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Precious child,

You are so beautiful.

Holding you makes Me smile. You are perfect in every way. Please know how much you mean to Me. I want you to know that I am everlasting, and what I feel for you right now will be the same tomorrow and a million tomorrows after that. I have searched you. I know you and am with you through every part of your day. Whether you are up or down, I know what you are going through. I perceive your thoughts and am here to help you sort them out. I won't let you be alone.

Holding you brings Me glory because you have been fearfully and wonderfully made. Don't ever doubt My love for you. You are My treasure. I am filled with infinite joy when I think of you. I go before you and I come after you. I lay My hand on you. My Spirit and presence are with you no matter where you go. My hands guide you and hold you. Even though the world tries to cover you in darkness, My light shines over you, making the deepest nights like day.

I am giving you an intimate gift of days to cherish. I have ordained the hours of this new year for you to love others like I love you. This gift is so much more than the breath I've breathed into your lungs. Your life is also meant to shine. I know there are times when you might believe otherwise, but those are not from My heart. The enemy tries to pull you away from Me. Don't focus on the world's hatred. Don't let the evil mock your heart.

You are so important. Never forget this. I have wonderful plans for you that you cannot imagine, and nothing can take you away from Me. I am leading you. Let Me search your heart and remove the anxious thoughts. You are Mine and I love you.

January 2



Precious child,

You are now forever free from the burden of sin. I have given you this freedom to love Me and each other. I know this doesn't always mean an easy, carefree experience. There will be days when you are tempted to question My sovereignty—days when you wonder if I'm really here. But remember how I asked Abraham to offer his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice? He not only obeyed Me; he also called it worship.

Years later, a famine came and I commanded Isaac to stay where he was and be blessed. He trusted Me and planted his crop. When he reaped a hundredfold, the Philistines grew jealous of Isaac's prosperity and forced him to move. I came to Isaac in his time of need and told him not to fear. Both Abraham and Isaac were obedient to the service that I had called them to.

I saved you to take away your fears so that you too might bring Me glory. You may not feel like a king, but My grace is not about how you feel. My grace is how I feel about you! You are My child, not a failure. You are a reflection of Me, not a picture of despair. You are royalty in My eyes, not an unnoticed, unappreciated servant. Simply put, you are priceless to Me.

The enemy tries hard to see that you follow your own desires. He hopes the emptiness of accumulating material things will fill you up and make you believe that you no longer need Me. He tries to enslave you to false promises and fool's gold. The enemy makes it easy for you to serve yourself.

But, when you serve Me in the ways I choose, you are truly free to live life the way I meant for you to live it. Go through this day renewed by My mighty power. Without fear, in complete obedience, let Me be your freedom.



Precious child,

As I shed new mercies over you today, please walk knowing that I am making your path straight. This doesn't mean everything will be perfectly filled with clear skies and happiness, but it does mean that every one of your days is secure in Me. Nothing the enemy throws at you ever catches Me off guard. You are safe in Me. Even when the world makes you believe that you are on your own, I want you to know that our relationship is unbreakable.

Tell Me everything. Your questions don't make Me mad at you. That's the enemy's game. Not only do I want to hear what you have to say, but I promise to answer you. I always hear your cries for mercy, and My presence is your strength and shield. Let My mercy become tangible as you receive My power to endure hardships. Feel My protection cover you from potentially harmful situations. Remember, it wasn't your might but My mercy that saved you. And My mercy sews patience in your heart so that others around you will see Jesus there.

My mercy helps you from the time you get up until the time you go to sleep. I love on you even when you're unaware and dreaming. Mercy teaches you that you have overcome the problems of this life. By My mercy, I want you to see trials as opportunities that will bring Me glory. The enemy works hard at making you feel defeated, but please know that you are righteous in My eyes, and I have delivered you from his dark clutches.

Mercy, which Jesus made possible on the cross, means you will never again drown in sin. It means I save you, forgive you, keep you on solid ground, answer you, give you strength and protect you, help you, and promise to take away your stress. You are worth all of these things and more to Me!

January 4



Precious child,

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” He spoke those words to a woman named Martha from the town of Bethany. Martha’s brother, Lazarus, had been very sick and eventually died. Martha’s heart was torn. She was devastated because she had sent for the Lord days earlier, knowing that He would be the only One able to help. It seemed as if Jesus had ignored her pleas for mercy. These are the times when the enemy wants you to quit. He’ll try to tell you that I’m not real, but know that he is a liar.

When Jesus first received word that Lazarus was ill, He stayed where He was for two days. Child, when it feels like I’m not listening or answering your prayer, please remember that I’m still on My throne. My reason for waiting to help Martha was so that My Son would be glorified. Real living, surrendered to My will and promises for you, glorifies Me by glorifying Jesus.

Jesus shared another truth about the gift of life He offers while he was in Bethany: “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.” Living your life each day for Jesus creates an opportunity for others to believe. Just before raising Lazarus, Jesus looked up to Me and thanked Me, saying, “I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

My gift of days isn’t about suffering through the week and barely feeling renewed on Sunday. It’s about accepting that My love for you is unfailing and My timing is perfect. I am your sovereign Creator. Wait for Me and live the real life that brings Me and My Son glory. Live the life that leads other people back home to My heart. And never forget how much you matter to Me.

Isaiah 64:4; John 11:14–15, 25, 42; 1 Corinthians 2:9



Precious child,

Jesus said, “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends.” The Savior of the world is for you. The Holy One desires to treat you as a friend. The Lord Almighty seeks out your life and loves to know how your day is going. And when the world tells you that your life is meaningless, or that you don’t matter, Jesus calls you friend. When anyone says you aren’t good enough, Jesus says you are His prized possession! This is why you are a new creation. Before, you were lost in your sins, but now you are saved completely.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Jesus said this to His disciples, and when you open the Bible and read the same words, a powerful truth appears. You are such a true friend of Jesus that there is no greater love that anyone will ever be able to give you. He loves you more than anything, and He proved it when He gave up His life on the cross!

Jesus spoke to the people He did life with in this way: “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.” By position, you are no longer a slave to the world or anything it has to offer. You are My adopted child. You have been redeemed to be a light in the darkness. The enemy’s plan is to destroy your walk with Me. But real friends don’t keep a record of wrongs, just as I don’t hold on to even one of your sins. I have removed your transgressions from you as far as the east is from the west. Friendship with Jesus is the only bond that will help you know how much I love and forgive you!

Psalm 103:12; Luke 12:4; John 15:13–15

January 6



Precious child,

Breathe. It's going to be okay. I am blessing you today with My courage. I want you to think about the time Jesus walked on water. The disciples were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee as a strong wind whipped the water into threatening waves. Terrified, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water and were filled with fear.

"Come," Jesus said. And Peter got out of the boat, kept his eyes on Jesus, and walked on the water. Jesus gives you this same courage. When you need to step out in faith but are afraid of the unknown, My courage will take you to the places I am calling you to. When you let life become a distraction and take your eyes off Jesus, you will start to sink. But Jesus will save you just like He saved Peter.

Moses spoke these words to his successor, Joshua: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." King David said almost the exact same thing when he spoke to his son Solomon about building the temple: "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished."

Like Peter, Joshua, and Solomon, you will also do the work I have planned for you, and you will do it with the courage of your Savior! Today I am calling you to get out of a different boat called fear and step out onto the water of My will. It's all going to be okay because I love you.

Deuteronomy 31:6; 1 Chronicles 28:20; Matthew 14:28–30



Precious child,

Jesus loves you so much He chose to leave heaven and take on the burden of flesh and bone. My servant Paul wrote, “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

During the Last Supper, before Jesus was handed over to be crucified, He wiped the dirt from His disciples’ feet onto the towel around His waist. Jesus told His friends, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” When you apply this gift of the Lord’s humility, you show the people around you the love of Christ that they won’t see anywhere else. Becoming humble means you let Jesus “wash you.” You let Him take away the dirt in your life and praise Him for the forgiveness only He can give!

As you go today, remember how Jesus humbled Himself for you. He was stripped of His clothes. Pierced with a crown of thorns. Torn by the centurion’s whip. Felt the soldiers’ spit. Carried the cross. Was nailed to it. Shouldered the weight of your sin. . .

Jesus went through all of that just for you! He went through it so you could be with us forever. Precious one, find ways to lift others up so they may see the real Jesus. The hard times of this day don’t have a hold on you because the One who beat death lives in you! In humility, serve. The enemy will try to distract you with stress and confusion, but I am with you forever!

John 1:14; 13:8; Philippians 2:3–8; Hebrews 9:28

January 8



Precious child,

The book of Hebrews says, “Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” The blood of Christ, shed on the cross, is the only atonement needed to cover sin. The beautiful gift of My forgiveness to save you from all of your sins comes by crying out to the Savior and surrendering your life to Him. Paul told the Roman church, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

A Samaritan woman Jesus met had five former husbands, but she finally found true love with Christ. After her time spent drinking the living water that Jesus offers, the woman was free to serve the Lord by proclaiming His glory. She had felt His forgiveness, and it opened her eyes to look past herself to people who didn’t know Him. The result of her new mission was changed lives: “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.”

A paralytic man was carried by friends to Jesus in hopes of being healed. Jesus turned to the sick man and said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” Before Jesus fixed the man, He fixed his heart! Jesus healed the paralytic man and told him to take his mat and go. All the way home, he praised God, so much so we read that everyone who saw him also praised God.

Be transparent with Jesus. Tell Him what’s on your heart and confess your sins. Remember He died for you so that His forgiveness can heal the wounds of your deepest sin. Keep your life right and praise Him. Today, the broken ones will see your worship and turn their eyes to heaven. My child, your life literally means the world to Me!

Luke 5:19–20; John 4:39; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8–9; Hebrews 9:22



Precious child,

I know you are exhausted. I know you are distraught. Today, hear My gentle whisper remind you that only Jesus can make your heart strong. The Bible says, “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” The enemy has clouded the world’s vision, making people think that somehow they can discipline themselves long and hard enough to be strong for whatever life throws their way.

But you realize this and seek to love Me, the One who gave you life. I have filled you with the same strength that made the galaxies and the mountains and even raised Jesus from the dead! You are a light in the dark world so that the broken may see Me.

My servant Nehemiah undertook a very strenuous task of rebuilding the city wall around Jerusalem. He had a lot of detractors. Many people hoped he’d quit. His spirit for the project was weak. In the middle of it all, Nehemiah prayed: “Now strengthen my hands.” Nehemiah used his hands to love Me, and through the answering of his prayer, I filled him with My supernatural power to complete the task! Job declared the same truth: “You have strengthened feeble hands.” Both knew that the only way they could live life was by letting Me be their only Source.

Abide in Me through faith and feel Me be your strength. As you receive this powerful gift, you also acknowledge that you cannot do anything of eternal worth on your own. I will guide you always and remind you that I will satisfy your needs and strengthen you. I am faithful, and I will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. My strength in you isn’t earthly power, but rather a miraculous chance to move mountains in love for My glory!

*2 Chronicles 16:9; Nehemiah 6:9; Job 4:3;
Romans 4:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

January 10



Precious child,

Always and abundantly your sweet Savior, Jesus, provides. For everything you need in life, only His provision satisfies. In Christ, you will find your greatest and richest prize.

Jesus was invited to a wedding in Cana, and during the celebration the host ran out of wine. Mary asked Jesus for help and then gathered the servants around and said, “Do whatever he tells you.” My child, let the meaning of those words become part of your daily heart song. Not only does Jesus provide more than you ask for, but His provision is the best. What Jesus has to offer is always better than what you can make on your own. The master of the wedding banquet commented on the new wine that Jesus made: “Everyone brings out the choice wine first. . .but you have saved the best till now.”

Another time, Jesus provided for a gathering of more than five thousand hungry souls. When the crowd was satisfied, the disciples collected twelve basketfuls of leftovers. Jesus provides for your daily needs no matter how big or small, and He does so abundantly. The enemy tries to keep you satisfied with a “five fish and two loaves” life, but Jesus loves you so much that only He can transform it into a miraculous provision of grace. You will never have a need that Jesus can’t fill.

After Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to His disciples who had been spending the night fishing on the Sea of Tiberius. Jesus met them on the shore and asked if they had caught anything. They hadn’t. Jesus told them to go back out and guaranteed that they would find some. They obeyed. The disciples caught so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. When you let Jesus guide your daily steps down the path He has charted for you, you will be abundantly blessed.

Matthew 14:18–21; Mark 8:8; John 2:1–10



Precious child,

Have confidence in My promises and watch faith unlock all the doors the world closes. Remember that Jesus endured the cross and scorned its shame so your faith would be perfectly complete. The apostle Paul told the Galatians, “I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Faith is the spiritual air your soul breathes. It tethers you to Me and reminds you that your hope of eternal life is not in vain.

By My strength, rise above the pains and burdens, and press on in faith knowing that doing My will brings Me glory and honor. My servant Noah had faith in Me and not his circumstances. He endured the world’s ridicule and obeyed Me by building the ark. Child, I’m calling you to build a life that points the world back to Me. Even though they may laugh and call you crazy, your constant obedience and love for Me have an eternal purpose.

Like Moses, who chose to be mistreated rather than enjoy Egypt’s money and material things, I want you to regard Jesus as of greater worth than anything the broken world has to offer. Have the faith of Moses to look past your current struggles to your eternal reward with Me. Say no to the enemy who tempts you with a life that makes you feel good only for the moment.

Through faithful living, Noah and Moses did amazing things. Trust completely in Me and know that My promises don’t go unfulfilled. Even though you sometimes face challenges that seem insurmountable, through faith you will overcome these obstacles and give Me glory. Your life has become a testimony to the richness of living life through faith in Me. I love you and can’t tell you enough how proud I am of you.

January 12



Precious child,

Today, as your Sovereign Lord, I am filling you with confidence so you can be certain that I AM. I want you to take this gift and have hope in the words and promises of My Son, Jesus Christ. In Him and through Him you can approach Me with freedom. The enemy will try to tell you that your mistakes make Me ashamed of you, because he doesn't want you talking to Me. But remember he lies, so don't let your heart be turned by his temptations.

Be certain that Jesus doesn't want you to be afraid and that He is always with you. I want your heart to proclaim with confidence that I am your helper. I don't want you to be afraid. What can man do to you when your life is securely in My hand? Be certain that I love you like a father loves his children and that I listen to you. Have confidence to approach Me with your burdens and fears. Ask anything according to My will. I am listening. I want to hear everything you have to say.

I have great plans for you. Be confident of this, that since I first created you in your mother's womb, I began a good work in you. I am here today to help you carry it on. People who are lost and hurting will be blessed by Me through you. Be certain that you have a special part to play in the sharing of My Gospel message with the world! And be certain that one day you will see Jesus! My servant John wrote, "And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming."

Precious child, take your confidence off the things you can see, and put it safely in the heart of the One who died for you. Be confident that Jesus is who He says He is and that He loves you!

2 Chronicles 32:8; Psalm 71:5; Jeremiah 17:7;

Ephesians 3:12; 1 John 2:28



Precious child,

I want salvation to be found by everyone. I want the world to know My truth. Today, I am calling you to be still long enough to look a little deeper into My heart. I am God, the One and Only, and My Son, Jesus, is the only mediator between the world and heaven. No man can redeem the life of another man. No one but Jesus. When I saw the love He has for you poured out on the cross, I knew that your heart would sing His praises. His blood wrote the love song of your salvation!

Jesus left His throne to serve the world. He didn't want to be served. I love the world so much that I sent My precious Son to love them. He died to be their merciful ransom. This was part of My plan for Him. Part of My plan for you is that His blood purifies your heart from all your sins. Jesus had to be broken so you could be snatched out of eternal hopelessness. Jesus had to be sacrificed so you could be saved. You have been brought near to Me!

Jesus has made your eternal inheritance secure. His blood has washed you and set you free from all of your sins. You are released forever to dance with Me and never again feel chained to regret. The enemy tries to sow seeds of fear in your mind and shame in your heart, but I hold your life in My hand. All your ways are with Me. I am the God of peace. Please share your doubts and every question you are holding on to with Me. The world has been built up around you in a way that makes Me seem distant sometimes, but I am with you. Hear Me call you loved!

*Isaiah 52:10; Daniel 5:23; Mark 10:45;
1 Timothy 2:6; Revelation 1:5-6*

January 14



Precious child,

The gift of grace that you have in Jesus is unique because out of all the things you desire, My grace is all you need. When you are at your lowest, rejoice, because that's when My power is perfected in you. I want it to free you to live the life I made for you. Let grace wipe the dust off your memories so that you may remember the darkness I saved you from. You are a brand-new creation, and I will take care of every need you ever have. Today will not pass without Me blessing and taking care of you.

Because of the cross, Jesus made a way for you to go from death to life. You can't work your way into heaven, and grace helps you know that Jesus was the only One who died for you. He died so that you may call Him Savior and holy. He died so that you wouldn't be separated from Me. Jesus died so that your sins and guilt would be cast away. Jesus endured your shame and rightful punishment all because of grace.

I need you to carry My grace to your family and to your coworkers. Bring it to the dirty beggars on street corners. You were in the exact same place before Jesus rescued you. Give them grace.

As you go, don't rely on the world's wisdom. Let grace teach you in quiet times spent reading My Word, listening to Me, and praying. These are your guides down the river of My grace, which carries you past the mountains and valleys to eternity with Jesus. The current of His love moves you on, through the highs and lows, as you focus on Him alone. Jesus is the great plan I have for you. Today let Him be the hope and horizon your heart longs for.

2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 1:6; Hebrews 2:9; 2 Peter 1:2



Precious child,

Jesus said that heaven and earth will one day pass away, but His words never will. The enemy is full of false promises, but when Jesus gives you His word, I want you to be confident that He will do everything He says. He is the Light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Disappointments can no longer smother you, and heartaches will never again overwhelm you. The sweet words of Jesus heal and encourage. His word never fails.

I am truthful. I give you My word that in Jesus you have true life. Nothing can snatch you out of His hands. You are safe from the enemy's lies and misfortunes that try to take your attention away from Jesus, because He holds on to you and never lets go. You are not only protected but also empowered. As you go through today, boldly tell people about Jesus. Be encouraged from His words: "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God."

The words of My Son create a beautiful symphony of love and praise between heaven and earth. Jesus speaks to His angels, and they hear your name, and I honor you as you serve like He served. Precious child, I haven't left you to wonder how it is you go about this service. As you head into this day, simply do the works Jesus did. Walk in Him as you go, because He is your Light that guides you through this dark life.

Read all the things Jesus said. Soak up His teachings. The Lord's words are your only truth, and they last forever. Jesus won't go back on His Word or ever change His mind, because He loves you too much and gave His life to prove it!

Matthew 24:35; Luke 12:8; John 3:33

January 16



Precious child,

I want to remind you how special you are. Because you received Jesus and believed in His name, I have given you the right to become My child. You follow My Spirit and are no longer a slave to the enemy's darkness. I never want you to live in fear. My Spirit made the way for your adoption as My wonderful child. Now you call Me *Abba*.

As My child, you are also My heir and coheir with Jesus. Please believe how amazing you are to Me. I know that the day's sufferings can make you feel abandoned, but the exact opposite is true. Your trials allow you to share in the glory of Jesus. The Spirit also testifies that you are My child. All of heaven sees you and knows your name!

Call me *Abba* and be reminded of our intimate relationship. You call Me Father, and I call you My precious one. This is another reason why I don't want you to ever live in fear. I will do anything for you. The world reaps fear and uncertainty. As My child, you are free from all that because I am the protector and lover of your soul.

You are no longer a face in the crowd of millions, lost and alone. You are called, child, to live a life that glorifies Me and testifies to the riches of My grace. Jesus said, "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

I love you. Receive My approval and blessing. You mean everything to Me.

Matthew 7:9–11; John 1:12; Romans 8:14–17; Galatians 4:6



Precious child,

I am strong enough. I am able and will always protect you.

I know how hard it is to look past all the distractions that the enemy puts in your path. Books that promote quick fixes. Music that worships self. Television programs that show who the world worships. The enemy strives to make life easy. He longs to surround you with one pleasure after another and entices you to join him in his broad-road masquerade.

The enemy lives to drag you away from Me by shifting in the shadows. Just when you find his wicked handprint on your suffering, he pulls away to form a new attack. The enemy leaves you delirious and convinces you that you are outnumbered. He tricks your heart into believing that I can't save you. Keep your heart on the truth of My love. I am here for you, child. My precious Son loved you so much that He endured My will and took the narrow way.

Remember My servant Elisha. He spoke My truth to the man who looked out and saw that their city was surrounded by an army of horses and chariots. My faithful prophet told the man not to be afraid. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And then Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then I opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire.

When the city of your heart feels surrounded by wickedness and armies of dark suffering, don't fear. I am your strength, and I am with you. I look at the wonderful light you've become, and I am so proud of you. I am more than the one who is in the world, and I will never let anything happen to you!

January 18



Precious child,

I hear. I care. I answer.

Let your heart yearn for the blessings that prayer brings. The enemy is skilled at trying to fill your time. He strives to put things in your path that will complicate your schedule and leave you spent. At your lowest, he knows you will be tempted to see prayer as a choice rather than what I made it to be.

Isaac prayed to Me because his wife was barren. I answered him, and Rebekah became pregnant. Moses spread his hands in prayer to Me so Pharaoh would know I was in control and faithful. When you talk to Me, know that I listen. I want you to pray and feel My love spread throughout your being. Solomon prayed and pleaded with Me, and I answered him with My name, eyes, and heart. According to My will, I reminded My child Hezekiah that I heard his prayer, saw his tears, and would heal him.

Prayer is also your act of worship. Hannah prayed, “My heart rejoices in the LORD.” Nehemiah said, “Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.”

Prayer brings a supernatural power that stirs your soul and lets My love permeate your entire being. A man named Cornelius testified: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.’”

I am here to listen. Call out to Me because I am here to accept your prayer. I will never reject your prayers or withhold My love from you. Tell Me everything. I love you and will answer you.

*Genesis 25:21; Exodus 9:29; 1 Samuel 2:1; 1 Kings 9:3;
Nehemiah 1:11; Psalm 66:20; Acts 10:30–31*



Precious child,

Jesus is the gate. He stands between you and the world. On your heart side, you will always find rest in pastures of My everlasting righteousness. Through the gate, on the world's side, you will always find high, ominous walls that have been built for defense. Ironically, they invite nothing but destruction. See how the enemy stirs the people to compete with each other. Instead of Me, they desire their neighbor's possessions. For the world, it's never enough to be satisfied with only Me. This competition to have more than Me is a yoke of slavery that I have freed you from carrying.

My child, because Jesus is your gate, I want you to go through Him with everything. When you go to labor at your job, go through Jesus. Take every decision and every choice you make through Jesus. I promise I will provide for every one of your needs through My glorious riches in Him. The enemy wants you to be comfortable, but he doesn't know you. He didn't die for you! Jesus took the cross and suffered its shame so that you could freely live life in the pastures of My salvation.

I am calling you to go into the world and let people know that Jesus is standing at the doors of their hearts. Tell them their Savior is knocking. Be bold and explain that even though they might be comfortable, the yokes they bear aren't Mine. Show them the way back to Me. Lead them back to the narrow gate. Let them see Jesus. Show them how He cleaned your heart and provided the endless pastures you freely roam. Help them have strength to open their locked doors of pride. Help them let Jesus in and rejoice because today is the day of grace!

Proverbs 17:19; John 10:7; Philippians 4:19; Revelation 3:20

January 20



Precious child,

One of the many reasons I love you is your teachable heart. I have created this in you so every day you can yield more and more to My Spirit. The enemy wants you to yield to comfort and things the world deems good. But remember that every good thing you have is found only in Christ! I promise that as you share your faith, your understanding of this will deepen.

As you go about your day, remember Me. Walk in obedience to My commands. That is truly what love is all about. Because I love you so much and want you to be with Me in heaven, I sent Jesus. He loved you enough to take up the cross and allow the soldiers to nail Him to it. Jesus died and rose again, so that one day you will do the same. Because of the love Jesus has for you, death no longer has a hold on you. One day in paradise, you will see Me face-to-face, and what a glorious day that will be!

Until then, continue to have a holy fear for Me. Not fear the way the world sells it. Holy fear means keeping My commandments and not being afraid. Don't worry about what the enemy is trying to put in your path. Don't worry about following the world. All you need to do today is seek Me with all your heart.

Remember Me, child. Remember that I love you and will never walk away from you. I will never leave you alone to face your struggles. Be bold and take a step toward sharing My love with someone you meet today—plant seeds of hope in their heart—just as Jesus did in yours.

Exodus 20:20; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Amos 5:4; Philemon 1:6; 2 John 1:6



Precious child,

A great day is coming when all of your pain and stress will be washed away.

Yes, that great day is coming when you will sing and be free to spend eternity with Me. It will be a glorious and great day because you will also see Jesus face-to-face. His mercy for you will bring you home into eternal life. Rejoice because your sweet name is written in the Lamb's book of life and you will also see My face. Night will never fall over you again.

Don't let the world take these truths from your heart. Don't let the enemy steal your hope. Be strong and courageous because I am your God, and I am with you always. Don't let the people who don't believe in Me divide your heart. I have told you that I am proud of you for following Me with everything that's within you. The scoffers will try to make you doubt that I mean all of these words I am sending you. But they don't have the Spirit. Keep yourself in My love because the world sows seeds of self, and they will reap destruction.

Show mercy to the ones who doubt. Your life matters. I know that so many days seem like one defeat and heartache after another. But the truth is found in what you cannot see. Your faith and your merciful, compassionate heart are snatching souls from the fire. As you do this, know that I am keeping you from stumbling and that you are walking in the light of life. Continue to do good works and seek to honor Me, because these sow seeds pleasing to the Spirit. My radiance is shining on you and warming your wonderful heart now and forever.

*Psalm 56:13; Romans 2:7; Galatians 6:8; Jude 1:21;
Revelation 21:27; 22:4-5*