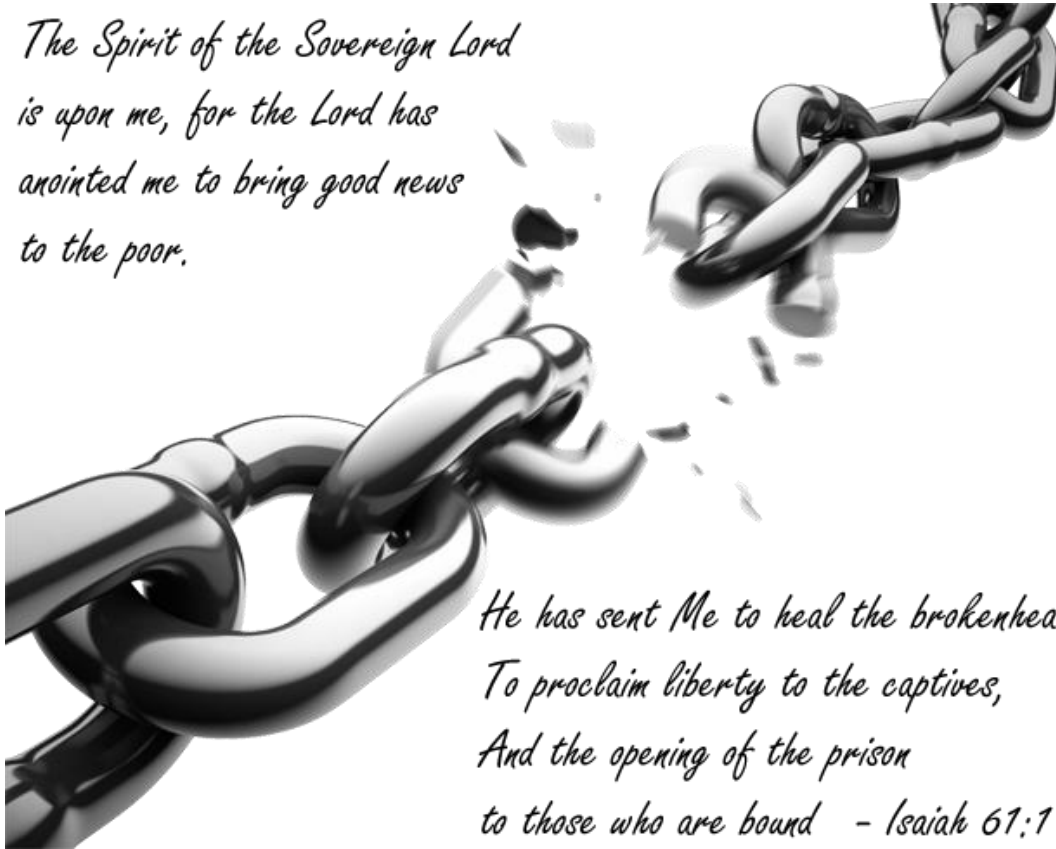


# ‘Keys to Freedom Inner Healing and Deliverance Prayers

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord  
is upon me, for the Lord has  
anointed me to bring good news  
to the poor.*



*He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison  
to those who are bound - Isaiah 61:1*

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***\*\*\*\*Most of the prayers in this PDF are unique and not a replica of other people's ideas ~ they are created through revelation of the Holy Spirit and our view of what He has shown us as He works with us. There may be the odd prayer or idea that has been added to our Ministry from others because it impacted us, but more often than not you will be viewing an original.***

***All prayers are subject to change as God gives new insight and revelation. All prayers are to be prayed out loud. Often you will see we ask you to do a prophetic act. A prophetic act is an action of obedience as a step of faith in the natural (physical) realm that supports God's workings in the spiritual realm, to release the power, presence and victory of God into a situation.***

**Prayer Of Protection:** “Father God in the name of Jesus Christ and by the Power of Your Holy Spirit I pray that You would guide me through this journey of deliverance and healing. I thank You for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I ask for Your protection, and that I am covered with the Blood of Jesus Christ. I also pray this protection over my loved ones, our pets, our belongings and our surroundings.

With the authority given to me by the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I bind you Satan, all demons and any other agents of Satan, my own human flesh which is antichrist, from any harm or attacks targeting me, my family, our homes and properties, our pets and belongings, our health and our finances, our businesses and our ministries.

I also bind you from any interference, distraction, transference, or blocking or counterfeiting the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name. I bind up and forbid any counterfeit gifts, un-godly manifestations, and lying signs and wonders, in Jesus name.

Father God, I thank You for Your heavenly angels and pray that they would be released in accordance with Your word.”

***Please Note - Many of our prayers as an added precaution will include the term ‘ancestors’ to cover any sins that they may have participated in that you are unaware of.***

**Hiding Place** - There are times when we need rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant. We may need God to immediately intervene and protect us when attacks come against us. During one of these times God told me to ask Him to hide me, our ministry and our family away from the enemy and from those who were praying against us. We need to bless those and forgive those who are praying against you intentionally and unintentionally (many people pray for us out of their own fleshly hearts and the prayers can actually be wrong) then claim Isaiah 54:17. The following is a prayer that He gave me for these times.

**(PRAYER)** - "Father God I break every word, curse, assignment and prayer in the name of Jesus Christ that is detrimental to me and my families wellbeing. Every word that has being prayed or spoken for and against me and my family from those who wish to cause harm and from those who are well-intentioned and believing that they are doing the right thing I cut them off now in Jesus name. I cover these words and prayers with the blood of Jesus Christ. I forgive these people and I bless them and their families in Jesus name. I declare ***Isaiah 54:17 - No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,***” Says the Lord. I pray Father that you would hide me and my family from our enemies. ***For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock (Psalm 27:5, NKJV).***

## Thwarting the Plans of the Enemy

(PRAYER) - "Father God on behalf of myself, my ancestors and current family I repent for every sin that has allowed the enemy access. I repent that our prayer life is lacking and that there are things that we all could do better. I ask for Your grace to cover our human weaknesses and failings. I forgive those who conspire against us knowingly and unknowingly and pray a blessing on them and their families. I dismantle every attack, every plan and all assignments against us. I patch up every hole within our hedge of protection that allows the enemy access. I place the Blood of Jesus Christ over every hole and also between us and those who conspire against us. Thank You Father God for Your covering over those vulnerable areas. I pray that You would reveal to us every area of vulnerability so that together we can close them completely. I praise You, I worship You and I thank You for My life, and my children's lives and the plans you have for us all. I pray that You would manifest Your presence with us always to guide us, use us, deliver us and enable us to be Kingdom Conquerors, Amen".

**Are There Holes in Your Hedge?** – Recently I was speaking to a friend about bad things that can still happen to us as believers and the Holy Spirit impressed upon me that the reason for these things happening is because of holes in our hedge of protection.

What is a hedge of protection? I have studied Scripture and come to the conclusion a Godly hedge of protection is when you are surrounded in such a veil of protection that no evil can befall you. In this place there is nothing but blessings. I have found a couple places in the Bible where God refers to a hedge of protection. The first is Isaiah 5. ***“And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it” (Isaiah 5:3-6, NKJV)***. This passage talks about the removal of God's protection and blessings from Israel and the men and women of Judah. He describes a vineyard which is Israel and the plants inside are the men and women of Judah. The passage begins with the care of the Lord over His Church (Israel). The vineyard needed to produce good fruit; (which also includes thoughts, words and actions, in line with the Spirit of God). It brought forth bad fruit. The people of God stopped listening to Him and became disobedient. In verse 13 it shows how they had no knowledge and God allowed them to go into captivity. This entire passage shows us that sin, producing bad fruit, as well as not listening to God and doing things our way can cause our hedge of protection to disintegrate. When we strive against God and remove parts of the Gospel from our lives we open ourselves up to the enemy. In this passage instead of the fruits of goodness, gentleness, patience, love, and humility operating there is pride, discontent, malice and contempt of God. Instead of prayer and praise there is cursing and swearing. As followers of Christ we need to listen to the word of God and obey it. God let them go into captivity because of their disobedience towards

Him. When we stop listening to God, He stops talking so in turn we are left to our own devices. We can no longer receive His knowledge until we repent and again draw near to God.

In **Mark 12:1-9** I again found mention of the vineyard. God is the owner and the Jews were the vinedressers who were put into the vineyard as tenants to tend to it. They were protected with a hedge. God (the owner) sent His messengers to gather the fruit for His share when the Jews beat and even killed some of them. God then sent His heir (His own son) to gather the fruit believing that they would not touch the heir. They killed him too and his body was thrown outside the vineyard. God then said that He would destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. This represented how the Jews rejected Jesus and in turn lost their provision and protection. It was then handed over to the Gentiles. It also shows us that if anyone rejects the Lord Jesus (His Son) which includes His word in any shape or form then you run the risk of losing completely that hedge of protection.

The second place I found reference to His hedge of protection is in Job. ***Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land (Job 1:10, NKJV)***. One day satan was roaming around looking for someone to afflict when God challenged him to consider Job. God told satan that Job was a perfect and upright man and that he feared God and resisted evil. Initially satan wasn't keen because he saw that God was blessing Job and protecting him with a hedge of protection. This shows me that this hedge prevents any attack or affliction from satan himself. Satan accepted the challenge from God and told Him to put forth His hand and touch all that Job had and if He did that then Job would curse God to His face. God accepted satan's challenge and removed His protection and blessing from Job knowing the heart of Job and that Job would never curse God to His face. God then opened the door for satan to work and he did unimaginable devastating things to Job and his family. Job complained and questioned God all the way and his own friends even turned against him and blamed him for doing something wrong, but eventually Job came to the conclusion that God was God and that He had to humble himself and repent for even questioning why God did the things in the ways that He chose. In that whole time Job never once cursed God and turned away. We too need to come to that place where we accept that God is God and that His ways are higher than our ways. We need to choose to continue to love and follow Him even when we do not agree with Him or understand what is happening to us. We need to also forgive and pray for those around us who have judged us and do not understand what is happening. God's wrath was aroused against Job's friends who spoke about God, 'things that weren't right' and told them His wrath would be quenched against them if Job prayed for them, because Job spoke about God, 'things that were right'. God restored all the losses (and even doubled them) after Job prayed for his friends. ***And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before (Job 42:10, NKJV)***. This shows us that God sometimes allows satan to test our loyalty to Him even when we haven't done anything wrong by removing our hedge of protection so that at the end of the time of testing we are blessed beyond measure. More than anything else God is interested in our heart and these things represent the

testing of our heart toward Him. He wants for us to be a people who believe what He says rather than what other people around us who don't know Him say.

In these examples we see that rejection of God, His Son, His word and any of His ways can result in the hedge of protection disintegrating, or being removed completely from us, with the worst case scenario, being taken into captivity with no ability to receive His knowledge. Scripture shows us that there may even be a testing taking place (as in the story of Job) where you have done nothing wrong but He is allowing the devil to test your heart and commitment toward Him. Part of this may also be seeing how we respond to those around us who may be speaking against the things of God. We need to always be in a place of prayer and praise and total commitment to Him so that we can overcome.

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God In the name of Jesus I pray that my family and I are surrounded in the fullness of Your hedge of protection. I repent for all the times I have not listened to You or followed You. I repent for bearing bad fruit and for all other sins that have caused the fullness of my God-given hedge of protection to be removed. If I have gone into captivity because of any of these sins I ask that You would rescue me from this place and bring me back inside my God-given hedge of protection. I ask that You would also cause me to again be receptive to Your knowledge. If you have tested my heart and allowed satan access to me as part of the testing, I repent for all offence I carry toward You and forgive you for allowing this and acknowledge that You God can do no wrong. I forgive those who were not in agreement with the ways of God in my life and spoke against You, and also in judgment toward me. I pray blessings for each and every one of them. I decree that You are God and Your ways are higher than my ways. I repent for all the times I complained and moaned instead of offering You worship and praise. I am sorry for all the times I pulled away from You and developed a hard heart toward You. I love You and trust in You and Your goodness. I believe in Romans 8:28 ‘that all things work together for good for those that love God and are called according to His purpose’. Please reveal to me and my family all things in our lives that may cause a breach in our hedge of protection, so we can repent and walk in unity with You. I pray that You would also repair any damage to our hedges of protection. Thank You, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.”

**Under the Law/Fallen From Grace** – The Law I am referring to in this article and prayer is the moral law of God which includes the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses and various other commands God gave to the Prophets. **I am not referring to any of the** sacrifices, ceremonies, traditions and acts one had to perform for the cleansing of sin and to be right standing before God. Old Testament sacrifices only purified men to the sanctifying of the flesh and had to be repeated over and over again. The blood of Jesus sanctifies your spirit, soul and body. We no longer need anything external, Our Lord Jesus wrapped it all up. The moral law of God tells us RIGHT AND WRONG regarding conduct and character. Right and wrong is defined only by God. The law of God which prescribes the moral or social duties, and prohibits the violation of them. The Law of God is His character. The very essence of Who He is. God doesn't change. The Ten Commandments and various other commands given

to Moses and the Prophets cover what God views as RIGHT and WRONG. This is His Moral Law. The Bible tells us not to sin. Breaking the moral law of God is a sin. Operating in the works of the flesh is a sin. **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:19-23, KJV).**

Many people believe Jesus took away the Law. **Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil (Matthew 5:17, NKJV).** I took the word fulfil back to Greek, which is **pleroo** and is translated to make full, to fill up, to fill to the full – to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally, to 'complete' and 'to carry through until the end'. Jesus fulfilled the whole requirements of the law so we didn't have to. Why? Because in our own strength it was impossible! His words 'It is done' means He fulfilled the requirements of the law set by God to inherit all that God had promised through the keeping of the law. Jesus then comes to complete and carry through to the end the fulfilment of His work on the cross 'through us' as we allow Him to sanctify and cleanse us from all sin through His Holy Spirit working in us. He helps us to achieve this. God's objective is to transform us into the express image of His son Jesus. This is possible and can happen to us whilst on earth. It is when we are glorified - walking in the fullness of God with no spot or wrinkle, then and only then has Jesus completely fulfilled the law through us. In the next verse He goes on to say; **For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled (Matthew 5:18, NKJV).** Currently Heaven and earth have not passed away! This is still to come. The law was never taken away because it is now in our minds and written in our hearts. God's Law is Gods moral character of RIGHT and WRONG, Righteousness, Truth and most importantly LOVE. **Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40, NKJV).** What God requires of us is to walk in love. The law of love contains within it all the old law including the Ten Commandments and the law given to the people by the prophets. In fact Jesus took the Ten Commandments and put an even greater emphasis on them. The Ten Commandments told us that we should not murder. Jesus told us that hate is as murder. The Ten Commandments told us that we should not commit adultery. Jesus told us that if we look at another with lust in our hearts we are committing adultery. He never removed the law - he upgraded it and put even greater emphasis on it! As Christians God requires us to still abide by His Moral Law of LOVE. As ambassadors of Christ we must be seen to be different to the world. Adhering to the Law of God is also a form of worship. It shows Him we love and respect Him. When we walk in love loving ourselves, loving others and loving God we are not breaking any of the law because love covers it all! Loving God is hating what God hates.

Instead of seeing the law and focusing on the law it is actually far easier to instead focus on love - which is walking with Him in a personal relationship focused on loving Him, loving others and loving ourselves. When we walk contrary to the word of God we are actively sinning. ***This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (1 John 1:5-10, NKJV).*** Walking contrary to God's word is clearly the moral commands He gave to Moses and the Prophets. We are opening ourselves up to satan and his demons when we do not abide by them. We give him an opportunity to inflict us. We are walking in the flesh and not in the spirit. Are we still saved at this point? Of course! Are we still loved by God at this point? Of course!

God gave us a New Covenant. ***For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Hebrews 8:7-10, NKJV).***

***In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away" (Hebrews 8:13, NKJV).*** The Old Covenant is obsolete in the sense that **nothing** we can do in the way of works enables us be in right standing with God or earn our salvation. The Old Covenant was about trying to keep the law through works of righteousness to be right standing with God. This is works! The New Covenant is about Jesus removing the curse of the law so we can be right standing with God simply by accepting and believing in Jesus. This is Grace! The Old Covenant system was about **earning** our salvation through works of righteousness by keeping the law and ceremonial traditions. The New Covenant is about us already being righteous, inheriting salvation and being right standing with God by believing and accepting Jesus into our lives. The love of God is the basis of the new Covenant and it is based on faith. Faith in the belief of Jesus and His work on the cross. Keeping the moral law should now be about 'worship' and 'resisting the devil so he flees from you'. Keeping the law has nothing to do with your salvation or being in right standing with God. Only faith in Jesus can render you righteous and His Blood justifies you.

***Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree") (Galatians 3:10-13, NKJV).***



**What actually is the curse of the law?** A 'yoke of bondage' which is the penalty for not keeping the Law. The 'curse of the law' was the penalty system of punishment for those that failed to keep the law. The good news is that the penalty system for not keeping the law is gone. WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE LAW! The penalties ranged from 'being unclean to the evening' (**Leviticus 11:24-28**) to 'making an offering' (**Leviticus 5:5-6**) to being 'cut off' (**Leviticus 7:27**) and to 'the death penalty' (**Exodus 31:14**). When we receive the Holy Spirit at the beginning of our salvation, He dwells within our spirit. This is the seal that you are no longer bound to all these things. Jesus took away the **curse** of the law. You no longer need to keep the law to **earn** your salvation or be in right standing with God. This is what it means to say 'You are no longer under the law'. You are redeemed through faith only by God's grace by believing in the name of Jesus Christ and what He accomplished for us. No works on our behalf enabled this wonderful freedom. Only through God's grace can we receive this.

Jesus freed us from the curse of the law; therefore we are no longer seen as unrighteous. **Nothing** can make us lose this promise except wilful sinning and rejecting the name of the Lord. The amazing thing about grace is that when you mess up you are still in right standing with God, and you are still entitled to all the Kingdom blessings. The New Testament tells us we are saved as long as we believe and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. This is our guarantee of son-ship with God and the promise of eternal life within His Heavenly Kingdom. *Now that we have established the law is still in effect another problem is that Christians are coming back 'under the law' that God set them free from. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law (Romans 3:28, NKJV).*

**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV).** Through Grace you have been saved. Saved is **Sozo** in Greek and means made whole and set free. When you put yourself back under the law you are no longer under Grace. **You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace (Galatians 5:4, NKJV).** This is one of the greatest things that ties the hands of God. Trying to justify yourself in the eyes of God is coming under the law. Justify in Greek is **dikaioo** and means to be freed and render righteous. Righteous in Greek is **dikaios** and means innocent, faultless, guiltless, approved or acceptable of God.

This is what the Lord spoke to me – ***“One of the biggest things man does is to try and become holy and righteous in their own strength. Keep Gods law because it is right. Keep Gods law because it is resisting the devil so he will flee from you. Keep Gods law because you love Him. Do not keep My law because you want Me to be pleased with you in the belief you will earn anything from Me as this becomes works. You receive your inheritance as you yield yourself to Christ. His life for your life. Christ fulfilled the law and inherited all the blessings which become yours as you yield your life to Him. Do not keep my law because you want to appear holy in another’s eyes. Man is always looking for approval and acceptance. Understanding and repenting for these things enables Jesus to cover you with His blood. Under His blood lies the Grace. Grace equals Gods empowering favour. Man can never be good enough in his or her own strength but man will always keep on trying because that is the nature of a human being.***

*Christ freed you from the law of sin and death but unfortunately human nature always tries to be self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency is the reason man will always separate himself from the Grace of God. The good news is, is that Jesus has reconciled you back to God through His blood. The middle wall of separation was removed when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity (Ephesians 2:14-15, NKJV).* (Although this Scripture is in the context of the separation between Jews and Gentiles the Lord showed me that this also depicts the division between man and God which was represented by the tearing of the veil when Christ died on the cross. This Scripture also depicts the division between soul and spirit. The word 'separation' is actually partition in the KJV and means **Phragmos** in Greek which is 'That which separates. Prevents two from coming together'. The word 'man' in this Scripture in Greek is **Anthropos** and means 'To distinguish man from a different race. Two fold nature of man). *The only way that wall can be placed back again is if you reject Jesus and walk away. While you are in Jesus no matter how much you separate yourself from the grace of God through self-sufficiency, (as long as you are willing) He will always bring you back into His grace. You fall out, He brings you back."*

***Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.***

***You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.***

***For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love (Galatians 5: 1 -6, NKJV).***

***O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? (Galatians 3:1-3, NKJV).*** What the above two Scriptures are really saying is, if you try and keep any of the law in the belief that it saves you or makes you right with God, then you must obey every regulation in the whole law. This is because you have cut yourself off from Christ. Keeping the law does not save you or make you right with God - Faith in the work of Jesus on the cross does! **Please note:** Just because you have separated yourself from Christ does not mean He has separated Himself from you. The only thing that separates Christ from you is, if you reject Him and tell Him to go away permanently. The separation you have formed between you and Christ by going 'back under the law' becomes a blockage on your end to His outworking Grace.

Another way we can come back 'under the law' is if we take our case straight to the Heavenly Courts and asked for a courtroom session. There are a few Ministries around that do this and I believe this is wrong because in this you are asking God to be a judge and judge you through the legal system. God no longer wants us to see Him as a judge. He wants us to see Him as a loving Father because we have been reconciled through the Blood of Jesus. **For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:22-24, NKJV).** He is no longer a judge, but a Father. There is a mercy seat which is also known as the Throne of Grace. Mercy means atonement. The Throne of Grace is in the most Holy Place. God sits in the Throne of Grace, and through the work Jesus did on our behalf, we can approach God in this place to get help in our time of need (**Hebrews 4:16**). Jesus is seated at His right hand making intercession for us. The judgement seat is what Christ sits in at His return when He comes to judge the world (**2 Corinthians 5:10**). Asking for God to judge our case in the courtroom of God is taking God out of the Throne of Grace and into the judgment seat. This is reserved for Christ. There is nowhere in Scripture in the New Testament where one goes to the Heavenly Courts to plead their case. This is getting back into legalism. The devil is a legalist, not us and not Jesus. The New Testament is quite clear, we will be judged when Jesus returns, asking for premature judgement is detrimental to our wellbeing. If you are going back through the legal system to gain your inheritance it means you are coming back 'under the law'. We receive our inheritance through God's grace as we yield ourselves to Christ and as we believe in Him and His work on the cross. We do not receive our inheritance through asking God to judge us through the law. Inheritance is not released through the legal system because we are no longer under the law – we are under Grace. **For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14, NKJV).** Although the devil has legal rights to your unyielded areas (areas we have not handed over to Christ) we do not use the legal system to get them back from the enemy. We turn to Jesus, not the Court system and yield these areas to Him to receive freedom. If you use the Court system to inherit or gain back your inheritance you go back under the law and you are no longer under grace! Why would you go back to the Courtroom to fight for what Jesus has already inherited for you? Jesus fulfilled all the requirements of the law and inherited all the blessings. This includes your health, wealth, peace and wellbeing.

He already took your place and stood in the gap for you to receive everything God has for you. To receive these blessings you go through Him. You go through Him by giving Him 'you', all of you! In the Old Testament trying to receive the blessings of God through the law brought nothing but death. **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2, NKJV).**

**But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter (Romans 7:6, NKJV).** Why then would you want to go back through the old system of the law to gain access to your inheritance, by using the legal system to receive something that has already been given to you? Faith and belief in Jesus

releases these Heavenly blessings to you – not the legal system. **For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”-Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), (Galatians 3:10-13, NKJV).**

Keeping the law does not save you, nor does it heal you, or enable you to gain your inheritance. The word of God tells us to resist the devil so that he will flee from you. You resist the devil by adhering to the commandments of God. This is to protect you from being cursed in your flesh as we reap what we sow. Adhering to the commandments which includes the moral law of God is about protecting you rather than rewarding you. Healing comes when Jesus remits the sin through His Blood and your inheritance is released as you lay down your life and enter into the resurrection life of Jesus. You don't gain your inheritance through keeping the law of God so neither can you gain your inheritance going through the Heavenly Courtroom legal system as this is using the law of God to gain your inheritance! **No one is justified (saved or made right with God) by the law in the sight of God.** We do not receive our inheritance through asking God to release it through the law. **For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise (Galatians 3:18, NKJV).**

Inheritance is not released through the legal system because we are no longer under the law – we are under Grace. If you go to the courtroom God cannot activate His grace because you are asking to be judged through the law. The Bible says to go boldly to the Throne of Grace. You are either under law or under grace. You choose which way you want to be judged – through the law or through grace! Galatians 3:13 says we are redeemed from the curse of the law. The curse of the law is the punishment system for sin. You are no longer under the law means you cannot be condemned to death by not keeping the law. **But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world (1 Corinthians 11:32, NKJV).** Going to Court and asking to be judged through the legal system means you are bringing back judgement under the law. You are putting yourself back under the Old Covenant and trying to obtain your inheritance by keeping the law. This means you are indebted to keeping the whole law in order to obtain your freedom and the grace given to you by Christ is no longer available so things will become a whole heap harder. The Bible tells us that we are also judged according to our works (**Revelation 20:13**). Our works should be done through faith and Gods empowering grace otherwise it becomes dead works. **For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also (James 2:24, NKJV).**

*\*\*\*I have had a few people tell me that this courtroom system works, and they have experienced breakthrough when they have done it. I asked the Lord about this, and He revealed to me that it works because you have legally stripped the rights from the enemy. The enemy is a legalist so will have to obey, but at the same time you have also cut yourself off from grace. This is detrimental to your walk with Christ. The enemy knows this and will happily sacrifice an area if it means cutting you off from Christ. There*

*will be a cost for obtaining your freedom in this way, the enemy is clever and knows exactly what he is doing!*

After I repented for coming back under the law and seeing God as a judge (because I had been through Heavenly Court Ministry through another's Ministry) I heard the words – ***“You are going to receive your healing now”***. Three times I heard these words so I asked God, “Why am I going to be healed now – what has changed?” This is what He spoke – ***“What was the last thing I broke off you? The law. When Jesus determines that you are ready you will be infilled with more of His power and this will enable you to automatically resist the temptations that come against you. Knowing about His Grace will enable you to remain in His grace. Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. The more of Him that is in you, the less the spirit of self-sufficiency can separate you from God. God needs to bring you to a place where you can no longer do it. The self-sufficient spirit needs to be broken from you, where you come to recognise your need for Him and for Him alone. In this place, this is where your brokenness becomes His glory - reserved for Him and Him alone. In allowing Me to work with you and reveal the hidden treasures in the word of God it has shown Me that you are a true disciple. One who was chosen by Me for My works and purposes and one that is willing to follow Me through the cross. You asked why you are going to receive your healing now. Simple you have gone through the cross and are ready to receive because you have gone out and found green pasture. Jesus has gone before you and is waiting on the other side of the cross for you to meet Him there. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (John 10:9, KJV). All it takes is a walk of obedience through the trials diligently seeking Him and never letting Him go. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31-32, NKJV). (The word continue in this passage is *meno* in Greek and means dwell, remain.) He determines how much of yourself you have yielded to Him. It is His heart that gets exchanged for your heart. He knows when you are ready to give to Him and when you are ready to receive from Him. His life for your life. That is the exchange at the Cross. Look to the author and finisher of your race. You cannot hand over your heart to Christ and receive His until you understand exactly what you are giving and understanding exactly what you are receiving. You need to know what it is you are sacrificing for Christ and what it was He sacrificed for you. Understanding what He walked through to appreciate fully what was done on the Cross. He sacrificed His life for you to be set free. Ponder this – mediate on this and see what it really means. The time is now, you have been tested and tried by the fire of God. You have stood, and you have remained in Me. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved Matthew 24:13, KJV.”***

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God in Jesus name I repent for coming back ‘under the law’ and coming out of the Grace Jesus died for. I repent for seeing You as a judge instead of my Father. Thank You that the finished work on the cross enables You to sit on the mercy seat and not the judgment seat. Your word says that I should follow the law because the law is good, holy and right. The law shows me how I should live. I repent for following the law to become righteous, earn favour, blessings, my inheritance, my salvation, gifts, approval and acceptance from You or others. I should keep the law to resist the devil so

he will flee from me and I should keep the law simply because I want to please you because I love You. Pleasing You should never be about rewards and my gain, including wanting You to be pleased with me, as this also becomes about me. I receive my inheritance from Jesus when I yield my spirit, soul and body fully to Him. I understand the sacrifice I am making in regard to this. I also understand and thank Jesus for the sacrifice He made for me to receive my God-given inheritance. I now break the curse of the law which is a yoke of bondage in the name of Jesus Christ over me, my life and my circumstances. Please show me if I ever again become 'Fallen from Grace' so I can repent and again be covered in Your Grace Lord Jesus, Amen."

**Rhema Word** – After walking with Jesus for 81/2 years there have been many times where I have had a powerful encounter with Him that left me 'undone' from the inner most depths of my soul. On these occasions it always involved a revelation from God, and a time of sensing His presence during which I experienced an overwhelming inner pain of intense anguish in which I would sob and sob. During these times I believed I was experiencing healing. I would write about these experiences only to see further down the track there was no change in my symptoms or circumstances. This hurt me greatly and caused me to really struggle with trusting anything He told me. ***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6, NKJV).*** I had to keep going back to this Scripture over and over and keep choosing to believe that God does not lie and that He is good, and to keep diligently seeking Him no matter what the circumstances were telling me.

One day after receiving two amazing revelations in a row but still no healing I sat down before God and said "Now what God, I really cannot keep going on like this. I need you to direct me because I have run out of options. My only options I have left is to either receive healing from you as I believe you promised, or take extreme measures through the doctor which could cause life-altering side effects. The extreme measures through the doctor is the last thing I want to do after waiting for so long to receive your healing. This really is crunch time Lord. How long do I need to keep waiting on you because I don't think I can wait any longer?" The Lord spoke "***You said you cannot go on like this. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. I am going to give you direction. Look neither to the left, nor to the right. Look straight ahead at the author and finisher of your race. Can you see Me?***" I immediately saw in my imagination Jesus standing at the end of the finish line waiting for me. "Yes Lord I can see you". "***I am going to give you direction. Speak to the mountain. The mountain is your problem. Speak only Gods word to the mountain. RHEMA – Speak the spoken word of God. Speak what I show you. Your new Ministry, the direction I am taking Christian Connection is about speaking what God shows you into the lives of others. You will 'hear' what I am saying. What I am saying then needs to be spoken over people. They will 'see' My truth when My Rhema word is spoken. My word is your sword.***" I then had a vision of a sword protruding from my mouth. "***It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*** (Matthew 4:4, NKJV). ***My spoken word brings life. Whatever you speak brings life or death.***

**So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17, NKJV). My daughter declaring Scriptures (my written word) did not work for you because you believed in your heart what the devil was saying more than what the word of God was saying. For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you (Proverbs 23:7, NKJV). I needed to open the eyes of your understanding (Ephesians 1:18). I know what I need to say and when to say it, to bring that which was previously misunderstood to enlightenment. I will dismantle strongholds with my Rhema word. Sometimes My written word alone is not enough – you need both so that what you have already read comes to light when I speak to you my Rhema word. 'Never been good enough' is the root of your sickness. Until you believe you are good enough you cannot receive My love as this is unbelief in the love of God. Through Jesus the love of God says that I accept you just as you are. To receive My love all you have to do is believe. The world says you have never been good enough – no matter what you do it is never enough. You can and will not ever achieve affirmation, acceptance or approval through your works. This is the Rhema word of God I want you to speak over yourself:**

**'I HAVE ACHIEVED APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE FROM GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS. THE BLOOD OF JESUS REDEEMS AND JUSTIFIES ME. THIS TRUE FACT HEALS MY WOUND IN JESUS NAME'. Is this a true statement?"** "Yes Lord", I answered. **"Speak this over yourself day and night. When you believe from your heart what I say and not what the enemy says you will have a face to face encounter with Me. This is your Rhema word."**

I went to the mirror and read over myself what the Lord spoke. I came into my living room and was pondering the word. I thought to myself – I have declared similar things as this to myself before – how is this any different. Immediately I had a vision of Jesus on the cross. I was also aware of my wound 'Never been good enough'. It was huge and was from my throat down past my belly button. As I looked at Him on the cross the Lord Jesus spoke **"Give me that wound. Lay it on me."** I looked at Him and said "I don't think I can, I don't want to hurt you." He said **"You can't hurt me, when I take your wounds they no longer hurt as I have already been through the cross."** I prophetically took my wound and laid it on Him. I then had a vision of Father God's head looking at me through the clouds. He said **"Before Christ my daughter I couldn't look at you. I had to turn away because of your sin."** He turned away from me. I looked down at myself and I then saw myself being covered in the blood of Jesus. Father God looked back at me with a loving smile and said **"Now you are good enough."** He paused as the revelation hit me. **"Do you understand now? You didn't have to do anything to be good enough because Jesus already did it for you. Jesus made you right before God. You don't need to get approval from Me or anyone else ever again because you already have it from Me. I set you free."** I immediately felt the burden of performance lift from me. The Lord said **"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:31, NKJV). Although you had already declared that I love you and that I accepted you through Christ's blood you didn't 'see' it. Your heart did not understand this true fact. Today I opened the eyes of your understanding."** I looked up at God with tears in my eyes and said "I am good enough. God accepts me. I get it. I no longer need to

get anyone else's approval or acceptance because I am already good enough. Thank You Jesus."

If you suffer with the same wound I had of 'Never been good enough' then read this Rhema word from God aloud over yourself.

**(PRAYER) – "I HAVE ACHIEVED APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE FROM GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS. THE BLOOD OF JESUS REDEEMS AND JUSTIFIES ME. THIS TRUE FACT HEALS MY WOUND IN JESUS NAME."**

At the end of this beautiful revelation I received another one. The Lord showed me that the previous times during my powerful encounters with Him where I had been believing I was receiving healing, I had actually been receiving cleansing. Our wounds need to be cleansed and sanctified before they can be healed. The cleansing can be very painful. Sometimes wounds are so deep that they need to be cleansed more than once. He showed me that at the bottom of every wound is a seed that was planted. The seed is a lie and it sprouts and grows to produce a stronghold or mind-set. Once the wound is exposed and cleansed the lie needs to be dug out and replaced with the truth otherwise it will just sprout and grow again. God's truth needs to replace every lie. It is His truth that sets us free. ***Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed (John 8:36, NKJV).***

**Destiny Spirits** – Quite often I will go to my room, sit on my bed and say "Father, Son and Holy Spirit is there anything you want to tell me. I will sit quietly and wait upon you." I have found that more often than not the God-head has a lot they want to say and are just waiting for someone to listen. One such time I asked this question and the Lord said ***"I want to teach you about Destiny Spirits."*** I looked up the word Destiny and Meriam-Webster says 'A predetermined course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency'. Dictionary.com says 'The predetermined usually inevitable or irresistible course of events'.

He spoke again ***"There are spirits sent by satan to destroy your destiny in God. Your life can hold two futures, Mine or the enemies. The enemy will do all He can to prevent you from entering or fulfilling God's destiny. The will of God entails the destiny of God. The will of man entails the destiny of satan. How do you cut off or destroy these destiny spirits sent by satan? You bind yourself to the will of God. (The word bind is deo in Greek and means to tie, fasten). To bind yourself to My will means to become a slave of righteousness. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Romans 6:16, KJV).***

(The word servant in Greek is **doulos** and means one who gives himself up to another's will. The word yield in Greek is **parestemi** and means to present to, stand beside). ***The will of man is the last thing I need you to surrender before I can enter your heart – the most sacred place. How do you know when you have surrendered your will? Will is your desires. What are your desires? I will show you your desires then I will show you My desires. Your desires are for***



*you and your family to be saved, safe, blessed, and protected and in good health. My desires are for everyone to be saved, safe, blessed, and protected and in good health. Are you for you, or are you for Me? Jesus entered into the will of God when He chose mankind and was sacrificed on the cross. You enter into the will of God when you choose others over yourself and your needs. The walk of Christ was to sacrifice Himself for others. You have to walk as He walked and there needs to be a laying down of your life for others. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13, KJV). What you have walked through in weakness will become strengths which I give you and you can then give to others. Adversity is something all My children must go through when being tried through the fire. You have always known this walk you are walking was for others and you have been willing to lay down your life for them. Everything you have learned from Me you have willingly shared. Freely you have given, as you have freely received. This pleases Me greatly. The word of God says that you must also lay down your life for Christ's sake. **For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it (Mark 8:35, NKJV).** What does this mean? Willing to go through the cross for My glory. The willingness to exchange your weaknesses for My strengths. This is willing to lay down your life for My sake. Spirits of destiny in God I release you now. Just as there are spirits of destiny sent by satan, there are also spirits of destiny sent by God. Up until now the spirits of your destiny in God had not been despatched. You were battling the spirits of destiny sent by satan. What is My destiny? A predetermined course of events that involve rewards, blessing and unprecedented favour. I release this to you now. I bind (tie up) the spirits of destiny sent by satan and render you powerless in Jesus name. Only I can release the spirits of destiny in God for it is My future for you that will unfold. Before I can bind you to My destiny there first has to be a laying down of your will. It is done!"*

***But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (Matthew 6:33, NKJV).*** When you come into alignment with the 'will of God' you can then enter into the future He has for you. If you are entering into the 'will of self' you are entering into the future satan has for you.

After I had been given this revelation I finally understood the walk in Christ. This whole walk is about Him. Putting Him first. Are we in it for us and what we can get or are we in it for Jesus, to glorify Him and preach what He has done for us? I can admit when I first became a Christian I was excited about all the promises and wanted them all. My first priority was self. It cannot be this way. It has to be about God, Jesus and His Holy Spirit. God had to lead me on a journey of trials and tribulations to show me it is about Him. When we make it about Him, He then makes it about us so we can help others. He uses us to glorify Himself to others so that all will know Him. What a sobering thought. As parents we make it all about our children. We put them ahead of ourselves all the time. God is no different, as a parent He puts His children ahead of Himself. His work on the cross proves this. He became a man and died for every one of us. God has many children in which He wants to protect. He has to use us to get to the rest – the ones who don't know Him.

As Christians we need to make it all about God and our fellow brothers and sisters. Once you finally grasp the walk of Christ and see it isn't about you, and that it is about God, and what you can do for Him and begin to do this with a willing heart, everything else will be added unto you!

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God in Jesus name thank You for my destiny in You. Thank You for the tests and trials that enable me to choose Your will and not mine. I understand Lord that it is not Your will for us to suffer but the word of God says ‘Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers us out of them all’ (Psalm 34:19). You use these afflictions for good - both to help others as you reveal keys to me for release and also when we are delivered to glorify Jesus. I lay down my life for Your sake Lord Jesus. To do this means that I am willing for You to expose my weaknesses so your strengths can rest upon them. This is to glorify You. I lay down my life for others Lord Jesus. To do this means that I am willing to share with others all the revelations you have taught me through my sufferings so they too can be set free. I understand Lord Jesus that before You can despatch your destiny spirits I must first bind myself to the will of God. Only You can determine when I have truly done this. I lay down the will of self and bind myself to the will of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I bind and render inactive the destiny spirits sent by satan in Jesus name. I ask that You Father God would release Your destiny spirits that would unleash a predetermined course of events that involve Godly rewards, unprecedented favour and blessings in Jesus name, Amen.”

**Inner Beauty** – Since as long as I can remember I have been obsessed with my appearance. If I am not ready for visitors with hair and makeup done I will hide and not answer the door if someone comes unexpectedly to the door. Another area is not wanting people to visit unless my house is immaculate. I suffer greatly with ‘fear of rejection’ particularly being fearful of people rejecting what I look like. It started in childhood when I was physically and emotionally abused by other children telling me I was ugly. I then became the teenager who got picked last for everything and when it came to things like ballroom dancing lessons I always ended up with the teacher becoming my partner because all the boys had chosen the girls and I was the last one standing. I hated every imperfection and strived to look good and soon learned that covering up with cosmetics and spending hours on my appearance worked well. After this I became greatly accepted and even began to like myself (well the new improved version of ‘me’ who hid behind the mask of hours of getting ready) but sadly as I have gotten older (nearing my 50’s) it isn’t nearly as easy to camouflage imperfections as old age starts to creep in.

As I was sitting today in my room I heard what I believe was the Lord Jesus say to me, ***“I have a word for you.”*** ‘Great’, I thought to myself and got my pen and paper ready to write what I received. This is how it went – He spoke: - ***“You are about to be launched. You asked me recently if there was anything you could do to aide in this, there is, but first I want for you to answer a question. Do you think you suffer from pride?”*** I answered “Yes.” He said, ***“I have been removing pride from you. Do you think you suffer from pride less now than you did ten years ago?”*** I answered “Yes.” He said, ***“Ministry in the public eye should never be***

*about your looks – looking perfect and wanting to look good to people through your appearance. You have always put your looks ahead of your calling in Me.”* (I knew in my heart what He spoke was true. Before I ministered to someone I always wanted to be ready and appear well presented. Ministering to people is such a blessing but if I felt ashamed of my own appearance because I hadn’t had the proper time to get ready I became panicked and greatly distracted. The focus became on myself which meant total focus was not on Jesus). **“Nearly everything you’ve done in your life has been based on what you look like and the ‘fear of what others think of you’. The moment you were teased and told you were ugly you retreated into someone who couldn’t be seen unless you were prepared and at your best. Hiding who you really are. ‘Masks’. Yet you do not mind that I see the real you. You do not run and hide from Me. What is the reason for this?”** It was true, I sought the Lord anytime without worrying about my appearance. I answered “Because I know that You don’t judge me by my looks. You don’t care about those things.” He said **“You answered correct, but the problem is the world does. The world judges another by their appearance. While you care more about what the world thinks that what I think you are putting the world before Me. How can we fix this? Don’t misunderstand Me there should always be an element of ‘caring about your appearance’ as an unkempt appearance can make one appear that they have no dignity – but there is a fine line between pride and dignity. Dignity versus pride. You are embarrassed when people ‘see’ you looking less than perfect. Shame is written all over you. You want to hide for ‘fear of judgment’. How could I launch one out in public to reflect Me when they care more about looking right than being available? I need for you to be available whenever I need for you to be, not when you are ready to be seen. I want to remove the shame from you. What if I told you that I could show people your inner beauty and that is what they would see. It wouldn’t matter to you anymore if you were seen by others as less than perfect because they would not notice it. Would that be good? In My Kingdom it is never about outward appearances, that is a world thing. But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7, NKJV). Have you heard the words ‘Beauty is in the eye of the beholder’? This means that the one who looks upon you judges whether you are beautiful or not. I can make all who see you ‘see you as I see you’. Your inward beauty will shine through. The heart – which is the heart of God ‘in you’. My heart will shine through you and that is what people will see. In order for this to happen I need for you to exchange your outward appearance for My inward appearance. I can take away ‘worry about what you look like’ but you have to be willing to accept yourself for who you are, and for who I made you. I will not change what you view as your imperfections – the things you do not like because they are uniquely you – My Father made you in His image and His creation of you is good. There will be an element of vulnerability to this because I will set up situations where you will have no choice but to be uniquely you. You have to trust Me in this. Nobody in the world is perfect and now is the time to give up trying to be.”**

**(PRAYER)** – “Lord God, In the name of Jesus I repent for putting my outward appearance ahead of my calling in You. I repent for caring about what the world thinks ahead of caring about what You think. I repent for putting the world ahead of You. I lay down and give to You my outward appearance and the fear and worry of what others think, and exchange it for Your inward appearance. I pray that I would reflect You Lord Jesus Christ – Your heart and Your inner beauty. Let Your inner beauty within me radiate for all to see. Let the world see me through the eyes that You see me. Let me also see ‘me’ through the same eyes that You see me. I command shame, embarrassment, ‘fear of what people think’ and ‘fear of not being perfect in the eyes of others’ to go in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus please take away ‘worry of what I look like’ as I am willing to accept myself for who I am and who You made me. These things I pray in Jesus name, Amen.”

**Soaking in the Presence of God** – Recently I was sent a video of counterfeit manifestations that are happening within the body of Christ. There were scenes of people going through fire tunnels and people laying hands on each other which caused the people to fall about in drunkenness, shaking and trances. There was also a mention of counterfeit soaking in the presence of God. Soaking in the presence of God is something I do, so I decided to learn more about this to see if I was entering into something that was not Biblical. My version of soaking is simply reading the word, putting on worship music and inviting Jesus to share His heart with me. I tell Him that I am being like Mary sitting at His feet so we can spend time together, and that I am ready to listen to His words and experience His manifest presence. In these times sometimes nothing happens, other times I get words or visions and other times I feel His manifest presence which is usually a manifestation of His love toward me.

What does the word soak mean? An act of immersing someone or something in liquid for a period of time. I decided to do a google search to see if the practice of soaking was Biblical. What I found was that there are different practices of soaking. One type of soaking prayer involves a trance like meditative or contemplative state in which the person is encouraged to empty their mind so they can enter into an altered state of consciousness. This type of practice is not Biblical. Stillness of the mind means to meditate in an attempt to achieve altered consciousness, which can allow you to have new insights. The Bible says to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. ***Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5, NKJV).*** Under control means to be submitted to Christ. ***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8, NKJV).*** Bringing your mind into a passive mental state of consciousness and emptying it of all thoughts means that your mind is unprotected. Only with a blank mind can new age practitioners begin to influence you to their religious ideas and belief systems. It is no coincidence that satan wants you to be relaxed and in a different state of consciousness (i.e., not sober-minded), as it is the same technique that psychiatrists and psychologists use to try to hypnotize someone! The Bible warns us to be sober-minded, not in an

altered or super-relaxed state of consciousness. Godly meditation is focusing on Jesus and His glory; focusing on His laws and commands, and praising Him. The term meditate in Scripture in Hebrew is **Hagah** and means to meditate, mourn, speak, imagine, study, mutter, utter. In Greek it is **Meletao** and means premeditate, imagine, meditate. 1) To care for, attend to carefully, practise. Biblical meditation is having our minds actively engaged and focused on God's word. **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7, NKJV)**. Resistance is key to staying sober in mind. To do this one needs to be aware of their surroundings and thinking.

I could clearly see that this form of soaking was not Biblical but what about what I was doing? I could see that many were teaching against all forms of soaking but Jesus had often encouraged me to soak in His presence. If soak is to immerse in something for a period of time then surely immersing ourselves in the presence of Jesus is good? Some of those who were speaking against this practice would say that Jesus is in us, and this is a faith walk so we don't need to actively seek out or experience His manifest presence. I asked God about this and this is what I believe I heard the Holy Spirit speak; ***"To immerse yourself in Jesus is all about communion with Him. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16, KJV)***. The word communion in this passage is **Koinonia** in Greek and means fellowship, communion, communication, distribution, contribution, to communicate. 1) fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse 1a) the share which one has in anything, participation 1b) intercourse, fellowship, intimacy 1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office) 1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship.

He continued, ***"Although Christianity is a faith walk believers need to constantly be in the presence of Jesus. There is a difference between having Jesus in the form of the Holy Spirit within you and 'being in His presence'. How do you activate His presence? You commune with Him. Make yourself available to Him and spend time with Him. You worship Him and you praise Him. Don't take your eyes off Him and make your focus all about Him. The world and all its worries can make you take your eyes off Him. Setting aside time to focus, meditate, commune and experience His presence is both Biblical and refreshing. It is all about entering into fellowship with Him. Jesus would take Himself away and commune with the Father. We are to mirror His ways. The disciples would spend time fellowshiping in His presence and He even commended Mary for sitting at His feet so she could listen to what He was saying. If one does not sit in His presence and put aside time just for Him it can stunt or hinder your spiritual growth. There are many practices that teach 'soaking' that is based on new age meditative practices. Avoid these! Other practices may teach or display how to enter in and experience His manifest presence. In this scenario 'feeling Him' and being caught up in physical manifestations is the goal. Seeking out His manifest presence should not be the focus or the goal. This focus or desire is seeking to please the flesh***

*rather than seeking to know His heart. If the goal is to obtain a supernatural experience rather than a fellowship experience this can open the door for deceiving spirits to enter. God can and does cause you to experience His manifest presence but it is in His timing and in His way. Seeking God for these purposes is wrong. God is not in the entertainment business but the devil is only too happy to oblige. Another example of this is the movement where you see groups of people seeking manifestations of drunkenness, holy laughter, shaking and trances. God can and does cause Godly manifestations but it is for a purpose and not when the desire is to seek a sign and a wonder for entertainment purposes.” **Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; They stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. For the LORD has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers (Isaiah 29:9-10, NKJV).** We see by this Scripture that those who are after these things with a wrong heart motive are given a deceptive spirit (a spirit of deep sleep) which can pave the way for more deception to enter.*

**(PRAYER)** – “Father, Son and Holy Spirit I love You and I love experiencing Your supernatural presence. I repent for the times that I have put wanting to see, hear and feel You ahead of just knowing You and developing a friendship with You. I am sorry also that I have sought You for fleshly reasons that were about me and not about You and Your heart. I repent for entering into counterfeit practices that were about seeking signs, wonders, miracles and Your manifest presence. If I have received demonic spirits through seeking these practices I repent and command them to leave me immediately in Jesus name. Please show me always when counterfeit practices and fleshly desires are operating so I can turn away from them. Help me to cultivate a loving relationship with You in a correct and Godly manner. Help me to stay grounded and not to get overly focussed and carried away in Your signs, wonders, miracles and displays of Your manifest presence. Keep me focused on what is important, You, Your heart, our friendship, loving others and the call of God over my life. I speak to the spirit of deep sleep and command you to go in Jesus name. Thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.”

**Reaping What You Have Sown - *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (Galatians 6:7-8, KJV).***

***For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again (Matthew 7:2, KJV).***

I once ministered to a person who noticed that throughout their life things always seemed to go wrong. A team and I had covered the basics (where curses and accidents are involved) by taking them through repentance prayers from things like Freemasonry and stolen blessings etc., but even after dealing with these things they were still affected by mishaps. I again sought God for the root of these mishaps and misadventures. He revealed to me that another reason for mishaps, accidents and

misadventure in people's lives are from a direct result of them reaping what they have sown. Many times people are unaware that their actions could be one of the causes of their adverse circumstances. This can even happen in the lives of born-again believers.

Many people who have been treated poorly throughout their lives can develop a wound of hurt and bitterness. Our actions or reactions to how we have been treated can determine what we in turn will reap. Even if you are actively forgiving and blessing the people who hurt you, if at any time during the time of being hurt (before you were able to forgive them) you reacted badly out of that hurt (even speaking ill against them which can become a curse) then you could reap what you sowed by your actions against them. The wound that was caused by the hurt can also remain unhealed until you repent for your fleshly actions. Every time another hurt comes if you keep reacting from that wound of bitterness it enables that wound to grow and fester and your sowing and reaping actions can then become greater and greater. In other words if our initial actions and reactions come from the flesh at the time of the hurt it can keep that wound from healing and our ungodly fleshly actions can cause the reaping consequences of what we have sown. ***Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.***

***For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears (Hebrews 12:14-17, NKJV).***

The Bible is quite clear that when we sow to our flesh we reap corruption. Although we may be speaking forgiveness and praying blessing in our daily prayers to the people who have hurt us we still need to repent for our fleshly actions and reactions at the times of the hurt – no matter how justified we think we were at the time. I can think of many times I have been hurt and reacted out of the flesh (especially with my mouth) only to practice forgiving them once I have calmed down - but forgetting to repent for my initial fleshly reactions that could result in me being affected negatively through my own actions. It is our reaction that activates the sowing and reaping effect – even if we practice blessing and forgiveness to that person afterwards. What we have spoken, what we have done initially is already set in place until we repent. ***“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:37-38, NKJV).***

The Bible says that when we can't forgive then God can't forgive us. In regards to unforgiveness God once showed me how you can tell if you have truly forgiven someone. He told me to imagine the person that had hurt you and imagine Him blessing them with all the blessings imaginable. How do you feel when this person receives financial blessings, healings, recognition, fame and love? If the vision moves

you to feel resentful then you haven't truly forgiven and you need to ask Jesus to help you forgive. True forgiveness is when you want that person to be blessed beyond measure. Sometimes to help one forgive it is good to ask God to show you the brokenness of the person who has hurt you, and why they acted a certain way that lead them to hurt you in the first place. Many times you can see that they are reacting out of hurt too and it can help you to understand their actions and forgive.

When you walk contrary to the moral law of God you can still get afflicted in your flesh. How is this when the punishment system caused through the curse of the law is what Jesus removed at the cross? The 'curse of the law' was the penalty system of punishment for those that failed to keep the law. A 'yoke of bondage' which is the penalty for breaking the Law. There were many penalties including 'being unclean to the evening' (**Leviticus 11:24-28**) to 'making an offering' (**Leviticus 5:5-6**) to being 'cut off' (**Leviticus 7:27**) and 'the death penalty' (**Exodus 31:14**). Keeping the Law was all about trying to earn favour with God and trying to **earn** our own salvation. It was about performance orientation and good works to try and please God. The 'curse of the law' is the punishment system of failing to please God because of entering into sinful practices. When we receive the Holy Spirit at the beginning of our salvation, He dwells within our spirit. This is the seal that you are no longer bound to all these things. Being saved is a free gift given by God to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. There is still however a natural consequence - the law of cause and effect, a sequence of events that are affected by our decisions when we walk in the flesh. The natural law of physics is also intertwined within this Heavenly principle. The law of physics is 'For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction'. God is righteous and has a Heavenly code of moral conduct of right and wrong that He wants all His children to abide by. When one makes a decision there will always be a consequence to that decision. The consequence will either be good or bad. It is our choice to make these decisions. It is God's natural law of disciplinary action taking place. It was designed this way. ***For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (Hebrews 12:6-7, NKJV)***. We have a choice to bless or curse ourselves and others!

The good news however is even though this natural law of cause and effect affects us in our flesh and circumstances, it does not affect our relationship with God, and neither does it affect our salvation status. The punishment that dictated both those things is what Jesus removed at the Cross of Calvary! God took away punishment and left behind love, grace and discipline.

This is what God once spoke to me in regard to reaping and sowing; ***“Every man and woman is required to live a life pleasing to Me by following My moral law of right and wrong. My law is My Commandments of what is right and wrong and is written on your hearts and in your minds. When you follow the law of God you reap good things. This however does not mean that following the law of God saves you, heals you or justifies you – you are saved and made whole only through faith and belief in Jesus Christ and what He achieved on the cross for you. Only through His Blood can the sin be remitted unto you. Pain and suffering can come as a direct consequence of reaping what you have sown. If you cannot actively walk in all the ways of God due to weakness in your flesh***



*does this mean you are destined to live a life of pain? Absolutely not – the key is to yield and surrender to the Spirit. As you yield and surrender your life to Jesus and allow Him to put to death those things that are contrary to the law and commandments of God all will be well with you. Walking in the ways of God is never easy. It requires a life of discipline. Not everyone who enters in can walk in this disciplined way of living. Many are bound up in iniquity and need to be set free to live a life pleasing to God. Jesus died so you can be set free from those things that bind you. I do not expect My Children to instantly be able to walk as Jesus walked when they are first born-again. They are entrapped within the worldly system and the worldly system is binding. I am calling you to be separate from the world which means I have come to remove the bonds of the world from you. Grace doesn't give you the freedom to walk contrary to My ways without consequence but it does give you the means by which to become free from the entanglement of the world. **For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted (Hebrews 2:18, NKJV).** Jesus saves and delivers you through faith and belief in Him through the sanctification process - while following the law enables you to stay that way. **Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you" (John 5:14, NKJV).** My grace alongside faith in Jesus enables you to put to death those things that rise up against My law. In your weakness you cannot overcome. My strengths (Grace) enable you to overcome those things that you cannot. When you accept Me you come under My grace which is an empowering strength to change you. Grace does not let you off the hook when you sin – instead Grace is power you have in you to help you to overcome the sin! Those things you cannot change yourselves means My grace empowers you to change them. Without the grace of God you cannot keep the moral requirements of God. Only God's grace working through your members causes you to keep the law of right and wrong. **When Jesus, through the Holy Spirit who is within you, removes the sinful nature and the desire to sin, the law will no longer have power over you because there will no longer be sin within you for the law of God to arouse. When you no longer give in to sinful desires the principles of cause and effect can no longer render negative consequences because you are no longer entering into them - instead of death, you reap life."** **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death Romans 8:2, KJV).***

I believe part of the dying to self-process is also an outworking of all the negative things we have sown to our flesh. Repentance for these things can go a long way to breaking any assignments or curses that are in place due to the reaping of our negative actions. The Good News in Christ however also shows us that this law of reaping and sowing can also exert a positive effect. When we sow good things we also reap good things.

**Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you (Hosea 10:12, KJV).**

***And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9, KJV).*** I believe we are coming into a season of reaping the good things in the Kingdom of God in accordance with what we have sown to the Spirit.

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God in Jesus name I repent for all fleshly actions and reactions that I and my ancestors sowed due to wounds of hurt and bitterness. There are Godly actions and ungodly actions and no matter how justified I felt at the time for my fleshly actions, there is no excusing them. I repent for every cursed word I uttered, every lie I told, and every action I entered into against those who hurt me. I break any curse and enemy assignment against those people and against myself as a result of the reaping and sowing effect I and my ancestors sowed in Jesus name. I bless these people and I forgive these people. I forgive and bless myself. All demons of hurt, resentment, bitterness, hate, self-hate unforgiveness, unforgiveness of self, revenge, murder, anger, memory recall, jealousy, envy, suspicion, distrust, selfishness, retaliation, destruction, spite, sadism and cruelty I command you to leave immediately in Jesus name. I pray Lord Jesus that You would heal these wounds of hurt and bitterness within me. Help me to sow to myself in righteousness so I can reap mercy. Help me to not grow weary in doing well for in due season I shall reap the rewards. In Jesus name, Amen.”

**Seek God In All Things** – As I write this word (01/02/2020), the world is on high alert as there is an outbreak of a new virus called ‘Coronavirus’ that began in Wuhan, China. This virus is infecting and killing many worldwide. Mark and I had been following the statistics vigilantly and the virus was beginning to make its mark known with new cases appearing all around the world. The world was in a state of worry – face masks and disinfectant were disappearing off shelves quicker than they could be stacked all over the world. In light of this, my question to Mark was, ‘how much do we worry?’ What precautions do we take? Do we go about our business as normal? Do we avoid airports, airplanes, trains and train stations and places where it can be harboured? Reports show that the virus can stay alive on surfaces for up to five days and be contagious for up to fourteen days from a carrier of the virus before they are aware they are even sick. This could mean that in the three weeks before all flights from China were suspended from coming to New Zealand that thousands of passengers could have entered New Zealand who were infected and be boarding our buses, trains, supermarkets etc.

I had recently made plans with a friend to catch a train to meet up with someone whom we were to minister to, and I was hesitating whether to go on the train or not. I was already suffering with a number of ailments which make life very unpleasant and the last thing I wanted to catch was this virus which can cause pneumonia, nor did I want anyone I loved to be infected either. I felt that trains would be a place (if there was any live virus) to be harboured and easily spread. I spoke to my friend and she believed that we could go anywhere amid this virus and be fine as we were Christians and God was protecting us. It then posed another question for me, ‘does the Bible say that God will protect us from all things?’ There are many scriptures that talk about God’s protection, His provision and His blessing so in hindsight we should trust in God and not fear. My friend had experienced God’s protection many times in her life as had many others but I still wondered if God is protecting Christians from all things why then are so many Christians suffering with so many things around the world (including myself who is still

waiting for healing), and have been for many years? I admit I suffer with fear and anxiety, and foreboding is an issue with me so I tend to overprotect and over worry, which I know is not putting trust in God, but are we really to be so trusting in God that we believe we are bullet proof and can do anything without fear in the belief He is protecting us from everything? My understanding is that we are to trust God in all things but I also believe there may be people who may not act with wisdom by taking unnecessary risks by putting themselves in harm's way under the assumption nothing bad will ever happen to them because God is protecting them from all things.

I scoured the Scriptures to see what the word said about being careful and to not take Gods protection for granted. This is what I found; ***Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God (Matthew 4:5-7, KJV).***

***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 John 5:8-9, KJV).*** The word vigilant means to be cautious.

***Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end (Proverbs 19:20, KJV).***

***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7, KJV).***

***Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all (Psalm 34:19, KJV).***

***These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33, KJV).***

***Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves (Matthew 10:16, KJV).***

In regard to these Scriptures I believe we need to find a balance. We should not fear and trust God in all things but it is wrong to assume that we won't suffer tribulation and that God will protect us from everything. If we give a foothold to the devil we give him opportunity to afflict us. ***Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (Galatians 6:7-8, KJV).*** In light of this I decided to seek God and get direction about ministering the following week in regard to the concern about the Coronavirus and me using the train. Straight away I got a word and in the word I got told that it was inevitable that most would catch this virus and for many it would be mild. I got told to take the train and God would ensure that I and my family would only experience it mildly. At the end of receiving the word I got asked a question and the question was "Did you like this word?" I replied that I did like the word as it was

reassuring that I and my family wouldn't get affected badly by this virus and that we could now go anywhere and do anything without fear of the virus. In that exact moment I felt a tangible peace that went right through my very being. I never got that knowing (where your spirit witnesses with His Holy Spirit and you know deep in your knower that it is His voice), but the reassurance and the peace was so strong I initially accepted the word.

The next day I was uneasy again. Was that really God? I never got the knowing when I heard the voice speaking to me which is what I always look for. I only got the supernatural feeling of peace wash over me and this gave me reassurance that everything would be alright. Not long after discussing how I felt with Mark about how I felt the word may have been from the enemy I got sent unprompted an article from a friend who felt it would be of benefit for me and knew nothing of my worry. The article was about David and how he never did anything when going in to battle against the enemy from his own wisdom or past experience. He always sought God for His strategy before going into battle and waited on God for instruction. I knew this word was meant for me. I sought God again and told Him I wasn't sure if the word I got the day before was from Him as I didn't get the knowing, just peace and this time I got the knowing that comes with His voice when He speaks to me. This is what I heard ***“You received this word, yet it was not My voice. You know My voice – your spirit witnesses with My Holy Spirit when I speak. Your sensitivity enables you to discern between the voices. You have a discerning spirit. This is My gift of discernment in action. The more time you spend with Me in My presence and in My word enables this gift to grow. Don't let feelings cloud your judgement. I can give you a supernatural peace when needed but the enemy can too. They are similar but differ greatly when you know how to discern between the two. My supernatural peace comes with a knowing – the enemy's peace comes without the knowing. You did not get the knowing with that word - you just felt peace. The enemy gives you supernatural peace to send you on the wrong path. Coronavirus – I will not let you get touched with this virus. I am your Father and you are My daughter – I will protect you. You are right to take precautions. There is a fine line between 'believing I will protect you from all things' and 'knowing I am with you in all things'. I am with you in all things – always! I will never leave you nor forsake you. Sometimes I allow you to go through things for a purpose. I also watch to see how you will respond so I can bring out your strengths and weaknesses so I can use them both for My Kingdom purposes. Other times the enemy has a foothold in your life through sin which means the open door to the enemy is a blockage which prevents you from receiving from Me. In all cases stay close to God – cling to Him in the midst of the storm. Listen to His voice – learn His voice so He can guide you out into the calm. In regard to Ministry nothing has changed, continue as you are. I am with you in all things. Whether you take the train, or do not take the train I am protecting you. There will be many plagues being released in this time. In regard to these things there will be times I caution you to refrain and not proceed, and other times I advise you to go ahead. I am protecting you and your family. You are in the perfect will of God – you seek Me in all things and are exactly where I need for you to be. That does not mean I want you to enter disease infected terrains under the guise I will keep you. Seek Me in all things before you go your way so I can go ahead of you and prepare the way. I have the*”**

*perfect plan for you. The coronavirus will not affect you. Fear not! Go in peace – My perfect peace for I the Lord have reassured you – not with feelings but with My voice and you know My voice because your spirit witnesses with My Holy Spirit that it is I who speaks to you. Look for this always.”*

I then asked God what the purpose of the counterfeit word was from the enemy. The words were similar, and both gave me peace and reassurance. He said, **“It was all about telling you the right things that you wanted to hear so you would look for the peace and rely on this feeling instead of the peace that comes with the knowing. It was a new strategy of the enemy”**

After this He reminded me of something that happened with my husband and his business and how important it is to seek Him for direction in all things. For over a year our business (we own an online computer business) has been very slow. Sales have been almost non-existent and finances are tight. Mark runs this business from home and has been doing so for the last eighteen years. The website was old and he decided it was time for an upgrade. He prayed for God to send him the right website developer and when he felt he had found the right one enlisted him and a new website was built. It was very expensive and just before and after this time sales slowed progressively. Mark and I always pray for protection and for God to bless our business.

Recently the Holy Spirit impressed upon me that Mark had made the decision to employ a web-site developer and create a new website but had never sought God about this and went ahead in his own wisdom to do so. He had prayed for God to show him the right website developer but he had not prayed about whether it was the right thing to go ahead and even create a new website. I suggested to Mark that He apologise to God for making plans and decisions without first praying about it and giving it to God. After this I felt that Mark should put a prayer request on his parent’s prayer chain asking people to pray. Sales have since picked up expediently and that was almost three weeks ago. God also showed Mark some new strategies to boost sales. God explained to me that when you just go ahead using your own wisdom and don’t seek God for direction when you have important decisions to make you are not allowing Him to go ahead and prepare the way for you. This means you can hit turbulence and unnecessary speed bumps until you get back on course and enter into His perfect plan and path for you.

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6, NKJV).*** Part of trusting in the Lord is seeking His direction before You enter into any new plans for your life. Seek Him in all things.

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God in Jesus name I repent for following my own plans, paths and direction without first consulting You beforehand. I repent for making important decisions and not allowing You to be part of the decision making process. I repent that I did not wait for Your peace and knowing before I proceeded ahead with any plans. I renounce all counterfeit peace and pray that You would protect me from this. I ask that You would go ahead and prepare the way before me and lead and guide me into the Godly plan and path for me. If I have stepped off Your Godly path I ask that You would always gently nudge me back on. I ask that You would always lead and guide me away from all harm, danger and evil. I repent for assumption – assuming You were protecting me from all things when Your word clearly says ‘You are with me in all things’. I repent

for the times I blamed You for not protecting me when I entered into things in which I had no business doing so. Thank You that You work all things together for good to those that love You and are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28). If there are things in my life and in my families lives that hinder Your love and protection please reveal these things to us so we can repent and remove them from our lives. I pray for Your protection for myself and my family in Jesus name against all the things that seek to harm, kill and destroy. I rebuke all viruses, bacterial and fungal infections in Jesus name and I declare that no plague will come near my dwelling. These things I pray in Jesus name, Amen.”

**(Please Note) – IMPORTANT UPDATE (21/03/2020)** - *The advice from God to me now in regard to the coronavirus is to go into lock down and avoid going out as much as possible. I believe I heard from God and He told me that He is talking to the Government and putting things in place to protect the people. Mark, myself and the kids all prayed and sought God and we got that it is time for all to think of others – the weak and vulnerable and not be selfish and avoid public places and the risk of transmission as much as possible. He told us to obey the government in this time. The government is putting in these practices to protect people from catching the virus – although 80% of people only get mild symptoms – the rest can get serious problems and need hospitalisation whilst others can die. He also told me that the world will not listen and things will escalate. Eventually He will stop speaking to the government as they will stop listening to Him and they will be ruled by antichrist – which will be caused by the people not listening to them and obeying their rules. This will eventually bring in one world order and the mark of the beast system. The bottom line here is to think of others and reduce the risk of transmission. Most importantly seek God in all things and seek His direction constantly as things can quickly change!*

**\*\*\*Update (2022)** - *My friend and I did catch the train that day to do Ministry and just like God promised I never caught the virus. The virus at the time was the original alpha strain. After this was delta. New Zealand was in lockdown for quite some time until the vaccines were distributed. Almost one year after receiving the vaccine (double dose) my family and I caught Covid - 19 (the omicron strain). We caught the virus in July 2022. It was very mild for all of us. When the virus was at its most virulent God protected us because we listened to His instruction. It also turned out (which was interesting) that what the enemy spoke that day was also the truth. Most have gotten the virus and for many it has been mild. Just like God showed me, the enemy will give you truth with a deceptive twist to keep you trapped in that deception. In this case the enemy wanted me to look for feelings instead of the 'knowing' that comes with His voice. False peace is counterfeit peace and based on a FALSE feeling of relief and escape rather than true peace. True peace with God is in the love of Christ knowing He is for you and not against you and remembering this always in times of peril.*

**God Chastises Those Whom He Loves – 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. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby (Hebrews 12:1-11, KJV).**

Recently I was having one of my down episodes of losing hope in the healing for the anxiety disorder and its physical and emotional related symptoms that crippled me, which God had promised me many years ago. Waiting for healing to manifest (when you have heard clearly from God that it will happen) when it tarries for so long is very hard. On top of all the emotional and physical issues I need healing for, and am struggling with I recently cut my gum with a jagged potato chip which then became infected causing immense pain. Not wanting to take antibiotics as I experience a lot of side effects (and avoid them whenever possible) I started doing salt water gargles, antiseptic mouthwashes, colloidal silver gargles and bonjela rubs hoping and praying it would heal. As I was praying for my gum I heard the Lord speak to me and He told me that when you pray you are leaving the outcome in His hands. I liked the sound of that so in addition I also told Him that 'I release these issues into His hands' and believed He was in control of the outcome.

That night as I went to bed I heard the voice of the Lord speak to me and this is what He said, ***“Don’t give up on Me because I have not given up on you. Your healing for all the ailments you suffer has been delayed for a reason and when you understand and see why you will be so pleased I did it the way I have. You will be glorified because I will be glorified in you.”***

The next day as I sat reading my Bible I came to Hebrews and started reading about the chastisement of the Lord and how God uses it to refine those whom He loves. I sat pondering it and remembered how once before I had taken the word chasteneth and the word scourgeth back to the original Greek words and found that *the word chasteneth in Greek is **Paideuo** and means to instruct, teach and train, and to chasten by the affliction of evils and calamities. The word Scourgeth in Hebrew is **Showt** and **Mastigoo** in Greek and means to whip or chastise.* This then means that God whips us into shape by using the affliction of evils and calamities. How very interesting!

As I was remembering this I heard the Lord again speak to me. This is what I believe He said, ***“The Lord chastens and scourges those whom He loves. Why does He do this? The answer lies in the next part of the passage – you are being trained***

**by it! At the moment the Heavens and earth are being shaken. Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:26-29, KJV). At the moment there is a shaking – both in Heaven and on the earth. What is happening in the Heavens is also being reflected also on earth. Let me unveil to you a mystery. Chastening – this is not pleasant but nevertheless a necessity because afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are being trained by it. What is the righteousness of Christ? Knowing you are saved, healed, delivered and made whole by His sacrifice and Blood and not of your own works lest you should boast. I have to shake (remove) those things that are contrary to Me. You can either sink or swim in the process. Sinking is walking away from Me and swimming is leaning more into Me. Pursue Me. Trust in Me. Keep your hope in Me. Look to Me. Never give up on Me and never let Me go. I need to refine you so you can become holy as I am holy.**

*I draw out your strengths and weaknesses and when I see that you have yielded up those areas of weakness to Me I strengthen those areas that are weak and enhance those areas that are strong. As I draw out your strengths and weaknesses you become vulnerable. Those who strive to be strong and don't allow weakness or vulnerability need further shaking. Those who also refuse to be strong in themselves, instead looking to others for their strength when they have more within them, also need more shaking. This is to draw out their inner strengths that I have already placed within them. I want to be your Master. I want you to be dependent on Me. This does not mean that you can't rely on yourself or another for support, you can - but ultimately I need you to come to that realisation that you can't do it without Me. I will remove all avenues bit by bit, piece by piece that are not part of My plan for you so you are left to rely solely on Me and My provision for you. I am removing the world from you. This isn't to say that some things you are relying on aren't good, because they are, but eventually the baby has to be weaned from its mother's milk, and just like the bird who is pushed out of the nest to survive on its own, so too do you need to do this. The good news is when this happens you will never be alone. I will be with you always. I am removing dependency on the world and teaching you to be dependent on Me. I am preparing you for the end of days when you will no longer have a place in this world. When all other means fail, I never will. God never fails. Dependency on Me. This is what I am outworking in you. In the end of days there will come a time when I am all that you will have and all that you will need, and you will be glad that I trained you to learn this. Reliance on Me – dependency on Me. This does not mean that I will remove your loved ones so you depend only on Me – but the provisions others can supply will never be enough for your needs. I am God and only I can supply all your needs according to My riches in glory by Jesus Christ. Those in the world who reject Me will not have a saviour, but those who follow and trust in Me will always have Me. I will*



*never leave them. I am training you for such a time as this. You will be glad and in time you will see that when every other avenue is exhausted for your healing you will still have Me. This is when your healing will manifest – when every option outside of Me has not worked and you come to the end of yourself and need My strength. This is when you cease from your works and enter into My rest. When the end times come you would have already learned what it means to rely solely on Me and you would have been delivered and healed so that you will know you can rely and trust solely on Me in those times and teach others to do the same. In these times before I return, it will mean the difference between life and death – staying close to Me and continuing to walk with Me or turning away and choosing the world.*

*The road to God is narrow – the road to the world is wide – so much provision in the world but one day that provision will be gone for those who choose to follow Me. This is why your healing has tarried for so long. You are My daughter, you are Mine and I chastise those whom I love. I am removing every resource available to you for your healing so that you depend only on Me. My Glory will shine through you – why? Because My strengths are made perfect in your weakness. My grace is sufficient for you. My grace is My empowering strength which works through you to empower you. This is in My timing and when I know you are ready. I will heal you and I will glorify you and you will be a testament of My love, My grace and My blessings. Surrender all. Those who surrender their all to Me are the ones who come out on top!”*

Interestingly after I received this revelation I had been battling my gum infection for around five days and there was absolutely no change. Each time Mark and I prayed we keep getting to wait and that it would pass. On the sixth night which was a Sunday night I decided I needed the antibiotics as I couldn't bear the pain anymore and went to my local doctor's surgery who operate as an A & E triage system. The fee for this procedure is way more expensive than an appointment to see your own doctor but I was desperate and decided that antibiotics were now my only option, and the sooner I got them the better. As I arrived I was informed the wait time was 2 ½ hours. I had even prayed to God beforehand to go ahead and prepare the way. Not wanting to sit around at the doctors and wait that long I decided to come back home. The next morning my gum had improved by around 30% so I decided to wait it out a bit more. As I write this my gum has improved now by about 90% and I know that it will come right without the need for antibiotics. God had told me to wait. Not being 100% sure if it was Him I was hearing from I was impatient and went anyway, but because I had prayed and put the outcome in His hands He had gone ahead of me and blocked the way. It had appeared to me on the Sunday when I went to the doctor that He hadn't gone ahead and prepared the way at all but God knew that it would heal without the need for antibiotics so prevented me from getting them (knowing full well the side effects I suffer when I take them) which is still in essence 'going ahead and preparing the way'. This whole ordeal was God illustrating to me that we need to wait on Him and when we go ahead with our own plans and things appear to us like God is not helping, this is not the truth. He is always helping and preparing the way – it just may not look like how we expect it to look. I am learning that God is in control and that we are the biggest obstacle to God fulfilling His plans. We need to trust in Him no matter what the circumstances are showing us and trust that He is in control. We need to trust that He

is good all the time and even though certain things make no sense to us or those around us, we need to endure His chastening so that at the end of it we can be partakers of His holiness and the peaceable fruit of His righteousness.

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God I repent for being resentful toward You for chastising and scourging me. Thank You that You chastise and scourge those whom You love. I understand that You are shaking those things within me that are not of You so that afterward I can yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Thank You that You are making me more holy just as You are holy. Thank You that through this shaking I am being trained by You, and that I am learning to let go of the world and become fully dependent on you. Thank You for all the people and resources You have placed in my life to aide in this. I pray that You would close the door to those people and things that are not part of Your plan for me. I understand that when these things are removed I will always have You and that You will never leave me nor forsake me. You are my God and You supply all my needs according to Your riches in Glory by Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:19). I trust that You are good all the time and that You turn all things to good for those who are called according to Your purpose. I praise You Lord God for Your perfect timing, and for my weaknesses that You have exposed, in order to display Your power and glory through. I will be a testament to Your goodness because when all else fails You never do. These things I pray in Jesus name, Amen.”

**Separating Oneself From Christ’s Body** – Not long ago I got a word for someone that they had rejected Christ. With no immediate revelation or understanding how or why as they were a follower of Jesus Christ, I believed that in time Christ would reveal it to them. Today I learned that this person had many years ago separated themselves from the ‘organised’ Church because they had felt ostracised and rejected. They also didn’t want to associate themselves with the Christian religion for fear of rejection from the world. This person said that they still followed Jesus but didn’t want anything to do with the Church. Immediately the Scripture about Christ being the head and the church being His body came to mind. ***And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross (Colossians 1:18-19, NKJV).***

As I typed parts of this Scripture into google to find the actual Scripture an article came up about people who had rejected the Church wanting nothing to do with the religion, instead just wanting Jesus. The writer went on to explain that when you do this you are severing the head of Jesus from His body and walking around with just His head. Jesus is the Head, of His body, which is His church. When one severs a head from one’s body there is no life left between the head and body. If one self-amputates and severs limbs from a body the body can no longer function as a whole body. The Head (Jesus), and His body (Jesus’ church) are totally inseparable. The Lord then told me that when you reject the Church it can cause damage to the Body and also can cause Christ to suffer.

I then decided to study what the word Church in Scripture means in **Colossians 1:18**. The word for Church in Greek is Ekklesia and means 1) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly 1d1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting 1d2) a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake 1d3) those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body 1d4) the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth 1d5) the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven.

So we see that the Church (which is Christ's body) is a fellowship of believers who come together to celebrate Christ. This shows us also that Church doesn't have to be a building with a pastor and other believers to be 'the body'. It means that the word of God tells us to fellowship and celebrate Him together with other believers. What denotes a gathering of believers? Two or more people. ***Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them (Matthew 18:19-20, NKJV)***. It is my belief that the word of God commands us to fellowship together – this means more than just the times you share between yourself and God. Without this fellowshiping one cannot grow in the things of Christ.

***And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25, NKJV)***.

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another (John 13:34, NKJV)***. It is a very dangerous place to be if you are not regularly fellowshiping with other believers. ***I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me (John 17:20-23, NKJV)***.

***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7, NKJV)***. Other believers help you to grow. God works with you together in unity as one body. He also gives gifts for you to use to minister to one another with. ***And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by***

***the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:11-16,NKJV).*** A proper functioning Church should have functioning members who all use their gifts together for the purpose of edifying Christ and one another. If you have fellowshiped with other believers and had disunity amongst you causing you to cut yourself from them this also causes damage to Christ's body. Scripture shows us if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. ***For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.***

***And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it (1 Corinthians 12-26, NKJV).***

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God in Jesus name I repent for any time I rejected the Church which is the body of Christ and equates to rejecting Christ. I repent for not associating myself with the Christian religion through fear of rejection from others. I declare that my religion is Christianity and I worship and follow Jesus Christ. I repent for anytime I believed I did not need the Body and severed Your head from the Body to carry around with me. I am sorry for causing suffering to You Lord Jesus when I damaged the Body by separating myself from it. I am sorry for anytime I severed or amputated limbs from the body of Christ through division, disunity or cutting myself off from and causing suffering amongst the members. I forgive all those who offended me in the body of Christ. I repent for offending anyone in the body of Christ. I understand that fellowshiping within the Body of Christ is a command from You and that it is for wholeness, so I pray that You would lead and guide me to a body of believers that function as Your body that I can be one with. I pray that all damage and severed parts of the Body of Christ would be restored and made whole so that we can be as one with You. In Jesus name, Amen.”

**Hanging On To Jesus** – For the last six months I have been in a really hard place with God. I was feeling really discouraged. For seven years I have been struggling with severe menopause symptoms and anxiety. He promised me healing many years earlier but still this has not happened. Ministering and even visiting people while feeling awful is hard but you learn to suck it up and put on a brave front regardless. To the outside world I am fine but in my own space I am not. My relationship with God had taken a backwards turn. I was still managing to read a passage of Scripture each day and thank God for the things He had promised me (as a means of not letting go of my promises) but that was all I had been able to muster for the last few months. I used to put songs of worship on and sit with Him and spend time in His presence but lately I have felt that I had been too deflated to even try. Most of the time you believe He is there by faith and spend that time in that belief with Him, but without actually experiencing His presence every time you do (as it only happens on occasions) I felt like it was a burden and that I was striving so I just stopped.

A few years ago I had skin cancer and a large portion of my upper lip removed. The plastic surgeon informed me that I would need reconstruction surgery before the operation. In the end I never needed this as the end result (even after having a third operation) was satisfactory. I have another appointment in a few months to see another plastic surgeon as I have a couple more growths which if cancerous could result in having to have significant chunks being removed from my lower lip and nose. Nose cancer surgeries usually result in a skin graft and some can turn out great whilst others do not. I keep telling myself it worked out fine last time so hopefully it will again this time, but even more so am hoping these ones won't be cancerous at all and will not even need excisions. Worrying about this just exacerbated my other issues.

The ministry itself was also causing me to lose hope in the power and promises of God. Lately anyone I was ministering to didn't seem to experience any change whatsoever. Sessions were great but afterward when the people were back home they were no better. I felt like the Ministry was a dud, my walk with God was failing and I would be stuck like this in my physical body forever. Throughout all this the enemy was in my head condemning me – telling me that my relationship with God had also failed, that I was no good, that I had blown my chance and that God was not pleased with me. If I tried to talk to anyone about how I felt (without them meaning to) I would also end up feeling condemned. Most would tell me just to trust, or to proclaim and declare, rebuke and pray. It is not their fault that they do this, they are trying to help but only God can know what each and everyone needs in their time of need. To be honest I was simply too sad and tired to fight anymore.

Yesterday I received a phone call from a friend. She was ringing to ask my advice about a word she had received from God. I helped her and then at the end of the phone call I told her how I was feeling. What she said was amazing and helped me so much that I decided to write an article to help someone else who is in this state of helplessness and feeling like they had disappointed God. This is what she said to me, *“Tania you are still reading your Bible even though you feel like this – take that as a win. Tania you are still thanking God everyday for the things He has promised*

*you – take that as a win. You are still ministering to other people even though you yourself are broken and feel the way you feel – take that as a win. Tania you have encouraged me every time I have come to you, and you have helped me so much in my Christian walk – take that as a win. Tania you haven't let go of Jesus even though you are feeling like this – take that as a win. It doesn't matter that you haven't been doing what you normally do – you haven't let him go or given up or walked away – take that as win."*

No one had ever said that to me before. More often than not people in their attempt to help, tell you what to do and sometimes that just makes you feel like you are even more of a failure. My friend didn't do this, instead she simply encouraged me. She didn't tell me to do more, or to do something that I couldn't or hadn't, she just simply showed me 'the good' that I still had in my relationship with God. That last sentence where she spoke 'you haven't let Him go' reverberated through me and in that moment I knew God had sent her and was speaking through her to me.

I started to cry and when I hung up the phone I wept harder. I knew in that moment that God wasn't upset with me, and that He wasn't disappointed in me. He then reiterated to me the Scripture '*hope deferred makes the heart sick*' and I knew that He understood and wasn't displeased with me at all. In fact what I felt in that moment was that He was pleased with me because I hadn't let go of Jesus. I still had faith in Jesus no matter what. If you are being condemned by the enemy right now that you have failed God let me reassure you – if you are still hanging onto Jesus (no matter by how small a thread) you have not, and He **is** pleased with you. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. If you are still hanging on to Jesus you have faith in Him which means you have pleased God! I then remembered how God had once told me that what He looks for is those who never give up and never let Him go no matter the trials and circumstances. It is in this place that He can raise you up. When you have been cut down to a stump and allowed Him to reign in you, that is when you receive new life.

Immediately after writing this I felt an overwhelming desire to put on worship music and sing to my Lord and Saviour. In that moment the Lord Jesus spoke to me and this is what I believe He said, ***"Pleasing God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith in Jesus pleases God. If you believe God is not pleased with you because of all the things you haven't done it can become a blockage on your end to receiving all I have for you. Worship releases My presence and My anointing and it dismantles the power of the enemy. Worship is a weapon given to you by Me. A gift that God has given to you for your benefit. When you don't worship or praise Me you can enter into self-pity, heaviness and despair. Worship is given for you, not for Me. You put on the garment of praise for heaviness. When you enter into self-pity you stop worshipping and praising Me. You enter into self-worship, or worshipping of self and self needs. You start to look inward instead of outward at Me. Worship is a gift. How do you enter into My Heavenly courts? Through praise and thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep***

***of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations (Psalm 100, KJV). Keep worshipping and praising Me as this removes the garment of heaviness. Heaviness prevents you from hearing Me through the fog. Heaviness is a blockage and while you are in this place you may not be able to hear directly or receive from Me. It isn't because I have stopped talking or blessing you, it is because the blockage prevents you from receiving or hearing from Me directly. Although you haven't yet received My promises that I have given to you, removing the garment of heaviness makes it easier for you to move forward into the place that I have prepared for you".***

For all those reading this who have been waiting for God I truly believe His help and the fulfilment of His promises He has given to each and everyone of us is just around the corner. Keep hoping, but most of all keep hanging on to Jesus for the best is yet to come!

**(PRAYER)** – “Father, Son and Holy Spirit I come before You and repent for self-pity and self-worship. I repent for looking inward and not outward at You. I repent for not using Your gift of worship, praise and thanksgiving as a weapon and as a means to enter into the courts of Heaven where you are seated at the Throne of Grace. I am sorry I believed You were not pleased with me which became a blockage for me to receiving all You have for me. Your word says that faith in Jesus pleases God and by me not letting go of Jesus means I have faith pleasing to You. I command that thick fog of heaviness, self-pity, depression, tiredness and hopelessness to go in Jesus name.” \*\*\*\*\* Put on some worship music and start worshipping and praising God.

**Condemnation** – I have often heard people telling others that even though they are entering into sinful practices that there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

What is condemnation? According to the Bible the passage in **Romans 8:1** the word condemnation in Greek it is Krisis and means a separating, sundering, separation. A trial, contest. selection. Judgment. Opinion or decision given concerning anything esp. concerning justice and injustice. Right or wrong sentence of condemnation, damnatory judgment, condemnation and punishment.

***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24, KJV).***

***He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18, KJV).***

***Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life (Romans 8:15, KJV).*** These Passages show us that once we believe and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior we pass from the

judgment of death, separation from God and damnation to Hell into life. We are no longer condemned with the world.

That is great news but is that all the Bible has to say about condemnation? **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Romans 8:1-13, KJV).**

This Passage reiterates the truth that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus but it also adds a bit more to this statement which says 'who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit'. What does this mean? Does it mean if we walk in the flesh we are condemned? Further down it says 'But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you'. Does this statement mean it is impossible to walk in the flesh because the Spirit of God is in you? I decided to unpack these Scriptures and take them back to the original Greek transcripts to see what they really say and mean.

**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** The word 'walk' in this passage is **Peripateo** and means 1) Hebrew for, to live 1a) to regulate one's life 1b) to conduct one's self 1c) to pass one's life.

The word 'after' is **Kata** and means down from, throughout, according to, toward, along.

**But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** The word 'in' is **En** and means by, with.

**Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** The word 'Mortify' is **Thanatoo** and means To put to death.

In my understanding of what these passages are saying I have written them as I understand them, 'There is no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus who regulate one's life following and obeying the Spirit of God. If you regulate your life following and obeying the flesh you will experience condemnation and judgment and die an



eternal death in Hell. The Good News of Christ is that the Spirit of God dwells in you so you are not enslaved or bound to obeying the flesh. If you work with the Holy Spirit and put to death the deeds of the body you will live'. What this means then is that there is no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus even when you mess up but if you continue to abound in walking in the flesh whilst disobeying the Holy Spirit and ignoring His conviction and doing your own thing you run the risk of eternal damnation.

When I hear someone telling another person who is actively sinning that there is no condemnation, the worry for me is that without any further teaching, the person sinning might miss the conviction of the Holy Spirit and believe that Grace has them so covered in their sins that there is no accountability. I have seen first-hand the destruction of what walking in the works of the flesh can do. Walking in the flesh gives the enemy power over you (Ephesians 4:27). Although there is no condemnation (separation from God and damnation to Hell), there is still some serious physical and spiritual consequences ***Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Galatians 6:7-9, KJV).***

Walking in the Spirit means that you allow the Holy Spirit to show you when you are walking contrary to God's commands and then in obedience turning away from them and toward Him. God requires us to live a life reflecting the fruit of His righteousness. We need to be seen to be different from the world. If any sin is a weakness in your life and you find it difficult to overcome then ask Him to help you. As long as you are working with Him and acknowledging the sin there is no condemnation. It doesn't matter how long it takes to get it sorted because you are still seeking the Lord and having a relationship with Him. Dismissing the sin and believing it is fine and you are covered by Grace is a dangerous area to get into. The Bible is very clear that wilful sinning (where one sins willingly with no remorse) is an area where one is in danger of coming under condemnation. ***For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:26-31, NKJV).***

A Christian life is a life of following in His ways. This includes confessing sins one to the other, repenting to God, praying for one another, turning away from sin and continually asking for God's help when it is too difficult. It is about relationship with Him and not going against Him and turning away from the world and wanting to be changed into a Christ-like creation.

As I was studying this, I came across some other verses in the Bible about condemnation.

***Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. (Luke 6:37, KJV).***

***Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door (James 5:9, KJV).*** These Scriptures show us that judging one another allows us to come under condemnation. The word condemnation in these passages is **Katadikázō** and means to adjudge against, i.e. pronounce guilty: condemn. This passage of condemning one who is judging another interestingly did not list damnation or separation in its meanings as it did with the other passage but instead a judgement of guilt. The Bible tells us to rightly divide the word of truth which means we are to shun wrong teaching and hold fast to His truth but this does not mean we criticize and judge one another. The word tells us to love one another as He loves us and that we are to encourage and compliment one another. If a brother or sister is doing something that is not of God then we are to correct and teach in love. Although these Scriptures show we receive judgment and condemnation when we judge and condemn others it does not mean separation from God or losing our salvation because John 3:16 tells us we are saved and justified by faith in Jesus. It is however a warning that the consequences of these actions is great.

***And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come (1 Corinthians 11:24-34, KJV).***

The Lord once told me when taking communion, it is always good to reflect on how we are not righteous or worthy in our own strength or through our own good works to partake in the blessings of God and to thank Jesus for covering us. The Bible teaches that our own righteousness is as filthy as rags and that our righteousness comes from the robe of righteousness which Jesus clothes us in when we are saved. It is important to note however that although we are to judge ourselves worthy only to partake of all Christ has for us through His righteousness this does not mean we are to see ourselves as worthless. God loves us so much that although sin separated us from Him and His Kingdom He sent Christ to cover us so that we would reconciled back to Him again. The Bible teaches that every person has inherent worth and value as a creation of God and that God loved us before we were even born. Our worthiness is not based on our own achievements or actions but is rooted in God's love and grace, which are extended to all who believe in Him.

Another way we can come under condemnation is when we do not obey those whom God has put in authority and leadership over us. ***Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation (Romans 13:1-2, KJV).***

Damnation in Greek is **Krima** and means a decree, judgements. Condemnation of wrong, the decision (whether severe or mild) which one passes on the faults of others. Again there seems to be no separation from God or damnation to hell (losing your salvation) but instead a serious consequence of judgement. Obeying the Higher Powers however does not mean that you are to obey anyone in authority over you if they want you to walk or do anything that is contrary to the ways of God.

Another way is when your own tongue rises against you in judgement in the form of putting yourself down and believing you are worthless. The word of God says when someone rises against you in judgement they come under condemnation. If you are coming against yourself in judgement and condemnation you are also condemning yourself. ***No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD (Isaiah 54:17, KJV).***

So, to conclude we see that we are no longer under condemnation (separated from God and damned to Hell) because we are covered by Christ in our sins when we choose to follow after Him but we can be afflicted negatively through our wrongful actions when we walk according to the flesh. The consequences also appear to be greater when we are condemning, judging ourselves and others, and also when resisting those in authority over us.

**(PRAYER)** – “Father God I repent in Jesus name for anytime I resisted the conviction of the Holy Spirit and did not confess my sin because of the belief I was under grace and no longer accountable for my sins and actions. I repent for every time my tongue rose up in judgement and condemnation against myself or another and when I did not obey those in authority over me. I now break off all condemnation from myself and off those I judged and condemned in Jesus name. I ask You Holy Spirit to continue to convict me of sin and teach me how to live in accordance with Your Kingdom. I ask You also Holy Spirit to teach me the difference between rightly dividing Your word of truth and correcting in love as opposed to when I am judging and condemning others. Thank You, In Jesus name, Amen.”

**Post Deliverance Infilling Prayer** - “I break every curse over my life from pre-conception to the present day in the name of Jesus Christ. I ask Father God that every curse would be replaced with a blessing. In the name of Jesus and by the stripes He bore on His body I pray for healing within every area of my spirit/soul and body. (*Pray specifically for all ailments*). I command all misalignments to come into divine order in Jesus name. I cast out the spirit of infirmity in Jesus name. I cast out fear, shock and trauma in Jesus name. I command every fibre, every cell and every

part of this body to come into divine order. I command all pain to leave in Jesus name. I pray for a creative miracle in all areas where body matter needs to be regenerated. I command all cells, cell structure, DNA, RNA, and all parts of the spirit/soul and body not to remember all traumas in Jesus name. I pray for the fire of God to burn off all remaining remnants and dross in Jesus name. I command every demon who has access to me to leave immediately in Jesus name. With the blood of the lamb I seal all doorways closed to the demonic and declare that demons can only exit and not re-enter. I bind the demonic doorkeepers and terminate their assignment against me in Jesus name. I ask for the Holy Spirit to infill with light all areas that were once dark in Jesus name. I pray for a hedge of protection to be placed around me and for any holes to be repaired in Jesus name. Thank You Father God in Jesus name for delivering me".