for the battle is the Lord's," and he shall get to himself the victory. Let us abide faithful to Christ, and he, in the right time, will raise up for us a defence, whether it be in the day of our personal need, or in the season of peril to his Church."

- I'm now seeing the deck that the Lord and I were working on as my "own territory" from another Word of His to me.
- And the "curious objects" available to me as grace¹...each one new to me, wonderfully wrought, and there for each and every need. Thank you, Lord!

¹ "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.4.16.NASB1995>

12-29-20 Tu. 12:34pm:

- The below is copy and paste from another note:

12-28-20 Mo. 10:01pm: a thought coming to mind, and a visual...

- At my 12:00pm eye mask treatment for dry eyes (having prayed for help "fanning to flame, the gift"¹) my thoughts turned to not long past "incoming"...
- ...and I reviewed the the two horns dream, one smaller than the other. And it occurred to me that the larger discarded horn was the Law of Moses. And also that the smaller horn was the Law of man (traditions of men).
- (These horns push men around.)
- The Word says that the Law is for lawbreakers². And that we are not under the Law, but obey Love. (Love does no harm³).
- Then I reviewed the Horns again and reiterated that they were the Law of Moses (discarded by fulfillment) and the Law of Man (discarded by "disregard"⁴...both discarded by Christ)...
- ...and I saw a bright white star-flash! (behind my closed eyes).
- (I believe the Lord was building my house in this dream).

References:

¹"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

2 Timothy 1:6 NIV <https://2timothy.bible/2-timothy-1-6>

²"But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers ."

1 Timothy 1:8-9 NASB1995 <https://bible.com/bible/100/1ti.1.8-9.NASB1995>

³"Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8-10 NKJV <https://bible.com/bible/114/rom.13.8-10.NKJV>

⁴Regarding the Pharisees and their traditions: "Disregard them! They are blind guides.e If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit." (Mt. 15:14 BSB)

The Dark Horse, muddy ground, and the Master Craftsman

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9-25-20 Fr. 5:26pm: at 2:22pm eye mask treatment for dry eyes during Steve Gregg's The Narrow Path radio program...

- "Coming through the haze" (in and out of sleep) I saw, from behind, a dark horse* with a Rider moving forward.
- *Jesus rode a "dark horse." (The Gospel...wasn't known, most wouldn't bet on Him...dark in that sense).
- I'm following Jesus.
- (And I had recently read Steve Gregg's books, "Empire of the Risen Son" a treatise on the Kingdom of God and the Gospel, I consider this Gospel presentation a "Dark Horse." And I'm praying for revival by it, a work of God!) <https://www.thenarrowpath.com/>
- **definition:** "Dark horse..."
- also a compliment
- , is used for someone who is unassuming, not expected to step up, but turns out to have surprisingly good abilities.
- If you describe someone as a dark horse you mean that people know very little about them, although they may have recently had success or may be about to have success.
- * Definition of dark horse
- 1a : a usually little known contender (such as a racehorse) that

- makes an unexpectedly good showing. b : an entrant in a contest that is judged unlikely to succeed.”
- <https://findanyanswer.com/is-it-a-compliment-to-be-called-a-dark-horse>

The Dark Horse, muddy ground, and Master Craftsman:

- a dream of the night (1-14-21').
- I was in a countryside.
- There was a Dark Horse (the Gospel) very near me.
- The horse was without saddle, I believe.
- There wasn't a rider on the horse.
- In the dream it seemed to be my concern that the Horse be properly cared for, and I was concerned that there was not on hand those things typically necessary for a horse's care...
- No stables...no water...no feed, tack, or other equipment.
- A friend was also nearby.
- Then I noticed the ground at my feet...
- The ground was muddy turf, with cropped grass...
- And then I noticed that I had stepped in excrement...which wasn't from a horse, but probably from a dog.
- So, at that, my concern also became that I not only find water for the Horse, but also for cleaning my boots.
- Next...I was at a country house...and then in the house, which was homey and well lived in...

- And I made my way through the house, through a couple of rooms, and then entered a back room and discovered a pair of men.
- The Chief man strikes me as a Master Craftsman who had an Assistant.
- They were at work and it was made known to me that He had been at work here all along.
- I believe the work they were doing was Film Industry work (stories/testimonies) and He was behind all the stories...at work.
- (I hope that I did not soil His floors with my muddy, defiled, feet!!!)
- Oh dear Lord! Please, I pray good ground for your Gospel...and that I be cleansed by the washing of your Word!
- Please deliver, Lord, my family, friends and neighbors from falsehoods!
- Please God, help me provide for the Gospel!
- Thank you, Father for the Gospel, which is beautiful...I praise you Lord...amen!

The Lord, working repairs/finishing touches on the top floor

7-24-21 Sa. 11:38pm: a dream of last night...

- It was nighttime and I was on a high-rise construction site.
- I think I was working in the basement.
- It was time to go so I went out to the parking lot.
- But there was a white work van blocking me in.
- Another worker came and examined the van's contents and determined that His finish carpentry repair equipment were not inside, so He was on the top floor.

Context:

- So, I have been being held back for a number of days from getting out of the house earlier to get my walk done.
- Held back by incoming Bible verses relevant to my mission that I've been putting up on my walls.
- Today, after the dream, the same thing happened.
- And it occurred to me that today's verses are good for restoring "scratches and dents."...

Cont...

Today's verses:

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.10.17.NASB1995>

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/rom.15.13.NKJV>

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.15.4.NASB1995>

Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them. The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.'

Deuteronomy 1:29-31 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/deu.1.29-31.NASB1995>

So I prayed for the interpretation.

- And wrote this note after realizing it was the Lord finishing up the top floor, the last floor to be finished and repaired.
- And the incoming verses were key to the interpretation.
- 1:27pm: So I've been working in the basement engine room (see the Heavenly meeting place dream Pg. 13) maintaining them, and feeding the machines good fuel, the Gospel...the power of God, and the Lord is upstairs mending my mind with that Power.*

* "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Romans 1:16 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.1.16.NASB1995>

Warplane

8-14-21 Sa. 9:19am:

- A dream of last night...



Warplane

- I saw a large vintage type plane resembling (rounded nose) a B-29 or B-36 on the ground moving left to right.
- Next, I saw a dilapidated hangar on a large field of turf or airstrip.
- Then, I saw and heard a fellow laborer, who was tasked to help me make a concrete slab, say anxiously "Oh no she didn't! I don't know where the pipes are buried!" (You need to know that when you pour concrete).
- I seemed to have been the one to have passed along to him his task, from Faith, I presume.

Cont..

- The B-29 Superfortress was used to drop the atomic bomb to end WWII.
- The B-36 is called the Peacemaker.
- I am believing that the Lord gave me this dream as fresh encouragement to crush Satan's head.¹...and...
- To bring peace to His beleaguered Saints.²
- The Word of God in the "Restore Your Brothers" project is the atom bomb.
- The plane's runway is now being built (the manuscript is too).
- Godspeed your workers, Lord I pray...amen and praise God! (9:44am)
- "Her": .. so it must have been Faith³ who informed me of the task that I passed on to the fellow servant.⁴

¹ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Romans 16:20 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rom.16.20.NASB1995>

And...

¹ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/2co.10.3-4.NASB1995>

² And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:9 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.12.9.NASB1995>

And...

²Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.12.10.NASB1995>

And...

² And they overcame him [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Revelation 12:11 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.12.11.NASB1995>

³ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Matthew 17:19-20 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.17.19-20.NASB1995>

⁴ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.”

Revelation 22:8-9 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.22.8-9.NASB1995>

End

Writings...

Cont...

“A menu for the children”

“A menu for the children”

- 3-4-21 Th: a dream of last night...
- I saw a man with a beard saying to me...
- He spoke of Hank Hanegraaff's ministry then said something about preparing "a menu for the children."
- I listened to Hank Hanegraaff's radio broadcast, "The Bible Answer Man" for four years very early in my walk following Jesus.
- Hank is very gentle and I'm wondering if this dream referenced him for that reason, as in, a menu item for God's children that must always be included, is gentleness*...
- Also, some months ago the Lord gave me a gentle command, saying "Will you add gentleness to my wisdom?" Yes, Lord I will add Your gentleness to Your wisdom.
- And I've heard from Him, "The hungry first."

* "Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near. "

Philippians 4:5 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/php.4.5.NASB2020>

* If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people."

Romans 12:18 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/rom.12.18.NASB2020>

* "Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent! "

2 Corinthians 10:1 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/2co.10.1.NASB2020>

* "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. "

Galatians 5:22-23 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/gal.5.22-23.NASB2020>

* "Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well."

Galatians 6:1 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/gal.6.1.NASB2020>

Menu items that I chose after conversion:

- The Scriptures: I read the Bible all the way through, in different translations, 8 times (the first time, 20 years before conversion).
- I listened to Hank Hannegraaff on the Bible Answer Man radio broadcast for 4 years M-F.

- I listened to many other Believer's radio programs.
- I started buying and reading Christian books by believers in the Word, regularly.
- I found the Bible teacher Steve Gregg's radio program, "The Narrow Path" in 2004' and have listened almost everyday since (except for one year when I took a break to be certain that I wasn't "addicted to it or something."
<https://www.thenarrowpath.com/>
- I also read very much, and posted some, on The Narrow Path Bible forum.
- After getting internet I have been subscribing to about 7 different daily Bible verse emails.
- I have been also regularly reading, daily, C.S. Lewis, A.W. Tozer, and Charles Haddon Spurgeon.
- I have received dreams from God and I notate them, and meditate on them, as I do the Scriptures...everyday.
- God's Word has been my salvation over and over and over, many...many times. Thank you, Father for Your Word the Bread of Life, Jesus, and for Your Holy Spirit! Praise God!
- And after a victory by God's grace, He spoke to me saying, "You've fed yourself well." (I had been using His word and godly teaching that I had fed myself with to overcome when He said this.)

5-30-21 Su. 4:56pm: update...

- Could God be also suggesting that I share my dietary menu?
- By a sense of mission and grace like a wave¹ supplied by the Lord...
- I have lost 100lbs (and am keeping it off)...
- Through diet, exercise and fasting.

- By God's grace I have reversed Type-2 Diabetes.
- I have gotten off every medication except 1/2 of 1-milligram, of 1 medication.
- My Blood Pressure greatly improved, as well as my cholesterol and all that.
- I did hear Him say not all that long ago that, "They are being robbed by sickness."

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- (When grace came there was an uplifting swell in my soul, like a wave while body surfing, then I started "paddling" with...and it carried me to where it was going).

Repent - Pray - Do not fear - Be encouraged - Resist the Devil - Give thanks - Follow Jesus

8-30-21 Mo. 8:19pm:

- Repent.¹
- Pray² against the spiritual forces of darkness, and...
- Do not fear them³
- Encouragement ⁴
- Resist the condemnation of the Devil ⁵
- Follow Jesus ⁶
- Thanksgiving expressed ⁷

¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.1.21.NASB1995>

¹ The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, And those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, Upon them a Light dawned.” From that

time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:16-17 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.4.16-17.NASB1995>

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. He did right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images. They tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images he broke in pieces and ground to powder and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. Then he burned the bones of the priests on their altars and purged Judah and Jerusalem. In the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon, even as far as Naphtali, in their surrounding ruins, he also tore down the altars and beat the Asherim and the carved images into powder, and chopped down all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 34:1-7 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/2ch.34.1-7.NASB1995>

² "O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You."

2 Chronicles 20:12 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/2ch.20.12.NASB1995>

² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/eph.6.12.NASB1995>

² The prayers of Jesus

SCRIPTURE INSIGHT (from Our Daily Bread Ministries 9-4-21')

"Though most of us are familiar with the Lord's Prayer [Mt. 6: 9-13], the Gospels contain several other prayers of Jesus. In John 17, we read Jesus' High Priestly Prayer uttered on the night of His betrayal and arrest. After praying for Himself (vv. 1–5), Jesus prays for His disciples (vv. 6–19) and for all believers (vv. 20–26). He asks the Father to protect the church, sanctify it, and cause it to grow. Jesus also prays three short prayers on the cross (Luke 23:34; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46).

Other prayers of Jesus include a prayer of thanks (John 6:11), a prayer before raising Lazarus (11:41–42), and a prayer after entering Jerusalem (12:27–28). Moreover, Jesus often withdrew from others to spend time in prayer with His Father (Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; John 6:15). He exemplifies what it means to "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)."

Alyson Kieda

<https://odb.org/US/2021/09/04/man-of-prayer>

³ Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them. The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God

carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.'

Deuteronomy 1:29-31 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/deu.1.29-31.NASB1995>

³ "Satan is in the same circumstance [revoked drivers license]. His license to rule the world has been revoked. He knows this, but has no motivation to stop his activities until he is confronted by an agent of the King, who forbids his ongoing mischief. There is no need for Christians to be intimidated by him. The shoe is now on the other foot. You may be sure that Satan, like the unlicensed driver, breaks a sweat when he looks in his rearview mirror and sees an agent of the Kingdom of God in pursuit. ~ Steve Gregg (Empire of the Risen Son vol. 1 pg. 108 Kindle version) The Narrow Path: <https://www.thenarrowpath.com/>

⁴ These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.16.33.NASB1995>

⁴ Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.

Psalms 27:14 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/psa.27.14.NASB1995>

8-31-21 Tu. 7:17am:

- from yesterday's Spurgeon (Bible Gateway) email...

⁴ Evening

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed." Jeremiah 17:14

"I have seen his ways, and will heal him."

Isaiah 57:18

"It is the sole prerogative of God to remove spiritual disease. Natural disease may be instrumentally healed by men, but even then the honour is to be given to God who giveth virtue unto medicine, and bestoweth power unto the human frame to cast off disease. As for spiritual sicknesses, these remain with the great Physician alone; he claims it as his prerogative, "I kill and I make alive, I wound and I heal;" and one of the Lord's choice titles is Jehovah-Rophi, the Lord that healeth thee. "I will heal thee of thy wounds," is a promise which could not come from the lip of man, but only from the mouth of the eternal God. On this account the psalmist cried unto the Lord, "O Lord, heal me, for my bones are sore vexed," and again, "Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee." For this, also, the godly praise the name of the Lord, saying, "He healeth all our diseases." He who made man can restore man; he who was at first the creator of our nature can new create it. What a transcendent comfort it is that in the person of Jesus "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily!" My soul, whatever thy disease may be, this great Physician can heal thee. If he be God, there can be no limit to his power. Come then with the blind eye of darkened understanding, come with the limping foot of wasted energy, come with the maimed hand of weak faith, the fever of an angry temper, or the ague of shivering despondency, come just as thou art, for he who is God can certainly restore thee of thy plague. None shall restrain the healing virtue which proceeds from Jesus our Lord. Legions of devils have been made to own the power of the beloved Physician, and never once has he been baffled. All his patients have been cured in the past and shall be in the future, and thou shalt be one among them, my friend, if thou wilt but rest thyself in him this night." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

⁴ Morning

"Wait on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

"It may seem an easy thing to wait, but it is one of the postures which a Christian soldier learns not without years of teaching. Marching and quick-marching are much easier to God's warriors than standing still. There are hours of perplexity when the most willing spirit, anxiously desirous to serve the Lord, knows not what part to take. Then what shall it do? Vex itself by despair? Fly back in cowardice, turn to the right hand in fear, or rush forward in presumption? No, but simply wait. Wait in prayer, however. Call upon God, and spread the case before him; tell him your difficulty, and plead his promise of aid. In dilemmas between one duty and another, it is sweet to be humble as a child, and wait with simplicity of soul upon the Lord. It is sure to be well with us when we feel and know our own folly, and are heartily willing to be guided by the will of God. But wait in faith. Express your unstaggering confidence in him; for unfaithful, untrusting waiting, is but an insult to the Lord. Believe that if he keep you tarrying even till midnight, yet he will come at the right time; the vision shall come and shall not tarry. Wait in quiet patience, not rebelling because you are under the affliction, but blessing your God for it. Never murmur against the second cause, as the children of Israel did against Moses; never wish you could go back to the world again, but accept the case as it is, and put it as it stands, simply and with your whole heart, without any self-will, into the hand of your covenant God, saying, "Now, Lord, not my will, but thine be done. I know not what to do; I am brought to extremities, but I will wait until thou shalt cleave the floods, or drive back my foes. I will wait, if thou keep me many a day, for my heart is fixed upon thee alone, O God, and my spirit waiteth for thee in the full conviction that thou wilt yet be my joy and my salvation, my refuge and my strong tower." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

8-31-21 Tu. 7:26am:

- From this morning's Spurgeon (Bible Gateway) email...

⁴ Morning

"On mine arm shall they trust." Isaiah 51:5

"In seasons of severe trial, the Christian has nothing on earth that he can trust to, and is therefore compelled to cast himself on his God alone. When his vessel is on its beam-ends, and no human deliverance can avail, he must simply and entirely trust himself to the providence and care of God. Happy storm that wrecks a man on such a rock as this! O blessed hurricane that drives the soul to God and God alone! There is no getting at our God sometimes because of the multitude of our friends; but when a man is so poor, so friendless, so helpless that he has nowhere else to turn, he flies into his Father's arms, and is blessedly clasped therein! When he is burdened with troubles so pressing and so peculiar, that he cannot tell them to any but his God, he may be thankful for them; for he will learn more of his Lord then than at any other time. Oh, tempest-tossed believer, it is a happy trouble that drives thee to thy Father! Now that thou hast only thy God to trust to, see that thou puttest thy full confidence in him.

Dishonour not thy Lord and Master by unworthy doubts and fears; but be strong in faith, giving glory to God. Show the world that thy God is worth ten thousand worlds to thee. Show rich men how rich thou art in thy poverty when the Lord God is thy helper. Show the strong man how strong thou art in thy weakness when underneath thee are the everlasting arms. Now is the time for feats of faith and valiant exploits. Be strong and very courageous, and the Lord thy God shall certainly, as surely as he built the heavens and the earth, glorify himself in thy weakness, and magnify his might in the midst of thy distress. The grandeur of the arch of heaven would be spoiled if the sky were supported by a single visible column, and your faith would lose its glory if it rested on anything discernible by the carnal eye. May the Holy Spirit give you to rest in Jesus this closing day of the month." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

⁴ Evening

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light." ¹ John 1:7

"As he is in the light! Can we ever attain to this? Shall we ever be able to walk as clearly in the light as he is whom we call "Our Father," of whom it is written, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all?" Certainly, this is the model which is set before us, for the Saviour himself said, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect;" and although we may feel that we can never rival the perfection of God, yet we are to seek after it, and never to be satisfied until we attain to it. The youthful artist, as he grasps his early pencil, can hardly hope to equal Raphael or Michael Angelo, but still, if he did not have a noble beau ideal before his mind, he would only attain to something very mean and ordinary. But what is meant by the expression that the Christian is to walk in light as God is in the light? We conceive it to import likeness, but not degree. We are as truly in the light, we are as heartily in the light, we are as sincerely in the light, as honestly in the light, though we cannot be there in the same measure. I cannot dwell in the sun, it is too bright a place for my residence, but I can walk in the light of the sun; and so, though I cannot attain to that perfection of purity and truth which belongs to the Lord of hosts by nature as the infinitely good, yet I can set the Lord always before me, and strive, by the help of the indwelling Spirit, after conformity to his image. That famous old commentator, John Trapp, says, "We may be in the light as God is in the light for quality, but not for equality." We are to have the same light, and are as truly to have it and walk in it as God does, though, as for equality with God in his holiness and purity, that must be left until we cross the Jordan and enter into the perfection of the Most High. Mark that the blessings of sacred fellowship and perfect cleansing are bound up with walking in the light." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

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⁵ "Every Christian has to learn how to deal with the condemnation of the Devil." ~ Steve Gregg: The Narrow Path (from one of his radio broadcasts)
<https://www.thenarrowpath.com/>

⁵ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Revelation 12:10-11 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/rev.12.10-11.NASB1995>

⁵ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Hebrews 10:19-23 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/heb.10.19-23.NASB1995>

⁵ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jas.4.7.NASB1995>

⁶ Follow Jesus

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

John 1:35-37 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.1.35-37.NASB1995>

⁶ The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me."

John 1:43 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.1.43.NASB1995>

⁶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.16.24.NASB1995>

⁶ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go.

Isaiah 48:17 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/isa.48.17.NASB1995>

⁷ Thanksgiving Expressed

¹² Then you will say on that day,

"I will give thanks to You, O Lord;
For although You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away,
And You comfort me.

2 "Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
For the Lord God is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation."

3 Therefore you will joyously draw water
From the springs of salvation.

4 And in that day you will say,
"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name.
Make known His deeds among the peoples;
[a]Make them remember that His name is exalted."

5 Praise the Lord in song, for He has done [b]excellent things;
Let this be known throughout the earth.

6 Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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The Armor of God

The Armor of God:

Get ready...

Put on the whole armor of God, Soul. For Satan, I have come to understand, will seek to cut you by sending temptation when you do good (remember the dream: when you cut him (by doing good), he cuts you (harms you with deceit, temptation and condemnation). "But we are not unaware of his schemes." (2 Cor. 2:11)

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/eph.6.11.NKJV>

Ephesians 6:14-17 NKJV

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

<http://bible.com/114/eph.6.14-17.NKJV>

The Armour of God: (it is the Lord's armor; put it on, you will grow into it)

- **Belt of Truth:** the truth is Jesus came to do the will of his father, to save us for Himself and to destroy the works of the devil. And to glorify the Father. Christ is the Victor, He has accomplished the victory on the cross; draw together in Him, He has accomplished the victory by dying on the cross and rising again, let us walk in that victory; let us clean up the battle field Jesus has won; holding fast to, and being held fast by , the belt of truth, the truth of Christ.
- **Breastplate of Righteousness:** this is the Lord's armor, the Breastplate of Righteousness is His righteousness. We are protected by the righteousness of Jesus (His Breastplate of Righteousness). Let us do likewise (righteousness that is. Disciples imitate and follow their master and do righteousness) and win for Him glory.
- **Feet Shod with The Preparation of the Gospel of Peace:** with properly shod feet we can step out confidently and have solid footing for we have peace with God, we are prepared by now having peace with God; what else matters: we can go to war (stepping out and advancing the Gospel) because in Jesus we have peace with God through receiving his Son, as Lord, by faith. This is the Good News/Gospel of Peace. Because we have peace with God, we do not fear death and then judgment (because God will not condemn those who belong to Jesus through faith) and we can step to the battle, against Satan, with feet fitted/prepared/shod by the gospel of peace.
- **Shield of Faith:** the Devil's fiery accusations (fiery arrows of the wicked one's condemnation) are quenched by the confidence (Shield of Faith) in Jesus having accomplished forgiveness for our sins upon the cross; we are forgiven, accusations/fiery darts are extinguished by the faith in this: By Jesus's sacrifice upon the cross we are forgiven.
- **Helmet of Salvation:** no matter what blows we receive from the enemy, even a blow to the head...our life is hidden in Christ (helmeted),we are saved. Though we die, we live forever in Christ.

- **Sword of the Spirit/The Word of God:** an offensive weapon. Sharper than any other; parry, thrust and separate the enemy from his intended victims. Take back ground from the enemy (including ground in ourselves) with the Word of God/Sword of the Spirit

Fight...Advance

- **The Armor of God:** is spiritual: His armor consists of spiritual things: Truth - Righteousness - Peace - Faith - Salvation - The Word of God - Love
- **Our Enemy: is spiritual:** people are not the enemy, evil spirits are our enemies. Their armaments are: Lies - Works of Darkness - Threats - Hate
- **The Lord's good soldiers Pray and Obey:**

"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints"

[Ephesians 6:18 NKJV http://bible.com/114/eph.6.18.NKJV](http://bible.com/114/eph.6.18.NKJV)

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

James 4:7 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jas.4.7.NASB1995>

“Be filled with the Spirit”

"...be filled with the Spirit,"

Ephesians 5:18b (NASB1995)

<https://bible.com/bible/100/eph.5.18.NASB1995>

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/act.13.52.NASB1995>

- The Infilling of the overflow
- The Breath of the effervescence
- The Light of the Luminescence
- The Spark of the conflagration

Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ Therefore, if God gave them the same gift as He also gave to us after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

Acts 11:16-17 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/act.11.16-17.NASB2020>

Cover art 82'

Cover art 82':

- Long ago and frustrated with life, and somewhat angry, I had been drawing lions roaring...
- Then weary of my frustration and desiring peace in 1982', I drew this lion, thinking of him as more of a peaceful power rather than an angry avenger.
- Then in 2019' after reading pg. 82 (Kindle version) of C. S. Lewis's, The Horse and His Boy, where Aslan (a lion/Christ figure) tells the boy, Shasta (who thought himself "most unfortunate") that he'd (Aslan) been with him all along through his troubles, helping him.
- Then with a flash of memory I remembered and rediscovered my lion, who had been on the other side of the wall of my cross...and found it signed in 82' and then realized it had been with me all along...and being inspired I believed that Christ also had been with me all along, helping, as well!
- (And I didn't even know of Aslan in 1982').
- "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." Deuteronomy 1:31
- See cover below



Quotes

Quotes:

"It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

Joel 2:28-29 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/jol.2.28-29.NASB1995>

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." ~ Psalm 66:16

"All happenings, great and small, are parables whereby God speaks. The art of life is to get the message. To see all that is offered us at the windows of the soul, and to reach out and receive what is offered, this is the art of living." ~ Malcolm Muggeridge

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare," ~ I Timothy 1:18 NKJV

"This life's dim windows of the soul distorts the heavens from pole to pole and leads you to believe a lie when you see with, not through, the eye." ~ William Blake

"You see," said Aslan. "They will not let us help them. They have chosen cunning instead of belief. Their prison is only in their own minds, yet they are in that prison; and so afraid of being taken in that they cannot be taken out."

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

"The symbolist leaves the given to find that which is more real. To put the difference in another way, for the symbolist it is we who are the allegory. We are the "frigid personifications"; the heavens above us are the "shadowy abstractions"; the world which we mistake for reality is the flat outline of that which elsewhere veritably is all the round of its unimaginable dimensions." ~ C. S. Lewis

The Allegory of Love, chap. II.I, para. 2, p. 45.

"We—or at least I—shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have "tasted and seen." Any patch of sunlight in a wood will show you something about the sun which you could never get from reading books on astronomy. These pure and spontaneous pleasures are "patches of Godlight" in the woods of our experience." ~ C.S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, chap. 17, para. 13, p. 91. (taken from, *The Quotable Lewis* ~ Jerry Root

"The value of the cleansed imagination in the sphere of religion lies in its power to perceive in natural things shadows of things spiritual. A purified and Spirit-controlled imagination is the sacred gift of seeing—the ability to peer beyond the veil and gaze with astonished wonder upon the beauties and mysteries of things holy and eternal. The stodgy pedestrian mind does no credit to Christianity!" ~ A.W. Tozer

"Say not my soul, From whence can God relieve my care?' Remember that Omnipotence has servants everywhere. His method is sublime, his heart profoundly kind, God never is before his time, and never is behind." ~ C. H. Spurgeon

"The message of the Kingdom of God is about authority—namely, the authority of Christ the King. The authority of Christ is absolute, and His followers recognize and honor this fact." ~ Steve Gregg, Empire of the Risen Son (vol. 1 pg. 120 Kindle version)

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."
John 20:29 NASB

The Lord's Prayer

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ' Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ' "For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses." ~ Jesus (to His disciples)

Matthew 6:9-15 NASB2020

<https://bible.com/bible/2692/mat.6.9-15.NASB2020>

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Wake up...God loves you!

"Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let's rid ourselves of the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Romans 13:11,12 (NASB)

Are you strong enough to humble yourself and seek God's face?

"He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

Psalms 23:3 (NASB)

Or, are you *strong* and not in need of God?

I have heard it expressed, that sure, Faith in God is ok, for the weak, they need it, but I don't. Well, have you considered the concept of "the canary in the coal mine?" Poisonous air in the mine kills the weak canary first, thus informing the miners of peril, that they may flee.

Yes, the weak do need Christ, it has become evident to them sooner, that they are in need, because they are weak.

But the strong, the supposedly strong, they are soon also to be experiencing that which weakens. The self assured strong men are like the miners in a coal mine who are unaware of the poison gasses in their mine. They will soon be weakened to the point of death if they remain.

But look around you, you who are strong, "the canary in the mine" has fallen to the bottom of its cage! The same "poison gas" in the air that has killed the canary will soon be killing you, mighty man! Run, escape, save your souls! Run to Christ while He may yet be found! What has affected the weak will soon be affecting the strong! Escape, save yourselves and run...run to Christ!

The joy of His presence

"For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with the joy of Your presence."

Psalms 21:6 (NASB)

Which will He send to you?

I saw the Lord's arm outstretched.

- And upon it...a hawk, and a dove.
- Which will He send to you? Will you have peace with Him?

Matthew 7:7

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

~ Jesus

NASB1995 <https://bible.com/bible/100/mat.7.7.NASB1995>

- Will He send the hawk?...or...will He send the Dove? Seek peace with the Lord, ask of Him.

2 Peter 3:3-18

3)"Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4)and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” 5) For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6) through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7) But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8) But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

A New Heaven and Earth

10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

11) Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12) looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13) But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15) and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just 16) as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the ¹Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17) You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

2 Peter 3:3-18 NASB1995 <https://bible.com/bible/100/2pe.3.3-18.NASB1995>

...and I saw a bird who was a friend, in the air, watching an angel with a trumpet

- This was another visual.
- His friends keep His commandments (that is their aim) and do thus...

John 15:14

"You are My friends if you do what I command you." ~ Jesus

NASB1995 <https://bible.com/bible/100/jhn.15.14.NASB1995>

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

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- Godspeed and grace to you I pray.

Thanks and praises to our Lord

Thank you ever so much, Lord.

You are so thoughtful, and sustaining. You are my strength.

In your presence there is joy!

You refresh me daily as I count on you. Your way is mysterious and wonderful, I cannot predict the limits to your grace and help... nor the multitude of Your manifold ways.

Your faithful love is astonishing, your bounty endless.

There is nothing you can't do, and you answer to no one.

When I consider your might, I am overwhelmed...then your kindness supports me.

Your mercies are new every day. There is no one else like you! All those who oppose you are foolish.

You have delivered me from the snare of the enemy. Your word is too much for him, and his lies fall one after the other to the ground before you.

Godspeed your Kingdom, and each and every of your commands and desires.

For your glory I pray!

(and to see it and have something to do with it. For you questioned me, saying: "If I come and show you, do you want to have something to do with it?").

Amen and praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord all the earth!

Praise the Lord all the Heavens!

Our King of kings reigns!

Justice will be entirely accomplished by Him.

The culmination of our Father's will is coming. His Word is true!

Lord Jesus come quickly.

All those of the Spirit of God say, Hallelujah!