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**FIGHT for RIGHT**



*The only way to move forward is to let go of the past and embrace the future.  
To believe in yourself and all that you are.  
Knowing that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.  
Your divine purpose!*

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Fight for your right to live out Gods promises in your life

Divine purpose lived out

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### *Introduction*

The title of this book is so dear to my heart. If we all only entered into what was given to us on the cross by Jesus Christ, if we only would stop and grip and inhale the blessings and victory provided for us by his blood. Then we would fight like never before. Because it is a fight to press into and press through the enemy's walls in our mind, around us and in this world. If I only could paint a picture of how this war actually are going on right before your eyes. If you only knew how the enemy is in charge of more than you realize, if only I had the right colors, the right words to enter into your mind and heart.... THEN you would fight like never before. Because you would not dare not to.

I pray that the words in this book touch your mind and goes deep into your spirit. May the Holy Spirit work in you and through you to acknowledge the war around us and to the depts that our enemy is strategically working to separate; each one of us, our family, our societies - from who we are in Christ Jesus.

Jeanette Tvenge

# YOU

I believe that we all have dreams and wishes for our own life's and the ones we love, our family and friends. When we take a look around I think we all can agree that many of us are not happy with the way our lives' are, or who we have become. Many murmur daily either over their own life, or over others.

You might also live out your dream, but are so concerned, worried and stressed about all that your dream is not satisfying to you anymore. Or we live our life's "totally happy", but not in what God want us too.

But the most damaging attitude we can have is when we get content with where we are. Then we stop to reach out for more, then we stop to dream that there is more out there to achieve, then we stop... and we reverse our lives. Because life is Dynamic. You either go fort or back from where you are right now. And if you do not move forward... then.... Is that what you really want with your life?

All the above sets an atmosphere around us that influence both our lives and the ones that surround us. If we do not take notice of this, our lives will just pass by, and we might wonder where it went or what did actually happen. The answer most people give at their dying point is this; I wish I had followed my dreams.

And then the question is; what is your dream? For some it might be to be a housewife, to somebody else; to be a good husband and a father, to others again to be creative. For each and one of us, it is a different dream. But I am sure of that if we do not participate in it, and follow it, then we will end up not happy about our life.

What does it mean to participate in your own dream, or to live it out?

First let us start with the bible standard; Philippians 4:8 " Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

What does this have to do with my personal life?

In my opinion, the world is often influenced negative. Take media. The newspaper sells because they tell all the terrible things that happen, and all the wrong things governments or people are doing. The magazines with all the headlined about all the drama, or created drama of others are very popular, what did they do wrong, what have they done that is strange and so on. I guess you have got the point by now.

Media also influence how we shall think about ourselves. From an early age, we get exposed to toys that can determent how we think about ourselves, television series, movies, magazines and they are all daily factors that can give us a wrong self-image.

How difficult can it be? How challenging and how much effort do I have to put into this life you are describing you might ask. It is totally up to you. You are in charge over your own life and how you want it to be. Take a moment and just think about the changes you want, and what effort you will put into it. Then decide what you will do when the challenges come.

Get into action and you will be directed. There are no such things as doing anything wrong, there is only learning by doing and correcting as we go. The Holy Spirit will direct us as long as we stick to him and follow his guidance. Remember that there is no such thing as a perfect walk with God. That is why we need grace and are living by faith, not by our own good deeds.



*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*

We all have a life where our actions show what we love in life. What our minds and hearts are occupied with, is what we speak about, put our effort and time into, and what we will give more to accomplish to make happen.

Is this something that just happen in our life, or does our everyday choices make us who we are? What do you think?

Might there be a choice we take unconsciously, or can we be in charge of our thoughts and make our steps the stepping stones to build our dreams?

I think there is both. I believe that if we are aware of our priorities in life, then we will also be aware of what it would have to take to accomplish these goals or dreams.

What you love in life determines your willingness to walk down the path that directs you to your dreams. Your honesty about yourself and others, will see you through the obstacles and reach the finish line.

Each obstacle puts us on a choice, a choice to put first on the ladder what we love the most. What we put first makes the whole difference if we get past the obstacle or not.

What you **love** in life determines your **willingness** to walk down the path no matter what it cost.

You see; we all put what we **love** on top of the ladder, and by doing that, **all our flaws and mistakes are washed away or made stronger depending on what we love.**

The beauty of having the ability to make choices, is that you can always rearrange your priorities. That I believe is where our honesty comes in. We all have a set of thinking and some behavior that will resist making the necessary walk to reach what we desire.

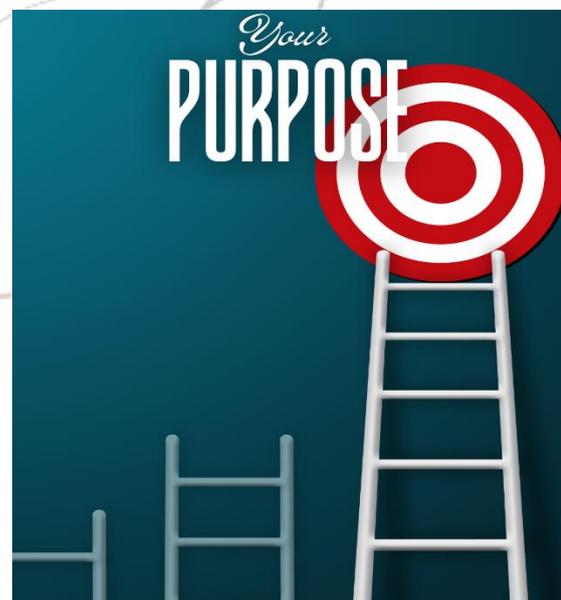
Jesus said in Matthew 22.37-39, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is *the* first and great commandment. And *the* second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'"

To me this is what needs to be on top of the ladder. When we put our life in the spot of God's love, then our priorities get right. When obstacles come our way; if we are honest to our self, He will make us go pass the obstacles. I do believe that our flaws, mistakes and weaknesses will be washed away by his love as we walk. Being honest to ourselves and others is something that will be required each step we walk passing each obstacle because we will face things in our own lives and from our circumstances that will bring out pain, stretch us beyond our wildest limits, challenge us until we no longer think we can breathe because we see all the dirt, the wrong attitudes, the unhealthy mindset we put our self through each day just because we are not willing to be honest about ourselves, or about who others around us are. Because it is painful to see the truth most of the time, because it always has the root in what makes us hold back from who we really are in Jesus Christ.

*Take a deep breath and just relax in your walk*

Honesty is facing the truth  
about yourself  
and about what you face,  
bringing it to the Cross,  
allowing The Holy Spirit  
to deal with it  
while we put all our trust  
in that the process is part of  
the path to reach the finish line.

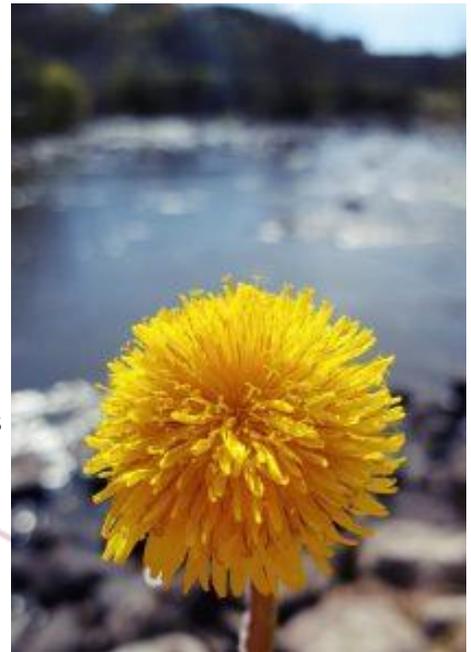
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## Where you started up in life does not have to determine where you end!

Over the years, I have learned that there is one thing that gives the standard for my choices in life. And that is attitude. Like many others, I have had ups and downs, and it is fun living when Your feeling on top of the mountain, but not so fun when you are at the bottom. It is not so much the circumstance's that has determined how my day went, it is mostly my own thoughts and the supporting feelings around my thinking.

The dandelion is a strange flower. Some might not agree that it can be called a flower. That it is ugly and have no use. Peoples opinion will have no influence in either the dandelion still remains as a part of our nature. From just having roots in Europe and Asia, it is now all over the world, and it has a special strength. They can grow almost anywhere no matter the circumstance's.



I believe you and I are the same way. But a small difference is that we have the choice to determine our choices. If I put my mind on something happy, then eventually I will feel happy because that is the way our body works. Our feelings are led by our thoughts.

Have you ever heard about the eye of the storm? Where there is complete silence. I have found out that I can have that in my life. Complete joy and peace when I do not connect my thoughts and feelings to what I experience.

God gives me this peace when I choose to trust his Word. Like it says in the Philippians 4. 6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

## Motivate yourself

MAKE: You have a choice

LIFE: It is yours

FUN: What makes you happy

LIVING: You are In charge

*Fil. 4.4 "Rejoice in the Lord always"*

### MAKE: You have a choice

In life, most of us have a choice on how we want our lives to be. Awareness of this choice makes it easier to choose the right way to walk. What we might often forget is that no matter what choice we make, we will pay a price. So, next time you are at a crossroad, small or huge, just remind yourself that your choices will give you consequences; good ones and not so good.

Just imagine some time ahead in the future of how you would like to live with these consequences and the price it will cost you. I believe you would find it much easier to take the right choice if you do this exercise. When life is hard or ruff... imagine how it will be with the choices you have in front of you.



### LIFE: It is yours

Remind yourself that your life is your responsibility. Guard your mind each day and put thoughts like; I determined who I will be, and I am amazing in becoming the best version of me, into your mindset.

Surround yourself with people and activities that strengthens the person you want to be or become. Make positive thinking and actions a habit.

A good life rule is; "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4.8



FUN: What makes you happy

You might find it strange that it is important to have focus on life being fun. My experience is that we often are so busy and have so much to do.

The simplest things in life is so easily to ignore but gives so much joy if we take time to enjoy them. The more we put our mind on thanking and enjoying life, the more fun we may find it to be. Taking time to at least two fun activities daily will give our lives a better quality.

Laugh a lot, be silly and just enjoy!



LIVING: You are in charge

To be in charge and to take responsibility over your own life are to different things.

One definition of the word responsibility is; answerable, or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management. And, one definition of to be in charge is; a person who takes responsibility for someone or something.

Often these two actions are mixed together, but there might be a good idea to have awareness of the two definitions. It sharpens our mind that in our daily life we are in charge and can take responsibility in the areas we face.



## Silent Victory

Do you know what a silent Victory is?

It is a victory where we come to the point that our flesh becomes silent and we just trust God.

So often we have so much noise in our head or around us that we cannot seem to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clear enough. We might hear it, but there are so many other sounds that compete or distract so we struggle more than we need too.

It is not hard to live in the silent victory it is just the easy switching point where we just trust the word in each situation we face.

The silent Victory is silent because the Victory already is won by Jesus, we just expect and receive it. All the fuss around the victory, how it is won and what price it took is just selfish. The only one that has paid a true price for the victory is Jesus Christ and through him we can receive and live out all that he has given us.

Never the less, there is a fight and a price to be paid, but it is mostly our flesh struggling. You might not agree because we have an enemy. Well, he is defeated, and all the weapon he has is fear and lies. He is a thief that only comes to steal and destroy. A thief only comes to take something that is valuable, so just rest assured that if he come to you, you got something good that he wants to steal. You have the power to deny him entrance in your mind and in what you have authority over. It is actually that easy, if we allow it to be.

**Success;** is not numbers

**Prosperity;** is not the visible

**Favor;** is not connected to the ability of others opinion of us or our own opinion

**Success;** is not a number

Every time I have done big economies sales, I have always prayed for the right person to buy, and you only need one; that is giving the right price, who is the right person for what you are selling and that it leads to a good transaction. God has always answered this prayer.

Like vice, you only need one right connection to start something. Because that one, knows another one that is right, that knows someone else that is the right person, and this is how things can multiply in a beautiful way. It is better to have one right connection than to have a 1000 wrong ones. Success is what makes the vision bloom, and to Bloom = Prosperity & Favor in the areas you need it to be. Money can never be the measurement or goal, but money is just a working toy to play out your next action.

## Prosperity; is not the visible

Prosperity may not be what we see with our eyes. Prosperity often is the growth within us in the areas we are walking out in faith. Prosperity always comes first to the invisible eye and then appears for us and others to see. Like a tree has its roots deep. You see how beautiful the trees are, but not how they are rooted. The bigger the tree, the deeper and stronger the roots has to be.

Therefore never, ever measure your prosperity to what the eye can see. It's not about 1000 blessings or just one blessing. It's about the blessing meeting where we are and in what we need and pray for.

## Favor; is not connected to the ability of others opinion of us or our own opinion

To me Gods favor is one of the best blessings in the bible. To have God's favor in our lives and on what we do is the most powerful blessings I know. It brings peace to the heart, peace in relationships, blessings in who we are and what we do, opens doors and gives access where access was impossible.

Hope you have been inspired with my definition on these three lovely words;

– Success – Prosperity – Favor -

## You are who God say you are

From I was born... I had to fight for everything. I had to fight to survive. You know those first months of a childhood that are so important where the baby is nurtured with love, care and good affection. My mother where not able to give me that... so it is actually a miracle that I survived my first years.

As long as I can remember, I have had a picture in my mind of me being around 2-3 years old, laying in a bed with a window to my left, and a night table to my right. I asked my mother about the picture when I was around 20 years old. I told her exactly what the room looked like, and she got silent for several minutes. Then she replied: "I had to put you on an orphan home. But I missed you so much that I had to get you back." Knowing my mother and her capability to take care of me, I just thought that I had at that time been taken from her, and what or how I got back to her did not really matter. But I was given an explanation to the picture.

I grew up with no rules or boundaries because I was always left to myself and had to take care of myself. As long as I stayed out of the way, everything was perfect. That thought me how to survive no matter the circumstances. I lived with my birth mother until I was 8 ½ years old.



The day I was placed away from my mother was also the day I was told I would never live with her again. I took my blue school backpack and filled it with some things. I do not remember what they were. I did not have much back then – so it was not a hard task to figure out what to bring with me.

I was placed in foster care in the same house where my 7 years old younger sister had lived for about 1 ½ year. New life, new rules, new family. From that day I only was allowed to be the person I was allowed to be as a family member in my new family. All else where no longer allowed to exist.

You learn fast to adopt a new lifestyle when you know you have no option. But it has its price.

You always pay a price –

Just make sure you pay the right one.

I early figured out that I had to be my own master. I had the ability to take charge over my life even if others seemed to be in control over it – they still could not change my mindset, nor my actions towards to what or who they thought I should be. I learned early when to speak, and when to be silent – and with that the surviving rule to please your surroundings in order to maintain your self intact with who you wanted to be, hiding your true self.

Marking a line in the sand where there was no crossing point to come into who you really were while you were acting and living out what your circumstances demanded from you. Along with this lifestyle comes an all going alert alarm and always to be ahead of the next step that your surroundings would take. You had to stay prepared – you had to read the signs, and then act in the best way you could in order to make life as smooth as possible in order to protect your real you. The You that was not allowed to live out as the personality you strongly felt you had – because it was mocked and not allowed to survive. It had to die. So, you started hiding your true self in order to survive – to protect all you had inside, and you learned how to act in all circumstances to please and live according to the expectations from your surroundings.

The blessing today is that this has been my steppingstones to see the value of the freedom Christ has given us – in Christ I am all He says I am. And having to fight so hard for my right just to be who I was born to be – made me learn how to fight for the right that God's word has for us as his children. The similarity in how the world want us to think and how God sees us is so similar to my childhood. Where the world around me tried to make me into something I was not, and since I had no other anchor point, I lived out the best I could. Today I see that when God puts something inside of us, the world around us will make resistance and try to talk us out of that. But all we need is just to stay put to what is put in our spirit, and the world around us has to adjust.

God only bring beauty out of ashes. His wonderful word tells us that in our self we can do nothing, but through his Son Jesus Christ we are able to do more than abundantly beyond our imagination when we stretch out in faith.

Accepting Christ Jesus gives us the entrance to be called children of God and to enter all the blessings He has for us.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to bring fire to our lives, He burns everything in our life that will be a hinder for us in walking out the blessings from God. The ashes are our beauty and something we can be proud of because it is in the ashes God will bring down his beauty and blessings.

You cannot give life to something that already is alive. You can only bring life to something that is dead. By faith we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and by faith we live out His life through us every day. Knowing that our own life and who we are will only be lifted and glorified when we see that we can only be and do everything through Christ Jesus.

The world we live in today has so much stress, so much demands, and there is so much pressure of being the best, perfect and have success in every area. It is sad to see that it also is highly seen in many Christian organizations. The reality of the worlds demand today has caused so many stress related diseases, wrong images of who the church are and who we are as Christians. It is one thing that the world is living under this pressure but as a living church of Christ the wonderful love from God has another solution through his church and his children.

Each day we may be filled with the wonderful peace from God.  
A peace that silence the demands and the stress from this world.

Every demand and pressure may be lifted off our lives when we come to see that what Jesus Christ has done for us is enough. He long so much to just tell us how we can live out our lives knowing we have it all in him, all peace, all strength, all power, all deliverance, every miracle, it is written in his name; Jesus.

He is the truth, the life and the way.

When His word say He is our provider, then we read about the truth over our lives.

When the word say He is the life, then we read that our lives are in him and we may live out the life  
he lived and live,

when he says he is the way, we no longer have to look for any other doors or ways, because His word  
has given us all the answers we need in every situation we may face.

By his death we are raised to life, by laying down our own life and die so his life; the word (John 1) may live through us.

Esaiah 61.3  
To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

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## A rock that we can rely on

We have a strong fortress in the word in the bible. A fortress that makes us stand strong in all our circumstances when we rely on God's word. Isaiah 26.1-4 "We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts.<sup>2</sup> Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.<sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

We have a Rock that we can rely on. Joh 1.1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John is referring to Jesus as the Word in this verse. Our Rock.

"Being confident of this very thing,  
that He who has begun a good work  
in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"  
Phil 1.6

A wonderful Sunday to you. Sunday is my favorite day in the week. To wake up in the morning with the feeling that the day will be amazing is more than wonderful. It has not always been like this, and that is why it makes it even more awesome, when you have longed for something and missed it, then it just makes you so grateful when it is present in your life.

We can be confident in this very thing, that the amazing power and victory that is given too us through the mighty blood of Jesus Christ, when we became born again, started a good work within us, and He is more than willing, eager, able and more fired up than us, to see that we will complete what he has called us to do.

We can tap into the greatness and power of who he is and walk out with the wonderful gifts we are given every day. Taking dominion in our lives and in our communities.

Making room day by day for his kingdom to come more and more as we walk the word of God out each day.

Let walk upon the scripture God gave to Joshua in Joshua 1.9;

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage;  
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Where ever we go, God is with us!

# The crossroad

“The God of my strength, In whom I will trust:  
My shield and my horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge;  
May Savior, You save me from violence”  
2. Samuel 22.3

We all face life situations that stirs up our dreams and faith. We all come to crossroads that demands us to get out of the line we have been standing in, participating in, lived out a life in. A waiting line for our next season. A line where we have the opportunity to evaluate if we need to stay on course where we are put from our childhood, or if we need to make some changes, rearrange our thinking and acting.

Most of us will agree on that if we have been standing in a line in life that makes us unsatisfied and not growing as individuals, then we might need to change direction of our path. Most changes in our life starts first and foremost with our thinking.

Where the mind goes the man follows, is so known that we often forget the truth in the sentence. And it is the truth. We cannot go if we do not open our mind to see things as God sees them.

We have to have his perspective on our own life and on our surroundings. And He wants to walk with us. Letting us know what is on his mind. Just like he did with Noah.

In genesis 6.8 we read about Noah and that he found grace in the eyes of God. He was a man that walked with God. He talked with God, and God let him know what was on his mind. Noah was living in a time where few knew who God was, or even had the interest of getting to know him. They followed their own mind, and whatever it felt like right doing there and then. Regardless of the consequences, regardless other than then satisfaction it would give. And because of those times values and action, God was in sorrow. In great sorrow over the people, he had created. Such great sorrow that he wanted to destroy all he had created, all the wonderful things he had created, and the ones he wanted to be with the most: the people.



But God, as it so wonderfully is said in Ephesians 2.4. “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us.” He had a plan from the beginning of time. He knew we would turn away from him, he knew that there would have to be a solution to that times issues, he had already made it before the begging of the earth. He had a salvation plan ready. And he had a man made ready for the task; Noah.



Noah was set to a task where he had to open his mind for what God would do. He had no experience in what he was about to enter into, and he had to be totally depended on God to carry true the assignment he was given. He had to trust God that God had made him ready for the task, and he had to Trust that God knew what he was doing and that he would supply him with all he needed. Not only the materialistic things, but with knowledge, strength, wisdom, and miracle working actions.

He had to trust God that He would make him finish the task and that he also would be the one to lift him above the circumstances where nobody knew what he was doing. Nobody would understand the task he was working on, nobody could, because he was doing something no one had seen before.

And in the midst of his personal trials, and in the meeting point where his ideas and the world's perception crossed, Noah had to manage his own soul, spirit and body.

He had to through it all stands firm and trust that the God he was walking with knew what he had put him up to, even though all of his circumstances told him differently. And you know how our mind can put us to the corner when we are on new ground, when we are doing things we never tried before.

We get stretched and there might come some growing pain, and there lies our victory if we can stay put through the pain and see the beauty on the other side. The beauty of our transaction and transition to a new birth of life in our own life that also will make an impact on our surroundings.

We all face situation in life that challenge us, that require a new us, a new birth of wisdom and actions. It might be a new opportunity at work, a promotion where you feel like you are not up to the task, but if you choose to enter into the open door, you will find out that there will be a new you. You will grow, and you will by your choices also have an impact on those around you.

**You might face a life crisis where you loose something that is very valuable to you, and in overcoming the loss, you have to enter into the depts of your pain and find the core to handle your way out off the loss.**

**It might be that you will never understand what just had happened, and it is in that moment you may choose to trust God. Trust that he is in full control over the situation and that he enables you to grow through, that he has already equipped you with all the resources you need to handle the situation. And when you enter into trusting him, you will find out that the very thing you thought would destroy you are actually your stepping stone, birthing you into a new you.**

Noah had to work on the task God put him on, and he had to carry both himself and his surroundings in to the finish line. He had to have a good balance between his own ability to handle the situation, and to know when to let God take over the remote control. He had little room for mistakes, and knew that this had to be the handwork of God, with no interruption of flesh or mistakes made by man. He had to make God his strength, in whom he put all his trust. To make him his shield against everyone that did not understand his assignment, and to make him his salvation. He had seen the coming of the Messiah, and walked out the salvation that was to come, into his own mindset and the world he lived in. It became a strong hold where he did find his refuge. He knew the salvation of the birth of his assignment, both to himself, his family and that it would save his people from going under.

**“The God of my strength, In whom I will trust:**

**My shield and my horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge;**

**May Savior, You save me from violence”**

**2. Samuel 22.3**

We know the story of Noah and how he made it through, we know the assignment and how it is also a sign of the salvation we have by Christ. We also know how it may be difficult to follow through an

assignment that is not done before, an assignment that will change or mindset, the world as we know it at that point. It will challenge us to have to put on a new mindset, new behavior and actions.

In most of us there lies a resistance in all that is new. We often find the comfort zone in our life in the midst of what we know, both in what we experience, but also in the safety of already an adapted lifestyle. We know that in order to fill that assignment, the situation we are facing - we have to follow through. Because we can not make room for our own assumptions, our own ideas that are built on what we already know. No, we see that it requires a new birth, a new mindset, that we look at our self in a new way and our world around us in a new way. Limitless our self, and when our mind changes so do we, and when our mind is stretched to reach out of our comfort zone, so does also our world expand. And those around us notice and will in the meeting point with our change have to adjust their opinion of us.

There lies our trust, in the clicking point where our old mindset is leaving, and we are adapting a new way of seeing our self. Who we are, what we are able to. And in that, lies the freedom to enter into a growth that expands our world. We know that we will not go under if we go through the loss we are facing, if we meet the challenge, if we choose to walk on new ground, not quite knowing how to handle it, but trust in the ability that it is in the unknown we get a new birth to our self and the world around us.

“For our light and momentarily troubles,  
are achieving for us an eternal Glory that far outweighs them all.

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

For the things which are seen are temporal,  
but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4.17-18

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## Would you continue to walk if what you were promised never would come to pass...

Habakkuk 3.17-19

“Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds feed, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.”

Many years ago, when all in my life seemed to fail, God showed me these wonderful words. It was like oil to my soul and spirit, healing my pain and sorrow. Lifting me above the circumstances I then was in, and reminding me to have the right perspective in life: of who I was and still are, what this world is and still are, and who God was and still are.

Because you see, it is not about us or our success. It is not about what we can achieve by our own doing. It is not about our ability to fail him, to honor him, to love him, to know who he is or to be successful in all he is. It is all about the Lord our God. He is the great I am regardless of us, He is the creator of heaven and earth regardless of us, He is the Lord God almighty in power, wisdom and strength regardless of us. He has sent his son; Jesus Christ to this world regardless of us. But he did it because he created us and love us.

He made everything so wonderful by his mighty word. The mighty word that has such power and anointing that when we choose to use it in our life it brings miracles, it brings healing to our soul, spirit and body, it performs what it says when we use it. This wonderful word of God is the one all things are created through, all things are made and still breath by his word. If we know it or not, if we like it or not, The Word as it says in John 1 is Jesus Christ, and it is all we need.

The simplicity of the gospel of Christ is created with its purpose so that we all can receive and understand it. It is so wonderful that no matter the complexity around us or in us, we can choose through it all to just say his name, and everything fall into its place. All things inn us and around us silence like he silenced the storm.

Habakkuk had for years poured his heart out for the salvation of the people, year after year he had faithfully followed where he thought God guided him. He had seen the rain fall on both the sinner and the righteous as if there made no difference to live out a life in obedience to God, as if the blessing would fall either you did what was right or not. Still he remained truthful to his faith, still he proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, still he saw the value of Faith. To live by Faith in the coming of the Messiah, faith in diligently and with a true and faithful heart surrender daily to his God.

“I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower,  
and will watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.

And the Lord answered me”

Habakkuk 2.1-2

”but the just shall live by faith”

Habakkuk 2.4

In all our ways, good and bad, may it not be that our faith in Jesus brings us all we need. It is the faith in his name, lifting us above all, through it all; it is what silence the heart and soul. Even our strongest fears have to bow in the meeting with his name. And yet it may be so that it seems like we never will change, that our circumstances always seem to be against our belief, it still does not matter; because he is the same.

He is constant, and his name covers all in us and through us. It is his word that performs the miracles, it is his wonderful, blessed word that brings salvation, healing and deliverance regardless of the changes in us or around us. That is how we can bring healing to others even if we do not get healed ourselves, that is how we can give deliverance to others even if we seem to carry our story all our life, that is how we can give salvation to others because we are saved through him, by him and the gospel and his name is enough. It is enough to cover all and lift us above it all. So, our focus is on him: Jesus Christ our Messiah.

“The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds feed,  
and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.” Habakkuk 2.19

# Run with persistence

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,  
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8.31-32

Have you ever wondered why the chapter in the bible that is most referred to as the chapter of love comes right after the chapter of the gifts in the bible? I have wondered about that.

I know that God is so magnificent in all his works, and that there is no coincidence in anything he does. He has so wonderfully prepared it all from the beginning of time, and every word has its right place and that is also why people are so concerned about the right translation of the bible, just so we get the right sense of what God is telling us. But God in his almighty power is above all our understanding and above all we try to control or figure out, so he not only has given us the amazing written word, but he has also given us his Holy Spirit. So that if there would be any translation issues, any wrong teaching issues, then we are all given the Holy Spirit to guide our spirit to know the truth. “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8.31-32

So why might the chapter of love come after the chapter of the gifts in Corinthians?

Maybe it is because the chapter of love is talking about Gods amazing love, and how when we tap into Gods amazing love, we are living it out in the spirit and the love that connects us to this world would then be the love from God.

The overflowing, supernatural love that never runs dry, that never seems to give into the flesh or the way this world makes its solutions. Because it is a love that honors the great I am.

A love that always points to Jesus. The devil also knows the scriptures, and he also used it to tempt Jesus in his 40 days of walk in the desert, but when the devil use the scriptures he always point it out to give our flesh a satisfaction, it never honors God. When the Holy Spirit guides us or corrects us, it always brings us closer to Jesus, and it always glorify Jesus. It may hurt to hear the truth, but it will always set us free if we abide in it and make us come closer to Jesus. In this world we live in today, I must say that it is time for the Church to rise once again in the strong working of the Holy spirit and his gifts, the strong anointing that each Christian are given to walk out in the spiritual realm and bring Gods kingdom down. We are so familiar with the prayer;

“And he said to them, “When you pray, say:  
“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation.” Luke 11.2-4.

If we truly believe in what we are praying, then we also must live out the wonderful gifts he has given to each one of us. In the world we live in today, the secular world is so familiar to the spiritual room, and it is growing stronger and stronger each day.

Media is today further into spiritual education in movies, series etc. that for just 10-20 years ago. They have had a tremendous growth in followers, and they have done it so common that even the church do not react to it and protest. But it is time to stand up and take up our cross and preach the living gospel of Jesus Christ out to the streets, to respond like Elijah did, to show of who our God is.

God loves to show of who he is. Look at all the amazing stories in the bible. And he wants to do it again. He is not a historical God that we as Christian refers to like in the old days it happened... God did miracles... NO he is the living God, the God of today, the God of tomorrow, and he loves to show of Who he is, to let the devil - that are actually created by him- know that He is still the God of today. So, then when we pray our prayers: God let thy kingdom come...

Let us enter into the 13. Chapter in Corinthians, and be filled with the love of Christ, and lead by the Holy Spirit, and then step into chapter 12 in Corinthians and live out the gifting's God has given unto all of us.

Because it is not gifting's that are given as show of in the churches, as something we can brag about; "Look what I can do, look what God has given me".

NO, it is gifting to reach out to the lost, the sick, the ones in bondage, to the ones who need deliverance etc. and yes when people with needs comes to church we meet them with using our gifting's and showing the love God has for them, but it is also for everyone to use in our everyday life, out on the streets, at work, in our daily life. We should live it out and demonstrate his kingdom has come among us.

Because love protects, love goes beyond all measure to set people free. The true love from Jesus Christ is the love that follow his example, and it does not give up until it has for filled its purpose. The true love from the Cross pay the price, it walks the extra mile, it goes back over and over again to reflect itself in the mirror of Corinthians 13. Prays that the fire of The Holy Spirit comes once more to touch the flesh so the spirit can have its way to reach out to the lost ones. And then it enters into chapter 12 to walk out the gifting's, and when it fail, it learns, and it rises once again and reaches out to the love Christ has given to all of us on the Cross.

This sounds exhausting you might think but is it not more exhausting to have people you know that you never find reaching, lift above their circumstances and helping. You love them so much, but you cannot seem to reach into their heart. You see how they struggle year after year, not getting anywhere, but you still love them so much that it sorrows your heart that you cannot reach out and help them. You see a world where the spiritual room is getting stronger and stronger, and the devil is getting more and more hold of many churches and many of its people, and still the silence sounds better, it is easier to close our eyes and just pretend that it will all go away, it might be better tomorrow.

Or maybe, if we enter into the spiritual room ourselves as the bible let us know we can through Jesus Christ, see that we are seated with him together like Ephesians chapter 2 and 3 lets us know, and pick up our weapons like we read about in chapter 6 in Ephesians, and enter into the warfare that are there if we participate or not, maybe we will find it fun to see the power and might God has given us in his word. Because the word of God is a living powerful source that we can tap into and make come alive in us and through us. Maybe we will find out that the word of God is stronger than our

circumstances. Maybe we will find out that our circumstances, and the circumstances to the ones we have a heart for will change. To the lost, the broken, the ones in bondage.

Is it not then worth it to just try.... Is it not worth it to give it your whole guts, not just 10 – 20 – 30 – 40 % but 100% because you find that the full blessings and favor from God will give such a wonderful life, and in the midst of all the warfare, he will carry us through and protect us. Because that is love, God is love and he has given us the perfect example in his son Jesus Christ, and we may let him live in us and through us.

And just like Elijah poured water on the offering, and stepped aside and called on the living God to come with his fire, we also can take one step back, and know that the living God will come and honor his word, honor his gifting's, show off who he is. But we must step aside, we must not interrupt with how God wants to do things, we must not try to help him.

If we do, then He will take one step back and see how we make it on our own. And we all know that our power is quite limited, our resources are quite limited, so we may show of for some time, but it will all come to an end. But if we will allow God to enter into our lives and let his word work in us and through us, follow the path he points out in our life, then we are promised two things: He will always be with us, and we will be persecuted. Because the living word of God: Jesus, the light; "the light shined in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1.5

Jesus has won once and for all. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer to the world we are living in. Let us bring them the answer.

## A life lived out with diligence in prayer and the word of God

Daniel was a man of prayer, and not only was he not just that, but he was a man of diligence. In every way he looked for a way to live his best and prepare himself for what God would make come in his way of blessings, favor and of opportunities in how to be used as a vessel. He lived prepared and his life was a life marked that he was a man of God.

He lived in a time where God was not glorified and honored.

In a time where you would stand out in a strange way if you choose to follow the will of God and obey his commandments. Even so, Daniel and his friends went against the flow. And it had its price.

Daniel is my second favorite book in the old testimony.

My first is Nehemiah. They were both men that had strategies and principles in how they lived out their life and how they served God. Prayer warriors, with diligence and total surrender to the task they had in their heart.

Their calling and assignment was aligned in the time they lived in, but it was also a preparation time and a sign for the times to come. Both were they successfully working out the plan of God in their personal life, but also in their ministry and they did not depart from the road or task God had assigned and laid out before them.

They both did operate in the spiritual room with a power and warfare that was uncommon in the old testimony.

They lived out in faith like it says in Hebrews 11, knowing the resurrection power from the Messiah that they knew would come, and they also knew that the power of the word of God was so strong that they could live it out ahead of its time.

Because they knew that; “in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him is life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1.1-5

Dedicated to a life in prayer and truthfully and sincerely living after the guidance in his heart Daniel and his friends was developing more wisdom, knowledge and understanding than his fellow men. God gave Daniel favor. “Now God had brought Daniel in to favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs” Daniel 1.9 “and for these four children God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all wisdom and dreams.” Daniel 1.17

Daniel and Nehemiah knew how to read the times of that day and also knew how to read the times that were coming, just like Issachar did. They also knew who themselves were without God, and who God was, and if they would seek him the way he directed, God would give favor and all they needed for the time they were living in.

The famous story about Daniel and when he was put along with the lions have so many aspects of how God can just move our circumstances and protect us when we surrender totally to a life lived out as vessels for him.

Your boots are made for walking  
Blessings follow their footsteps  
The word comes into action  
Your boots are made for walking

Psalm 37.3-5

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."



God changed the nature of the lions so they would not harm Daniel. Likewise, God can change the nature of every circumstance we are in to protect us and to for fill his calling and plan. Because “the light shined in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not” John 1.5. There is no way that the darkness can comprehend the light. There is no way that the evilness in this world can comprehend the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no way that the dark forces can steal the generation that is now growing up; if we give them the light: the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Daniel had put his heart right before God. He had adopted Gods heart and thinking and lived after what was on Gods heart, and not on his own heart. Daniel knew that his life was a testimony, he knew that every action, every word he spoke out would bring people closer to his God or further away from him.

In the times Daniel lived, they lived out on a high level of the supernatural, and they knew that the times could be read and be touched by the supernatural.

Daniel knew all of this in his heart, therefor he also knew that the only thing that could change the heart of his king, Darius, was that he also lived out and believed in the God of all Gods. Letting his King know that his God did protect his people and he was the God above all Gods of that time and in the times to come.

That his God was the God of light, and that the worlds God that his king, Darius knew was the God of the darkness, and that light always win. Because the darkness cannot comprehend the light. The living water, the word of God: our Messiah; Jesus Christ.

Today we see more and more that the world around us is searching and are open for the spiritual room like they were in the days of Daniel.

Especially children and youth are targets, and games, tv series, movies etc. are getting more and more open and educating them into a world that they can enter and use wrong spiritual forces. Many enter and develop high skills of demonic power that they try out in the spiritual room. Especially in the USA this has been going on for many years, and it has been so silently happening that the church has just noticed it but has not paid attention to it.

It is no big deal, is it? That our next generation know about the forces of the evilness in this world, that they are tricked into a world that has such high level of evil power that it can demonize the world around them and the world as we live in.

And these kids are innocent when they get their education from the world that surrounds them, through marketing by tv and other media channel's.

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*And the church is silent.*

*Not educating their children and taking action in their families to tell them the truth between right and wrong spiritual warfare.*

*And sadly, to often many churches do not want to enter into this world themselves, because it has a price.*

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Like Nehemiah and Daniel, it has a price of diligence and perseverance to lay down our own lives and see the world around us as God sees it.

To live out a life in the supernatural where we enter into the spiritual room with a life laid down in prayers and living out the word of God in our lives and speaking it into existence. Fighting on the battlefield, because it is a war going on in our own life and around us.

You may close your eyes to it, but it would still be there whether you like it or not. But you are invited to pay a part in this warfare. You are invited to live out a different life to show this world that the God above all Gods still are who he says he is. He is the one that can change the nature of a lion to not harm us, he is the one who has changed the nature of the darkness of principalities and evil dominion because their power was taken on the cross by Jesus Christ, and it is now our responsibility to continue the work Jesus Christ started. He has given us all power and entrance to the kingdom of God by his blood, and it is our choice to use it or not use it.

And he is the one that has given us all “knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom” Daniel 1.17 like he did with Daniel and his friends. But we do not live believing in something to come like they did, we live in what has already been done on the cross.

Today we live in a spiritual world quite similar to the one Daniel and his friends lived in, and we may read the signs of this world and the times to come, and we may choose to show that “the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1.5

## When goodness & mercy follow your footsteps

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
Forever.”  
Psalm 23.6

Sometimes you just get so much favor and goodness from your surroundings, and it just embraces your heart and soul. You wonder what has caused this overwhelming goodness to suddenly appear and embrace you, and you just know that it is the goodness and mercy from God. I had such a wonderful and blessed day yesterday.

And it is actually in these moments in life I find it harder to embrace and forgive others. It is like my flesh just wonders off and think that everybody should act this way, and you know that is not how life is.

I surely is not good all the time, and I bet you are not either. But still, my flesh wonders off. Hopefully you do not have that problem.

And then the Holy spirit comes so gently and correct me. And I know He is right, even though I wish he was not, and that I just for a moment could let my flesh wonder off and take a hich hike on my emotions. Oh, it would feel so good for just a moment to let your flesh flow freely in all the emotions that is coming. But we both know it will do us no good. It will only be a temporary satisfaction, and afterword's, the emptiness and disappointments only get stronger.

Because we cannot fill death up with death. We have to bring life into our situation and circumstances, and that is what the word of God does. It brings life. Where we ourselves, others or the circumstances has cases it to be death in our life, there we have the ability and opportunity to choose life. To say what the word of God says about us and our situation. And then life will flow, and we will get refreshed and renewed.

Surely goodness and mercy may following us all the rest of our day. And we shall see the goodness of the Lord.

And by choosing God first; “We then, as workers together with him,  
beseech you also that we receive not the Grace of God in vain.”

2. Corinthians 6.1

Because that would be what is happening if I let my flesh flow freely. I would then demonstrate that I have resieved Gods grace in vain. The wonderful grace on the cross, the wonderful sacrifice Jesus paid for me and all my sins, mistakes, etc.

I surely do not deserve such a grace that is given me from God,  
I in my self has nothing to offer to measure up for the amazing sacrifice and love God has showed me by giving his only son as a living offer for me. Giving me the opportunity to receive mercy and grace fresh each morning. A life overflowing with goodness and blessings. It is all by grace.

And still, my flesh needs to be reminded of what Jesus says in Matthew 22.37-39;

“You shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it,  
you shall love your neighbor as thyself.”

To love God with all our heart, soul and mind, is to choose his word in every situation. Neglecting what this world says or how we think. It is letting God be right and submit under his loving care. Trusting in his word, letting it be the handprint on our life. Marking our days and circumstances. And by doing so, we also follow the second commandment, we will love both our neighbor and our self as the word of God teaches us.

And then the wonderful Holy Spirit not only do he guides me to see the truth, but he also is walking close by my side, and let me know that the word of God has such life-giving power that it will make it come alive in my life. It is not I that with my own strength is going to see Gods word through in my life, but it is the power in the word, that brings forward the change, and connected with the power of the Holy Spirit, it brings life of living water into our life.

And as I told you about my start of this day; when it is actually in these moments in life I find it harder to embrace and forgive others, because my flesh just wants to wonder off. Then it is so wonderful to be corrected by the Holy Spirit that let me know that I can just let the word of God work with its wonderful power, and walk along with him, while living water erases the death from this world and from my soul.

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## BUILDING AN EMPIRE

Would you like to build an empire in your life?

What is an empire to you?

Please take some seconds and evaluate. What is in the core of your soul and spirit, in the deepest part of you, the place you have to stop up and dig into for a moment, just because it is hidden in all the rush of our lives. What is in your core?

Today building an empire, is for most people not being successful and to have a lot of money. That is just often the side effect. Because let's be honest. Our empire is it not our hearts desire? And our hearts desire is also our core. And in our core, we often find the hidden pain...

To God the core of his pain in the days of Noah (Genesis 6-9), was that he wanted to see a man that trusted him fully, that there still was a man that would walk with God, talk with God, understand the pain God had, and build him an empire. No, you might say, that is not what the story was about. Have you looked closely?

God created us to have fellowship with us. He created us because he wanted unity, just to be together and enjoy spending time with who he is. He says to Moses when he asks: who shall I say have sent me? "Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3.13-15

Sin, is it not just us turning our back away from God? It goes for all sin, no matter what it is. We disconnect with God. To disconnect with God is to say that I know better than you, I want it my way. That opens up to different kind of sin in our life demanding on what we are disposable for at that moment. Our disconnection from God in certain areas of our life is where we have the small foxes come in and it will ruin our connection with God in that area. That is why it is so important to daily take up our cross, to see that we are saved by grace, and stay in connection with the Holy Spirit every day. Make him guide us and let us know what areas we need to pay attention too.

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Building an empire, the ark...

Noah was building something no one understood, because he lived ahead of time, because he walked with God and knew how to read the signs, both in the core of Gods pain, but also in the core of the world around him. Noah was building the salvation plan to mend Gods heart. The symbol of the salvation plan that also is connected with the salvation plan Messiah came to for fill years later. The boat is the symbol of the Son crucified on a tree, the water it the symbol of the living word that surrounds us and carry us through it all, but it is also the symbol of The Holy Spirit.

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God made all the animals come two by two. What a miracle. And that is also the miracle he has set to perform in our life with building our empire. He is able to connect everything in our life and make it connect with out construction plan, just like he did with the animals coming into the ark. The same way he is able to provide for all our needs. All!

Have you ever thought about how it must have been to build that ark? What if he failed in just one construction part of the boat? What if he just wanted to make it his way, just because He thought his way was better than Gods. Or started to listen to the people that did not understand the construction plan God had given to him, but instead lent his ear to their advice coming from the world they lived in. The world that had given God the deep pain and disappointment on his own creation: mankind... that only wanted to do it their way and disconnect from him.

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When things do not work in our life, do we blame, or do we take responsibility and go to God and talk to him. He always has the answer. You see, it might look like things are not working right now. Noah build the ark in 7 days. It was not a small boat he was working on. 7 days! He had the possibility to get stressed, discourage, frustrated, blame, question God if He really knew what he was doing etc. He might have on the 4th day said, this is never going to work out. I need a better plan, it does not look finished, it is not compared to anything I have seen before, and it certainly does not look like it will match the world I am living in.



Does this sound familiar? Ever felt like this when God has put you to a task?

But if He did think like this, it did not afflict his actions....

His actions showed that he continued, strategically, faithfully following the construction plan given to him, and he made it to be finished to the deadline and perfect constructed the way God had told him too.

The deadline... How easily we make our own deadline...7 days...

It was possible, was it not. To build the ark in 7 days. Noah did it. He did not try to make his own deadline to make it easier.

He did it to mend the pain God had. He wanted to stay connected with the one he walked with, talked with.

How do we build our empire? Do we trust God like Noah, to let God give us the construction plan, to build with the material he recommends, to live determined, fully trusting God, in a world where it seems like no one, but you understand the building of your empire, because it is you that has the construction plan. Others do not know how it looks like before it is finished.

And it was not God that built the ark! It was Noah. Likewise it is we that are now given the victory through Jesus Christ; the construction plan today is the word of God, and our salvation is when we walk out the victory Jesus gave us on the cross. It is we that must build, the plan is already made, and the material is already given.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3.16

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Your wishes do not build your empire, your desire to build your empire will not build your ark, your hardworking attic and attitude will not give you the finished result.

There is only one thing that will give you your ark: Persistence, perseverance, standing firm and pushing through distractions and to follow the construction plan every step. At the timeline God has set, with the material God has chosen, with the team God has given, walking connected with God. Talking with him every step of the way.

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But I do not hear Gods voice you might say. Well... have you given your self the opportunity to listen...

To enable our self to hear his voice...

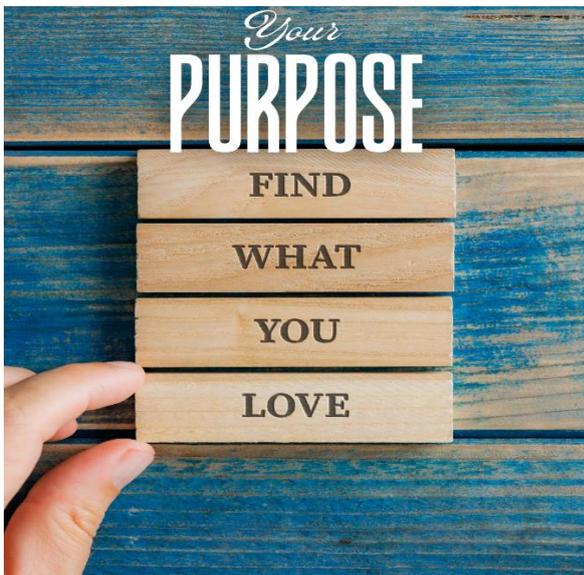
It is not hard...

What do you do when you want to get to know somebody? You connect. And when there is a connection, you get to know who that person is, and you listen...

Connect & listen....

And you will hear his voice.

To me the first and closest core of my empires has been my family, then my Church, and so my calling on my life. And when life gets you to the core of your pain while you are working on your construction plan, what do you do? Where do you turn? What do you proclaim and speak over your empire?



When you are in the depth of your core, your pain, you see that it all is connected.

Your heart's desires all is connected. It is parts of the building material that makes you build your ark.

While building the ark, having the strategy connected;

the family – the church life – the calling, putting your heart's desires on the water...

to see that it is build correctly and after the construction plan within the deadline God has set.

And only by the Holy spirit is this possible!

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,”  
Zechariah 4.6

We all feel that pain when we stop up and dig into our heart for a moment. And it feels good to get to the core of our pain because it releases our determination and makes us hunger to see the construction build correctly and become the ark in our life. Noah felt the pain God had, he might also have his own pain being the only one that knew what God had put in his heart, feeling that no one really was getting what he was doing... trying to help him to get to his senses or to change his working attitude and the way he did things. There were certainly a lot of obstacles he must have been facing building the ark, and still, he faithfully continued, knowing that what God had said would come to pass. And it did! At the cross we go to the core of Gods pain once more. His amazing love for us to connect with us, to just be with us, makes him sacrifice the dearest and closest thing to his heart. Because he knows that it is only with the most precious thing you have in your life that you truly can bring healing, deliverance and salvation to others when it is sacrificed from the core of your pain.

The core of God's pain was once again that he did not connect with mankind, so he made the perfect and final solution to his pain. Jesus!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3.16

# The Glory of the Lord

“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone” James 2.24

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord,  
as the waters covers the sea” Habakkuk 2.14

Yesterday I shared my thoughts around Habakkuk 2.14.

I just have to continue talking about it today. It is such a wonderful sentence and it gives so many reflections about life.

I just love the life of Habakkuk and find it to be very accurate and timely to the times we are living in today.

His way of walking with God in a time where the world seemed to be in a dark place, and his perspective of turning it around is remarkable. James 2.24 teaches us that we are not justified by faith alone: there will be no actions without faith.

Likewise, there will always be actions where there is faith.

Faith produces action, to act upon what you are seeing.

There is such power in faith that it produces the will to bring out and carry out what you are believing. It has absolutely nothing to do with feelings, because you can act on a thing regardless of how you feel, and just because you act, a chain reaction starts.

You are using a principal, a law, a force that will produce what you act upon. When you pour water into a cup it gets filled, regardless of how you feel in the moment you do it.

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That is the same thing about faith. Your action on what you believe for will make it happen. But like when you pour water into the cup, there are rules of how to do it. If you do not stop when it is full, it will run over, and if you do not pour into the cup, it will get all around the cup. A simple example, but it is also the same way with faith.

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It is a living force, and it will go where you lead's it, and do what you leads it to do. The knowledge of the glory of the lord will be the force that leads us to make the water run into the cup, it will make us know how, when and what. When we seek God first in our life, there will not be so much room for distractions.

Distractions are often the source that make our faith not come alive around us. What distracts us is what makes the faith grow into doubts. And then it loses its ability to act. When doubts come into our mind, we do not want to act upon the very thing we had faith in, but when we get the distractions out of our way, then the faith grows and our ability and wish to act upon it gets back.

Our most common distractions lives within us, strong holds of wrong thoughts, things we have heard and have started to believe in that goes against what the word of God is letting us know, producing doubts, and our will of wanting it our way, etc.

When the knowledge of Gods glory covers our life, like the sea covers the earth, then it covers our soul, spirit and body.

Gods glory in us and around us is our belief in Jesus Christ; the word. What it tells us, where it leads us. There will never be anything else that is the power and source behind our faith.

He is Gods glory, his name, his word, his life and sacrifice are the knowledge of the Glory of God the Lord. It is in him all things live and breath, and it is through him everything comes alive and are made alive.

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But I have tried you may think, and it did not happen. And therefore you might find this word – faith, silly to follow out.

We all get these thoughts, and we all live out areas in our life where this is so. But that is one of the testing's that we may go through. Our enemy is after our attitude, where our heart goes when things do not happen as we have believed.

Our enemy is not first and foremost after our faith walk, he is after our will and heart in surrendering to our God, our love for Jesus and his word.



What comes up in me when things do not go as planned or as believed is more important but too God and the devil.

It shows my devotion, and where my devotion lies. It shows what is hidden in the depths of my soul. And when I find out that I need adjustments, then the testing times will be a blessing to me. I will have the opportunity to make the Holy Spirit come with his fire and cleanse out my wrong attitude and reactions that hinders me to live a devoted life where God is my first priority. Because we all face these questions in life.

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Will I still honor God, glorify him, believe He is good, and that He is for me and love me even if what I believe seems to sit in the waiting room, or maybe must be walked out for years before it come to pass. Or as the ones in Hebrews 11, I might never see the promise come to pass. Will I still believe, will I still have the same affection for Jesus, will I still follow him the same way?

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Smith Wigglesworth is one of my favorite preacher. He is known for his faith walk, but did you also know that he was fighting with painful kidney stones most of his life?

Still he prayed for people, believed for their healing, and he is known for all the people who got healed and delivered by him praying for them.

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His wife got sick and he prayed for her healing. She died.

That did not stop him from walking out his faith for others and he continued no matter what came across his path to stop him from having faith in the word.

He was a person just like you and I. He also had a soul, a spirit and a body just like you and I. Still he made choices to walk out faith differently than most people. And the promises he followed in the bible, also is the same that we can believe in and see come to pass.

But he followed the rules, Smith Wigglesworth got rid of the distractions, he put God first, above all. He knew like Habakkuk that the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord, when it fills our life and surroundings: miracles happen.

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Gods glory is the force for miracles in us and through us.

And when we tap into the knowledge of his glory, we get covered by living water; the blood of Jesus runs through our veins, and we get lead by the holy spirit, and it flows in us and through us to the earth.

Jesus; the word.

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## Be filled with the knowledge

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord” Habakkuk 2.14

This morning was such a foggy start. Not only was it a foggy morning in my area, but my mind was also quite foggy. You know those days where you just can't seem to get your mind to function and connect with the world. And it had to because I was on my way out the door and had to reach a plane to Arizona. And as I sat down in the car my GPS told me that there was a delay on Road 4 because of a car accident. And then I just took a deep breath, and decided that this is going to be a very good day no matter what happens.

And as the day started foggy, so did also the day continue. On my way to the airport a lady bumped into my car at the traffic light, and I just took another deep breath. We were both fine, the cars were fine, and I am quite sure we had protection and therefor no scratches. And my day did continue foggy with the plane tickets and boarding with my luggage. But then when we took off, and I came to see the wonderful fog from above, and remembered the word I had read in the morning. Then the fog started to come with its beauty. Because of my foggy start in the morning, I was more alert to my surroundings, I was also more determined that this would all go well, and that no matter what came it would not take my mind of praising God for all his blessings. And my foggy mind became a blessing to me. Because it had sharpened my senses and my determination to be alert and ready for whatever would come.

And the knowledge of the Lord is what protects us. Because when we are in situation that requires us to be alert we start to talk to him, about protection, about guidance, about deliverance from the old way we have lived and have acted to enter into new living in his word. Because we see that the fog that has been in our life has made us aware that there is something more out there, something more to achieve to live out. And as the airplane took off, you just have to trust the pilots and the plane you are inn. That they will carry you through and take you to your destination. And you can look out the window and get a new perspective above all you have been doing that morning. In art class we where told that it was called a bird perspective. The angel we see things from, and it makes the picture look differently, it makes it all give a whole new meaning if we will reflect and open up to what it has to teach us.

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“And the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord.” Habakkuk 2.14.

What an amazing sentence. I just love how Habakkuk have placed this sentence in his short book. His life was certainly not reflecting the Glory of the Lord in the surroundings he lived in. Where the people where not wanting to search God, finding out who God was or getting knowledge about him. They where far from God, and Habakkuk was seeing that the blessings came weather you lived right or not. Even so, in that time, in that situation, He choose to say that the world shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord.

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As we also can tell the day: this is going to be an amazing day. Habakkuk lived out a life in faith where he had the unseen for his eyes.

He spoke into existence what he wanted in his own life and in his community. And that is also the very core of the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord.

God spoke and it happened, and he saw that it was good. Genesis 1.

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Habakkuk knew this. And he lived it out, because he had seen the promises of the Messiah that was to come, he knew he was made righteous by the one that would come, that by faith he was justified from sin and the fall from Adam.

Since he had his eye on the promises coming through the Messiah, Jesus Christ, He also knew that he was justified. And what God had done, so could he also do. His focus was that he was seated with Christ in heaven like it says in Ephesians 2 and 3, and he made the heavens come down.

His fog so to speak was the surroundings he was living in. The spiritual situation that he lived in, that the world around him was not seeking God. It sharpened his mind and spirit to look beyond what he saw, and to seek what God said about the situation. And God answered him. The just shall live by faith.

So, Habakkuk placed a wonderful sentence in the midst of that sorrowing, dark moment his surroundings where in:

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord” Habakkuk 2.14

And his world changed, both in his own life and in his surroundings.

Today we are facing the same situation Habakkuk did: a world that is not eager to seek God, to get knowledge of who he is or what his glory can do. And in the times, we are living in, we can follow Habakkuk’s choice to speak into existence the very thing we see a lack of in our own life and in our society. The knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall once again fill the earth. It is already starting to happen. So many time’s his glory cloud has come to my house and in places I have been. The glory cloud of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Marking the place with the Glory of our Lord. And as we walk as Christians, we have the light within us, and the darkness must obey, because there can not be any dark spot where the light comes in, the light has such power.

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When we speak the word of God into our life, the light comes into every area we mark and makes the darkness disappear. The strong holds that has felt like fog around our lives, holding us back from seeing the depts in the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord.

For that is what knowledge does when it is revealed by the Holy Spirit, it reveals the Glory of our Lord in our life and around us.

The glory of the Lord comes down only on one conditoin. Repentence! A salvation that is preached - without repentence and that we have to be born again – is a false teaching. There is only one thing that saves us – that gives us the ticket to Gods kingdom – repentense from our old being, acsepting Jesus Christ in our heart and confessing with our mounth that he is Lord and Saviour. Then a new birth take place in our spirit, and we become new creations.

«Jesus answered and said to him,  
«Most assuredly,  
I say to you, unless one is born again,  
he cannot see the kingdom of God»»  
John 3.3.

It will come a new season where the repentence will be a common word people connect with the living Church of God. It will come a day, and it has already started – where the knowledge of who God is, and the knowledge of who Jesus is, and a close walk with the Holy Spirit will result in the manifastation of signs, wonders and miracles. A time like it is written about in Acts. Where the holiness of God is so manifested in the circumstances that sin can not live but has to leave.

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A preperation time has already started. God is revealaing his glory in the church. He is putting the name of Jesus on the agenda again.

There is nothing – no such thing so ever – as walking through another door than the name of Jesus. Everything is created in him, through him and for him.

He is the beginning – and the end. There is no name above him – nor besides him – in him all things exsist.

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All other teaching has a touch of another spirit in it, and we must flee as far as we can from people that will not agree with the name of Jesus Christ as savior and Lord above all. If we do not set our self apart from wrong teaching – then sooner or later we will be afflicted by it. Just a little bit of a sour dough will damage the hole dough.

«Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leaves the whole batch of dough?  
Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch –  
as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, as been sacrificed»  
1 Corinthians 5.6-7.

Paul was always connecting everything he did and all he was teaching to Jesus, who He is – what He has done and what He represent. Paul where teaching in Romans 7 about living out as Christians from our souls, and in chapter 8 he tells how it is when we live our lives as Christians after our spirit.

So many Christians wonder why things are not happening when they pray and act upon the word of God. One of the reasons is because they are living a Christian life out from their soul.

What do you mean by that you might say. Well, God word is spirit, it is a living word, and only spirit can interpret spirit – what that means is that if you want something that is made in the spirit to come alive – then it must be done by the spirit. By your spirit - in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

But how can I start living out from my spirit and not my soul, you might ask?

Well, there is only one answer. Repentance and obedience. Repentance only means turning our back from our own opinion and will to decide what is correct, and turning our life toward God and what the word say. That actually means that you have to walk out what the word of God say – no matter what you or other say, or your circumstances. You actually have to give the word of God the full authority in every area of your life – and make it the truth. Only then – are we living a life where we daily take our cross up and follow Jesus. Only then are we living truthfully in repentance.

Luke 9.23-24 «Then He, Jesus, said to them all,  
«If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.  
For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it»»

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And that leads us to the next word – obedience. We cannot deny ourself and just stop there. That is what so many religious fanatics do.

They deny themselves so much, telling everybody of their sacrifices and how holy they live. That is NOT what repentance is.

That is what the bible tells about as religious false teaching of denying to liv a joyful life in freedom, but instead they have so many rules and regulations that it makes you wonder where they make Jesus fit into all of their sacrifices.

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Just make it clear – Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice. What repentance is – letting the Holy Spirit guide you each step every day – letting you know what is best for you to turn your life away from. And the wonderful thing is that He actually makes us understand why it is good for us to do so, and He also lets us know that in return we will receive blessings. Because you see, I guess that you have felt that you have come to the end of yourself several times. Where you see that it might actually be a better way of living and solving life than what you are living out.

## Let us dare to trust him

"Sovereign Lord, you are God!  
Your covenant is trustworthy,  
and you have promised these good things to your servant.  
2. Samuel 7.28

In all situations in life we have a choice of how we want to react to what happens in our daily life. It is like a magical second, where you have the opportunity to decide if you are going to step out and trust God for a miracle, or if you will trust in your own way of handling life.

Moses was a man just like us, born as a child, into a world. (Exodus 2) And it is here we often take our own ideas and may put it together with the story we hear. Moses was just a man like us, he faced life just like we do, he was called by God, just as we all are, and he had a choice in every situation he faced just like we do.

His choices made him who he was, and that is what we remember him for. In all he met he decided to trust God. Even when it to us looked like he run from the situation when he killed a man. But if we look closely, he did not run from the situation.

He run from his own weaknesses into the wilderness, not knowing how to handle his own way of reaction to the calling of God. Because that was what caused him to be in the fatal situation. He knew there was something that he had to do, something bigger than himself, something about helping people, setting the captive free, and since he relayed on his own capability – in the fight between the two men – he did what he had watched his whole life and acted out of how his adopted father choose to handle the situation. Moses was educated in the midst of the power of the darkness – the magical things he had seen was what the devil did. He was educated in the house where they did not honor God and respect the value of God's word.

They knew the power of the devil and manifested it each day by the wizards that followed Pharaoh. Using magic to make people fear and live in bondage. And this is the amazing part of the story – in the midst of this darkness – God came through to his heart. Without anyone teaching Moses about who God was, God called on his heart – whispered in his ear for years, so Moses knew his voice and who he was.

God in his amazing love for us speaks to all of us from the day we are born. We may not notice it or think he do, but he has, and he still does, because that is who he is. He created us to have someone to be with. And you are so important to God that he sent his only son just, so he could show his love for you and he never stop hoping that we will say yes to spend time with him. He knows that we all react and face life out from our own experiences and where life has put us – still He never stops to love us – never stops to whisper to our heart – education us to move more closely to him in everything we face – by trusting in who he is and not in our own ability. Because the similarity between Moses and you and I is that we all react and respond from what we have learned in life and what we have seen. And it is with the knowledge of this that we may enter into trusting God in all we face and make the Holy Spirit flow through us and live out from our spirit and not from our flesh. And when we go further down the road of the life of Moses, we see that he enters into a life lived out as a vessel for God, where he has started to put his whole being trusting in Gods answer for every situation – and act upon the answer from God.

That is the choice Moses made. He made a choice to say yes to the calling he had inside that he did not understand, so he fled from everything he knew, everything he had learned, into the wilderness, into the unknown – hoping that the voice within him would lead him and teach him the right way. It may look like he was running from the situation, but if we look closely, we see that he was more running toward what he did not understand, he knew he had handled the situation wrong, and he also knew that he was trapped in his own ability to face the situation right because he had no knowledge or education in how to handle things God's way – he had only seen the way Pharaoh chose to handle things.

We all face this kind of situation in our lives. The situation where we act out of our own ability to handle life. We know we fall short in so many things we face and still we choose to trust in our own ability. But if we start to trust in God – asking him how to make a way in the midst of all we are facing – turn from all we know and walk into the unknown with God – then he will meet us and make our life change.

We all experience to be in the valley, where we face our own strength and weaknesses. And the experience of being in the valley is so personal, so individual, because it is the meeting point with our emotions and the situation in front of us. To some it may be an ordinary everyday situation, to some it may be a tragic lifetime experience and so on. The valley is only the valley to the one who face it – to the world it may look like nothing – but to you – it may have shades of darkness, and you may find that in these shades of what you go through you go through layers of trusting God.

And it is in these layers and in the valley where we make the choice of trusting God and what he says about the situation. It is in the valley he is preparing a table for us like we read in psalm 23.5 “Though prepares a table before me in the midst of my enemies: thou anointed my head with oil: my cup runneth over” – it is in the twisting point in the valley that we choose our destiny – a life trusting God and who he is – or our own ability to handle life. Because you see – the reality is that in the valley we may feel the darkness and react to it with our whole being – but it is still the choice that makes the difference. Not what we go through – not who we are or how we feel – but it is that little simple Yes to trust in God – that makes the whole difference.

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Where we choose to say in the midst of what we go through:  
“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” Psalm 23.6

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A yes to God and a No to our self is the ticket to a table set before us. A table made by God with all the blessings from heaven. And we are invited to sit at the table. God has prepared everything so wonderfully and he has invited us. Jesus heart goes out so wonderfully to us in Matthew 22.1-14 where he tells the parable of the invitation to the wedding. We are invited to all the goodness from heaven, and it is all prepared and good, but it is still our choice to take the invitation and say Yes to trusting God and not in our self.

Moses was born a man like you and I, into a world, like you and I, called by God, like you and I - and he is known for his choices in life. He did not have a perfect life, nor was he a perfect man – but he became who he was by saying Yes to trusting in God and not in himself.

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## His word is still working in us

A successful change as a Christian might not be what you think it is. The bible let us know that when you are weak by his grace we are made strong, when we are poor in our self - has nothing left to offer - then we are made rich in him. The bible turns the value of this world upside down. What this world looks at as prosperous, successful living is not what the bible let us know is the answer. God need empty vessels that he can fill and use.

We have to empty us from our self and put our lives before him, asking him to work through us and for us. It is not by might, nor by power but by the holy spirit. Zechariah 4.6.

My mother had something she did every day when I was a child, and she still does it. I liked it so much but did not see the true value of it before recently when I saw a YouTube video of a marine soldier that told about the value of making your bed each morning.

My mom always did that. Both with the bed and also the whole house. No matter what our day had been we always came home to a clean and neat house that made our mind relax and stay focused on the tasks we had for the evening and also on us and not the surroundings.

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This morning I read in Matthew 21.18-22  
"Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.  
And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it,  
and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it,  
let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever.  
And presently the fig tree withered away."

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The importance of taking action on things in our own life that we are unsatisfied with is so important. If we do not, it will be like the fig tree; something dead in our life that will afflict other areas of our life too. Like my mother took action about our clean home. She knew the value both too herself, but also to us as a family.

I believe one way of looking at the story Jesus tells us here has the same value. It is important that we take action about everything in our life that is dead or bring death to us. These might be strong words, but that is actually what happens with the unsatisfying things in our lives. And it is in the most common things we often get most tired in our mind. We all have them, and it is like the small foxes Nehemiah is talking about in his book. We need to pay attention to them and take action against the foxes in our life, so our wall may stand strong and we can pay attention to the real issues that will give our life prosperity and good value.

Let's remind our self that Gods word is still working in us in 2018, and he will stand by to help us with all we need and to also meet all our needs. He is the almighty God, and nothing is too big a task or small a task for him. His loving care is fresh every morning towards us, and we can make our lives be filled with his strength and mercy each day.

The good things God started doing in our life is continuing in 2018. God has started something good in our life, and we can believe in it.

## Let's run with perseverance

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“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.” Hebrews 12.1-3

Many years ago, I was a runner, and loved to run almost every day. I was never a good runner, but I just enjoyed it and liked to compete with myself and not compare myself to others since I knew I never could be good because I did not have the skills. Today I have replaced my running with bicycling and love that as much.

Paul paint with his words so beautifully the race and how we may run it in Hebrews 12.1-3. How we can take example of those gone before us and those we have around us that has accomplished good race in their own lives. How their lives are good testimonies that witnesses of the greatness of God, and that we may take the opportunity to live out the same life as they did.

He points it out so good when he describes that it is good for us to put aside everything that hinders us to for fill the race we have set before us with our eyes on the finished line, with patience and determination. I wonder why Paul did not use the word walk out the good race, and instead placed run the good race that is set before us?

He defines so well that it is not our own thoughts and ideas that we are supposed to follow, but the path that is set before us. As a runner I only would think that the difference between walking and running is that you are more focused when you run, you have not time to pay attention to all that is going on around you but have to save your energy and attention to the race you are running.

And Paul continues to paint it so beautiful with his words when he let us know that our attention is going to be focused on Jesus, the finisher of our Faith. He is the author and finisher of our Faith.

How marvelous to know that it is not we that must define our own faith or have to finish it. It is already finished though Jesus who with joy run his race. And like wise we can also run the race with joy.

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I like a good definition that let us know what the word or subject is containing and expect of us. To me it sounds like Paul is summing Hebrews 12.1-3 up in one word; perseverance. Some translations also use the word patience, like the one I have used.

One definition of perseverance is to:” continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.” Like we read in Hebrews 11.1 “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

When we are going to calculate the cost on earthly matters, we calculate it out from statistics, how it has gone in the past, what do we have to put into the race, etc.

All these things do not count when we are going to calculate the race we run as Christians. We have to go to the word of God, and find out what it says about the case. And one thing that is very important is patience or perseverance.

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To run with patience and perseverance is to carry on, go on, keep on, not give up, struggle on, hammer away, press on, stay with something, stand one's ground, stand firm, go the distance, stay the course, stop at nothing, leave no stone unturned and so on.

And by doing so our flesh will protest, like when you feel your muscles protest under a long run, and our legs get tired, our brain want to quit, our emotions scream load to make us quiet and not continue.

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If we give inn to the screaming of our flesh, then our race will be afflicted. It will be marked by failure and defeat, and the outcome will be a result that may not make us run the race through. A halfway marathon is not a marathon at all. You have to run the whole race if it is going to count. We have to be honest with ourselves.

The same thing goes also for the race we run as Christians. There is only one way to run that race, and it is to run with perseverance, looking unto the finisher of our faith; Jesus.

The calculation is already set: take your cross up every day.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" Luke 9.23

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12.1

## You have to like a good fight

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

1 Timothy 6.12

You have to like a good fight when God has put a dream into your heart. You have to have the humility to put away all your weaknesses and flesh and make Gods word the only source and authority in your life.

When God has put a dream into your life the enemy will do all in his power to make it not come to pass. His most effective weapons are our own weaknesses and flesh, and if he may win the battle here, then we may just be like the caterpillar going around, and round on the flowerpot. And if he does not get help to get down to the ground, he will not get anywhere because he does not dare to change the pattern and he actually do not have the capability to do so. He is created to be a follower. But we as man are not created to be only followers, as it is written in Genesis 1, we are created to rule and take dominion over our circumstances and our own behavior when it goes against the word of God.

This world is created by God, it is his power and miraculous creativity that has made it come to pass. His word was spoken, and it came to pass, and he saw that it was good. When he created man, he created us because he first and foremost wanted someone to be with, and then he made us to rule.

After Adam and Eve, we lost dominion but through the birth of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection, all was restored once again, and today we are all God says we are in his word. The victory is won by Jesus Christ, and we may do all what the bible tells us to, but there is only one thing that can limit us; our self.

The devil is defeated, he can only come with lies and try to stop us in making our surroundings go against what God want, but all in all it is our self, our flesh, that is the main fighter against the dreams God has put in our lives.

How may you ask? Well, our flesh and strong holds in our life may make us not walk as we are created to.

Walking by faith causes us to get out of our comfort zone, it demands of us to turn from our old way of thinking and to open up to new ways that get us toward the next step to make our dream be realized. The dream God has put in our heart from the beginning of time. Psalm 139.

The more you want to defeat in you own life and your circumstances, the more you have to get out of your comfort zone. It will hurt in so many ways in your flesh that you never thought where possible, because our flesh always fight against Gods will and word. Therefor we must remind ourselves that we have dominion and authority and can take action to make our flesh obey under the word of God, and make our Spirit dominate our body and soul.

The best about hard workout is when you start to enjoy the pain because you know that the more pain the more gain your body will get from your workout. We like the good result, but we often do not like the effort, the time and discipline in take to get the results. We may look at others and think we would like to have the same results, but it does no good to us to compare ourselves to others or look at their results. We have to make an effort ourselves and put time into the workout and effort to get the results we want.

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The same it is with our faith walk, the more pain we let our flesh go through, the more stretching and growing we allow the Holy Spirit to put us through, the more we will grow in faith and reach the dream God has put in our heart. But there is a price to pay, and do not let anyone tell you otherwise. There is no soft sky walking on pink clouds if you want to for fill the purpose God has for you. And the reason for that is that we have an enemy that will do everything in his power for God not to make his kingdom known on earth.

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Corinthians 15:57

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ” 2 Corinthians 2:14

When we look at the life of Jesus, we have the ultimate example of how our life may be as Christians. If they treated the son of God the way he was treated, then let us not fool ourselves and think that we will be treated otherwise.

Let us put on our heavenly boxing gloves and fight in the spirit with prayers and walking out the word of God in our lives.

Let us learn to enjoy a good fight, and press into the deepness of faith to be vessels that are honoring God and making Jesus known as the Messiah.

Do you have any New year’s promises for 2018?

Why not let it be:

To make Faith be known as the ultimate headline of your life.

To fight the good fight of Faith, and lay hold on the eternal life.

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## There are times in your life when God has put a path before you

Luke 2.14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

On one ordinary day a child is born, a savior, the Messiah and the world will never ever be the same.

Gods master plan in how he is making one-day count as the most life changing in history in its simplicity yet so marvelous that we are changed every time we think of the birth of his son, Jesus Christ.

God just love to make the simple things in life become marvelous in just one day. Like Joseph that one day woke up in a prison and the same night laid down in a palace. Gods master plan in how we never ever should limit what he can do.

Jesus lived in total obedience toward his Father, and he only did what he saw his father do. His life is a walk not to please man, but in all he did, obey his father no matter the cost or people’s opinion. His walk was differently, and the Pharisees could never quit catch what he was doing but was constantly watching his move to try to catch him in doing something wrong. But Jesus was not afflicted by them, he told the truth when it needed to be spoken, was silent when there was no need for words, and obeyed the path that was marked up for him to walk. He even asked God to find if there was another way, and when there where not, he walked out in obedience in all of his being, paying the price that today is our salvation. One day born as a child and yet still he was the Messiah.

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Joseph was also living out in obedience year after year telling others about his dreams and the life he was called to live out.

Throughout the resistance in the environment, he continued to be faithful to God and live in obedience where God put him. When he was lied about and lost his position, he still was faithful to God and in humility lived out in obedience in jail. Knowing that God would fill his plans in his life. He lived faithful and educated himself for what was coming and knew that one-day God would make the dreams he has had come to pass.

I do not think that was the main goal for him. I actually think he lived out each day praising God and lived thankful for that day's blessing. And when he got promoted he already had lived a thankful life in who God is and not in what life had to offer, so he entered his new position with gratitude and honoring God for who he is. One day waking up in jail and the same day at night laying down in a palace.

It all was the same to him – because his mind was heavenly minded and not toward what was around him. But he lived out in obedience, not following the opinion of man – but the path that God had put before him.

Acts 5.29-32

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

There are times in life when God has put a path before you and he has confirmed over and over again that it is He that has put you on that path, and that you have to obey him more than people.

In the stories in the bible, we find people that did not understand the path of those who followed God, and because they did not understand it, they thought it was wrong.

God talks to us as individuals, and he put into each one of us his own plan and path and guides us with his wonderful love and word.

There may be times we are not following God's guidance, but if we stay close to his heart and follow the instructions in his word, then he will with his loving guidance let us know that we need some adjustments, and we know in the depths of our spirit that it is right.

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Poverbs 3.11-12

“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD;  
neither be weary of his correction:  
for whom the LORD loveth he correcteth;  
even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.”

There are also times when we are on the right path and people want to correct and adjust our walk because to them it seems wrong or they do not understand. A good answer then is always to ask for biblical guidance and if they can not give any, and you have in your heart and it has thoroughly been confirmed that you are at the right path. – Then it is more important to obey God more than people. And it is then so important to have the right attitude. In humility know and trust that God knows what he is doing. He sees the road 10 years ahead – he knows what lies right around the corner.

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Throughout history men and women have had to follow Gods guidance and because of their obedience, God could do his work. It all had to do with obedience and trusting that God knew best.

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Proverbs 3.5-8

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own  
understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes:  
fear the LORD, and depart from evil.  
It shall be health to thy navel,  
and marrow to thy bones.”

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## The importance of the fulfillment of Gods plan

So often in the bible we can see God do something that just amazes us and make our mind just get blown away by the genius plan he puts out. God do not think like we think. His ways and thoughts are so much higher, and have so much cleverness and depts.

When God wants to bring victory into this world and into our lives, He always choose the most unlikely solution. Like bringing a child into this world to set his people free from captivity and bondage, and He does not stop there, he also has a clever plan to the gentiles so that all man kind can have the opportunity to become a child of God. The birth of Jesus Christ, son of God, the Messiah.

Moses was a child predestined to set the Israelites free. His life is also a sign of how God would many years later send his only Son into this world, a child given to us; Jesus the Messiah, to set us free from the captivity and bondage from the enemy.

Why do God so often choose the most unlikely solution to for fill his planes?

One strategy to win a battle in war, is to choose the most unlikely strike, the one that the enemy has not even given a thought, so that with just one strike, the whole war is won.

Like when David fought Goliath and just won by one move. And in that move all his faith and whole being was turned towards the almighty God that has made the heavens and the earth, and by his might, was able to use only one move to win the battle.

Moses was predestined to free the Israelites. The enemy knew there where something that was going to happen when Moses was born, because the enemy had put out that all baby boys should be killed. But the mother of Moses, walked with God, she knew that her baby had an assignment and put her trust in God and asked for directions on how to save him and make him for fill the planes on his life.

Later in life Moses where to stand before the Pharaoh, the “brother” he had grown up with, and because Pharaoh had a relationship to Moses, he made him come before him and he listened. He would never have listened to a stranger, but to a “brother” that he had played with, laughed with, and had a history with, that was a person He would pay attention too.

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And because of the entrance Moses had through his relationship with Pharaoh, God could fill the freedom of the Israelites.

In our life, God uses our circumstances. From the day we are born, he has thoughtfully planned everything because he knows how we are and what will make us follow his plan for our lives.

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“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8

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Like Moses, we may meet obstacles in our life when we decide to make changes. Moses had an assignment from God, he heard the voice of the almighty God, and he stood before Pharaoh, a “brother” he had grown up with, in his home environment, on mutual ground, even so they were not serving the same God, and did not follow the same path.

Moses still obeyed, spoke God's word into existence and Pharaoh wanted to show off his might and power, and He did not bow under God's will.

How often do we not face this in our daily life?

Maybe not in such a dramatic way that Moses did, but even so, the strategies of the enemy are the same.

We are on known ground, facing the same obstacles that we have lived with our whole life, and when we act on God's word, we face resistance in our environment, and that also brings out resistance in us. Old history may come to the surface, and we have to battle with old memories, thoughts and feelings.

If we back off and think that we lost the battle, then we do not follow the strategy Moses had. He did not surrender to the circumstances because it did not happen the way He thought it would the first time. He went back to God, to ask him for new directions. He did not surrender to his old history, or who he was, but he turned his mind away from himself, seeking God for directions and help.

And we know the history of Moses, how by doing so he did win the battle and brought the Israelites into freedom from the captivity they have lived under for so long.

There is a battle to live out the will of God in our lives.

The enemy has from the day we were born tried all in his power to stop what God has assigned each one of us to do.

God in his loving care for us has given us such wonderful stories in the bible to let us know that what we are facing is not unknown but are strategies the enemy chooses in trying to stop what God has planned for our life. When we walk out his plan for our life, we will meet resistance both from the environment, the enemy and from our self and our history. And like in all battles we have the opportunity to live the rest of our life in a battlefield not winning, or to choose to surrender and give up, or to make up our mind that the battle is already won by one strike: Jesus Christ, the word of God. Determination and right focus is often the one strike, the one stone we need to use. We have to make up our mind that enough is enough, and that when our focus is turned to the victory given to us through Jesus Christ, the battle ends.

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"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6.12 And also the reactions that come in our self in what we are facing.

The importance to have a right focus and determination is crucial if we shall win the battle with just one strike. If we mix our history, our emotions or what the circumstances show us into the battle, we will have a long-term fight. But if we put all that aside, and just turn our thoughts and attention to what the word of God says about the situation and put on our spiritual glasses and look on how it looks in the spiritual room, then we will win with one strike.

We all have a mutual relationship to our history, like Moses had with pharaoh. Through our history we may build strongholds of feelings and thoughts that are in conflict with what the word of God says about us.

The battlefield of our mind is a constant battle that we need to be aware of and keep our focus in what the word of God says. When we choose to walk on what the word of God says, we face reactions in our self and also around us, and we win the battle of entering the promise by one strike, letting go and put our mind towards what the word says. It might be several rounds we have to go, just like Moses did with Pharaoh, before we enter the promise in that area, but we only win it by following the directions of God and with determination and right focus, not giving up before we have the promise seen in our life.

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"He is our fortune, and we shall not be shaken." Psalm 62.6

Ephesians 6.10-17

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,

against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,  
and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,

and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith,

wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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

## What you say matters

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“Death and life are in the power of the tongue:  
and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Proverbs 18.21

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

John 1.1-3

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1.14

The last couple of years my prayer and my thoughts have been that God shall lead my path and put all He sees is needed in my life to strengthen, support, give courage and to make me walk his walk out. That every circumstance good or bad shall give growth and make my life become more what the word says, and less what I want.

In our walk with God we find that life can be colorful, and we see our self in different lights depending on what comes out of us through the challenges we meet. No matter how our thinking is, because we can be under attacks from the devil, it is our tongue that determines the outcome of our walk.

With our mouth we determine if we are talking the word of God over our lives, or if we are talking them out of our lives. The life and death power our words have, is something that is in our power to control. Therefore it is very important to pay attention to what comes out of our mouth. If we lack something in life, or have a problem at one area, the first place to look for the solution is our talk.

What do you talk about, how do you talk about things, and how close do you pay attention to what you say?

Jesus is the word, as referred to in the bible verses above, and when we speak out what Gods word say over every situation we face in life, we speak out Jesus into our life. We speak out the blessings in the words we choose to use from the bible. If for example we want to see changes in our economy, then we have to go to the bible and see what it says about the subject, see if we are living according to the directions it gives, and speak the words over our life. It is life in words, and we bring life into our setting.

Jesus is the word; all creation is made by him and through him. When we speak out words of life, we speak out Jesus into our lives. Word of life is words according to the bible, and it is not in conflict with what it says. Therefore, it is a good idea to thoroughly seek the whole picture about a subject God talks about in the bible. When we have the whole picture and have find out if we are following the guidance, then our talk is what makes it come alive. We speak of the unseen until it gets seen.

Everything is made in the unseen first, everything is in the spiritual room first, and then we walk it out and talk it out.

## Plant the right seed

“I have been young, and now am old;

yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” Psalm 37.25

What a blessing the coming of Messiah is to us. The birth of the wonderful son of God, made man to walk out the life that we were not able to live, and pay the price for us so we can make Christ our Savior and Lord.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

Romans 5.8-9

Where would I be without his wonderful love and sacrifice for me? I surely know that it is because of his goodness towards me that I am who I am today. His mercy and blessings dropping down throughout the years on my path.

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:

except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” Psalm 127.1

How easily it is just to walk out the path you think is right in your own mind, and by your soul finishing the planes. And through it all God is faithful and merciful and make you see bit by bit that His planes are so much better and easier to follow.

Living after the spirit and not the soul as we read about in Romans 7 and 8 makes such difference in our lives. A soul living life dreads us from power and energy and often is confusing. When we switch over to living after our spirit and just trust the Lord with our life's and let The Holy Spirit guides us, then we are refreshed and renewed each morning and throughout the day.

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;

at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” Psalm 16.11

When God order our steps, peace and joy fill our heart. It is so much better that following our own path.

Every day we are planting seed. We are planting into our own life, and into others. The seed we are planting will give us a harvest. We may plant from our soul or from our spirit. Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us make us plant from our spirit and our harvest will be a good blessing for us.

Being structured and aware of what to plant, how to plant and where to plant makes our life prosperous in different areas of our lives. God has meant for us to be creative and expand our lives and live blessed. All creativity comes from him. The devil only copy what God does, and he twist it. But our God is the creator of all things and will order our steps in creative ways so each one of us have a perfect designed life where we are fully content and blessed. Genesis 1.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

Romans 5.8-9

We are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ. Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, justify our lives, and we are righteous through his blood. Never ever have I been forsaken following Christ. He provides, and are always one step ahead of me to clear out the way. In times of trouble, he carries me. In times of joy, he rejoices with me. In times of sorrow, he comforts me and so on. In all, he is always near.

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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

Sowing to yourself in righteousness has been a topic that my good friend and I have talked about this week. We all like a good investment that brings good results. And when the results come, it is time to have a celebration. Often, we may be so concerned about practical things that we forget that we actually have put out a lot of seed in our own life and in our surroundings. We forget that we have taken care of the fallow ground and may still think we have so much that need to be done or get in order before the harvest can come.

The fallow ground Hosea is talking about here refers to a land that has allowed to lie fallow in order to become more fruitful.

It can then easily be overgrown, and we need to clear the fields.

My friend talked this week about how he was sowing into different areas of his life, expecting a harvest of righteousness in the business, family and ministry. Expanding his territories and seeking the Lord for wisdom in where to sow and what to sow.

He told about how he had consistently been sowing for many years and had seen great harvest in every area of his life.

When times of stagnation came, he just welcomed the harvest once again, because he knew he had taken care of the fallow ground and had been sowing faithfully year after year for the harvest to come at the right time.

The stagnation only functioned to give a better harvest.

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## Is it possible to trust before acting?

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Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.  
Delight yourself also in the LORD,  
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD,  
Trust also in Him,  
And He shall bring it to pass.  
Psalm 37:3-5

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The wonderful words in psalm 37 tells us to Trust before we start acting. Sometimes we may act on Gods word, but do not trust him or what the word will perform for us. When we put our trust in Him,

we let go of our own will to control the environment and the outcome of what we are doing. We walk out in love because He first has loved us. When his love fills our heart, he enables it to trust in him.

We choose to take delight in the Lord. When we take delight in who God is, love comes flowing from our heart and spirit. Love makes us want to honor, praise and glorify. Our hearts flow over with thanksgiving and our mind get focused on something else than our selves. Then it says, that we will get the desires of our hearts. God is love and when we take delight in who he is, our hearts are filled with trust.

Trust makes us walk out in faith on his word, and love makes us want to walk out his word, because Jesus is the living word. Our hearts are filled with the desire to please him, to see his kingdom come, to see the goodness of the Lord in others lives and to make his name known.

Trust opens up for love. Trusting in who He is and what He has done for us.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we put our trust in what He has done for us and accept it in our heart.

At the end of the service yesterday several people decided to take Jesus Christ into their hearts. The love of Christ has such power to reach our hearts and make us know He is the Messiah, our savior.

The most wonderful miracles of them all is when a lost soul accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Then the journey starts in his wonderful strong love through us to make the world know who he is.

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## We are set before our own abilities to handle both the good in life and the bad.

Facing each different variety makes us determined and makes us grow. A child that is born cannot stop growing. We always grow in all we experience – and it is our choice how we want to grow and what we want to achieve in every aspect we face.

We make a choice if what we experience are going to be for our good by expanding our territories in knowledge and understanding, or if we want to grow in the bad and expand our experiences in that area.

I read Psalm 121 this morning, and so many memories went through my mind. Memories of God's presence throughout my life from I was born, until this day. How He with his everlasting presence always linger near to us. So many times He has taken me back to some of my most painful memories and said I sent my angels to watch over you. And by doing so He protected me from the degree of evilness the devil actually had planned in that moment, and it would have destroyed me. The devil had his chance to do some harm, but not in the way he had planned because God watched over me.

What a comfort it is to know that even in my darkest hour He has been there. And I might have thought that it nearly destroyed me, and was wondering how it could happened.

We live in an evil world, and in the midst of this evilness we have a wonderful God that have the ability to send his angels and protect us in the midst of what is going on.

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I did not think anybody watched me in my childhood and knew what was going on, but I came to know many years later that I had a Christian couple that had me in their prayers. I believe that even though they could not protect me from the circumstances I lived in back then, their prayers are the reason for me being where I am today.

I met them in a church many years later, and they were so concerned about how my life had turned out and that I was okay. From the day they first saw me and until that day, it had gone about 15 years. I found out that they had prayed for me all these years without even knowing anything about me or hear anything about me. Protecting prayers, healing prayers, salvation prayers and their prayers were answered.

When I read psalm 121 I think of these wonderful people. And I believe that because of their prayers my eyes were able to be lifted to the hills, where my help did come from. I did not back then know who I was talking to out in the mountains as a child.

I did not know who was answering me. All I knew was that He was good. He comforted me. I knew he had made the mountains, the heaven and the earth. I knew he would protect me and carry me throughout the days in my life. And I knew He was with me in everything I did.

I only met these wonderful people one time. I do not know their names, nor do I remember what they look like. But by their consistent prayers for me, I believe that my life has been different than it would have been if they have not prayed for me.

Never underestimate the power of your prayers!

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#### Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper:  
the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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#### John 1.1-4

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”Before anything was created, before the foundation of this earth, before you and me, before anything at all: was the Word, Jesus Christ, and He was with God. All things are made by him, and without him nothing has been made that is made. In him is all life.

What power, what majestic electricity it is in the name of Jesus. Who He is, What He is and What his name is.

I have read so many stories about people in Russia and eastern Europe that had not heard anything other than the name of Jesus. They did not know about anything of the gospel, anything that is written in the bible – but they called on the name of Jesus and miracles happened, people got saved and mighty powerful presence came – just by mentioning his name; Jesus.

Isaiah prophesied about his coming so wonderfully in chapter 61.1-7 about the coming of the Messiah and all He would do for us.

Imagine what we can do with the word of God in our lives when such wonderful miracles and power could come just by mentioning his name and they did not know what He had given to them or could do for them. They just were open and received who He was, and that is the key.

Without him nothing is ever made. He is the Word, the life and when we speak his written word out, it comes alive, performing what we say, because the word is Himself – Jesus.

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#### Isaiah 61.1-7

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;  
because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;  
he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;  
to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all that mourn;  
to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,  
to give unto them beauty for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
that they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.  
And they shall build the old wastes,  
they shall raise up the former desolations,  
and they shall repair the waste cities,  
the desolations of many generations.  
And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.  
But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD:  
men shall call you the Ministers of our God:  
ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,  
and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.  
For your shame ye shall have double;  
and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion:  
therefore in their land they shall possess the double:  
everlasting joy shall be unto them.

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## The power of thanksgiving

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” Psalm 100.4

What an amazing God we have. How blessed it is to enter into his presence with thanksgivings and into his Courts soaked by the blood of Jesus Christ.

We can stand before his courts totally free and forgiven because of the sacrifice Jesus Christ gave for us. When we enter into all the blessings and walk into the obedience that follow when our hearts have surrendered to the king of Kings, then our hearts will overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

I experienced an amazing thing yesterday. I was at a meeting and we were attending worship. There was a heavy atmosphere of depression in the room, and few of the people in were attending the worship. Suddenly the worship leader starts to take dominion on the stage, she dresses herself in authority and starts singing with such amazing anointing and make the people attended and also take charge over the worshiper on stage.

The presence of God falls heavenly and all in the congregation starts to attend and it becomes such an blessed atmosphere. This wonderful worship leader does this often.

She is not bothered by the circumstances that they are going to appeal to her for the presence of God to come. She takes dominion and authority and dresses herself in who she is in Jesus Christ.

She speaks out with authority and her words make the atmosphere change.

In genesis one we read about God created us so he could have fellowship with us. He wanted someone to be with. He also tells us in chapter one that we are called to have dominion over this world.

And as it is written in Ephesians 1 and 2, it tells us how we together are seated with Christ fare above all principalities and authorities.

In psalm 91.13 God tells us that; “Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet”

Jesus Christ came to give his life as a living sacrifice so that we can enter into the kingdom of God with the same rights and be equal citizens as his Son.

How Jesus lived, that is also how we may live. But we have to take possession, we have to mark our stand.

When we wake up in the morning, what attitude is it that we put into our feet when they hit the floor when we go out of bed?

Is it that what will this day give me, or is it today is going to be an amazing day because I am a Child of God?

What attitude do we have throughout the day?

Is it what can others do for me, what will the circumstances give me today, or is it today I take possession over my right to rule and what the Word of God says; that is what I will see.

My life is blessed – I am highly favored and loved by God the Almighty – I can do all things through Christ Jesus. This day, let us enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise – knowing that we are children of the highest, and we are made to rule, conquered and live victorious lives through the word of God, by the blood of Jesus Christ.

## Obedience – what relationship do you have to this word?

If we look it up in the dictionary one definition goes like this:

“compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.”

When I was a child my task was to do the Friday cleaning in my house. Among one of the tasks was the vacuum cleaning, and I did it with such satisfaction – so happy about how I did it and did not pay attention to how the result of my job was because I was so satisfied with performing my task.

When my father kindly tried to explain to me how I should do it, I was not too happy. And I have to admit that even if I remembered how He thought me how to do it properly, it took me some time before I did it.

I was so stubborn, wanting to remain in my own happiness in performing the task without looking at the result of my work. The feelings it gave me back then were more important than the result of my work. Today I must say it seldom goes a time where my father's kind advice is reminding me to do a proper job when I vacuum clean, and today I cherish the memory and am thankful for it.

My father was following me up back then in how I did my work, and I was not too happy about it, because I was enjoying the work I had to do – but I wanted to do it my way.

My father was known as a persistent man and he did not give up on making me do a good work. He had to put up with some bad manners from me and some neglecting and I had to put up with his persistence – and it did not always come in the best way – but it had a good purpose and did change my attitude and working skills.

He did not give up on me before I had done the job as perfect as it could be. Our heavenly Father, tells us in psalm 139 that he already knew all about us and all we would do before we even were born.

My favorite verse in psalm 139 is verse 12: “The darkness and the light are both alike to you”. What a wonderful sentence. God does not have our mind set or our feelings when it comes to the light or the darkness. To him it is all alike, and as our Father, so should it also be to us. Who we are – what we have done or will do is all alike to us through Christ Jesus. That also goes to how our surroundings are. Nothing really matters – because to God they are all alike. He sees us through Jesus Christ.

And we have it all through Jesus Christ: The Word as he is called in John 1.1.

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“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1.14

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We are so blessed to behold the Glory of Christ Jesus, and when we are in his presence this glory makes our lives full of grace and truth. Being around good teachers and good people is contagious and you are marked by it. In the same way we get marked by being in the presence of Jesus. The story I told you earlier was a story about my way of doing things and my father's way of doing things. It is the same with our heavenly Father.

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When I put my trust in who I am and my own skills – then I can do to a limit of what is my capability – and we all know each one of us are not limitless.

But when we plug into our father, listen to what he says in his wonderful word: making the word: Jesus, become one with our thinking and actions – then the Holy Spirit have the opportunity to make us become limitless.

A limitless obedience to God - with an order, request, or law or submission to His authority – That is a good life to reach after – especially since He is a loving, good Father.

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## “His Favor is for a lifetime” Psalm 30.5

In all we do each day we are so blessed to have his wonderful favor. And the most amazing one of them all is our salvation in Christ Jesus.

How amazing it is to live in the miracle of having a new life, where He washes away all the past, all that has stick unto us like glue to make our lives miserable.

Because that is what this world do. It causes us to be crippled not living fully free in the love God has given us so wonderfully through his son Jesus Christ.

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“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his Great Love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together, with Christ”

Ephesians 2.4-5.

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I just can't get out of the wonderful words in Ephesians these days. They are so wonderful, and whatever I read else were in the bible;

it always directs me back to what is written in chapter 1-3 in Ephesians.

How blessed we are to have Gods Favor for a lifetime, raised together, sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2.6)

That to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. (Eph. 3.10)

For by Faith he dwells in us, giving us wisdom, make us rooted in his word – so that we might be filled with the fullness of God. He is able to do more than we ever can imagine though us – through the power that worketh in us. You know when you exercise your muscle you give it more power. It gets stronger the more weight you use, and if you are persistent and structured in your exercise you will make your muscle very strong. Knowledge in which exercise to use, and how to do them correctly are also important to give the results. The same is it about our Faith walk and the power we choose that are going to work in our life.

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In Christ Jesus, we are given Favor for a lifetime. Gods favor is beyond everything we can imagine. When He blesses your day, hearing your inner thoughts and for fill them by using your surroundings to meet your needs, then there is nothing that can compare to that kind of blessing.

But we might measure out Gods favor in our life, because it has all to do with how we connect our Faith walk with what we have revelation on in the word of God.

When we connect our Faith walk, and our lives opening up to Gods Favor;

knowing that we are his workmanship

– predestined to good works

– that we are seated together with Christ Jesus in heavenly places

– fare above all principalities and power.

The Favor we expect from God goes to a whole new level.

I just love that the verse in the same sentence in verse 3.10 in Ephesians has the wonderful connection;

“By the Church the manifold wisdom of God”. The whole verse goes like this;

“To the infant that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God”

Hundreds of years ago the Church were under oppression by religious and controlling principalities and Martin Luther came with an revelation that we all benefit from today;

The just shall live by faith.

It knocked down the religious leaders at that time, and revealed the controlling, religious lies that had keep the church bound for hundreds of years.

Today we live in benefit from this wonderful revelation – but the church is once again captive by controlling – religious principalities – but now in a silent way. We can read about this silence in Zechariah 1.11.

We are not created to live out as single Christians not connected to the church of Christ.

God put it out so wonderful in the first chapters in Ephesians that we are raised together - seated together – that the Church shall let it be known with the manifold wisdom of God – too the principalities and powers in heavenly places.

The Church – the body of Christ – together shall make Gods wonderful works known – while we are seated in heavenly places together with Christ – above all authority and principalities.

Forgive me for repeating over and over again – but this is so wonderful, and the revelation must become strongly rooted in our lives.

For so many years the Church has been under such heavy attacks that many today no longer believe in the church – but live out as individual Christians. This is the plan from the devil – and we must see it for what it is – repent from our ways – forgive and once again get connected with the church - the body of Christ.

God wants us all to forgive what has happened to us and to the church and rise once again together in unity – where we see that the Church is the manifold wisdom of God. And that each one of us play a significant part in being part of the Church.

So many times, the Church is talked about as the body of Christ, and to function properly everyone has to be part of the body – doing what they are called to do. But the sleepiness we face in today’s churches makes us live in an apathy where we do not participate – where we do not see ourselves together seated with Christ in heavenly places – and where we do not see ourselves as workmanship, created in Christ unto good works.

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When we decide to awake from our sleepiness, and see that we have favor from God for a lifetime – it will not only benefit ourselves – but also the church.

We come alive through his word – and step out into the workmanship he has assigned for us – together we will in the church let the manifold wisdom of God be known to the world so they can believe and see what the Kingdom of God is all about.

The wonderful manifold wisdom of God is Christ in us – Christ through us – Jesus Christ giving us access to become Children of God – living out a lifetime with Favor of God.

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## Abundantly guided by his hand

In my childhood, we spent summers at the cabin by the sea. My grandfather had an old tree boat that we went out fishing and on trips with. I have not spent much time on a boat since my childhood, I did work a summer in a company that build boats, but that is as far as my knowledge and experience goes.

Like most of us I do have things I value very much and one of them are the biblical histories around boats. The history of Noah is one of my favorites. How wonderfully God instructs him to build a boat, an ark, before there where ever created a sea.

How much trust and faith in God Noah must have had. Building it accordingly after Gods own plan and timing. Doing something nobody had done before, nothing even He had experience about, yet He stayed faithful, trusting God to bring the animals and to equip him for the task and make him follow it through. God established his covenant with him. Genesis 6.18.

The story of Noah is also a wonderful reminder to us about our salvation, where Noah is a symbol of Jesus. Through Jesus Christ – God establish his covenant with us. Jesus are also our boat and saves us from this world into his kingdom. Jesus Christ is the word – and the word of God carry us throughout life. John 1.1.

The story is also a wonderful instruction and reminder too us that it is our God that gives the idea, the planes, enables us and are the one who sees us through – all we have to do is put our trust and faith in him – and stay obedient to his guidance.

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“And you shall remember the LORD your God,  
for it is He who gives you power to get wealth,  
that He may establish His covenant  
which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

Deuteronomy 8.18

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The story is also a reminder too us about the church, the body of Christ – where God brings in his people – He makes us float in the Holy Spirit and we are fully covered by Jesus Christ – who carry us everywhere we need to go by his word – because he is the word.

We do not need this world's perfection or magnifying ideas to do God's work. All we need is God's plan in our life – and it is first and foremost written down in His word – so a good start and following up is to know the word of God and live out.

God is also the one who has prepared everything – it is done – through Jesus Christ – we just have to accept it – trust His word – and walk it out by faith. Then we need to live in the water – walk closely with the Holy Spirit every day – He is the one that covers us and all our works with His presence. His presence performs more in one second than we can do in our own power in a lifetime.

“Not by might, nor by power – but by my spirit; says the Lord Almighty” Zechariah 4.6

By faith Noah built the boat – by faith Jesus walked out His life / His death and His resurrection – and by faith He surrendered fully trusting His father.

The same faith they lived by is also ours as Christians. We have the ability and the option to choose this wonderful faith in every area of our life every day. The only limits are the one we set for ourself. Hebrews 11.

God's word are fully enough to bring us abundantly – beyond measure – through this life; When we allow it to.

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## It is time to wake up

It is so easy to be satisfied with the life we live, but often it may be a good idea to evaluate what our 24 hours have been filled with. For if we are really honest with ourself – do we not easily spend time on what we love and value the most? And what are our real values?

Zechariah is talking strongly about this in his book, and what happens when we neglect walking in God's word. It is a kind, loving reminder – a heart cry from God – who loves us so much, and know what a loving good life we have in His presence. And He just love to talk with us and be with us.

The stillness, restfulness we may find in many churches today – are a sleep from prince of principalities that holds the church captive to not live out the fullness from God's love.

It is an apathy that's keep many Christians to be satisfied with far less than what God has for their lives. Not living out in faith – not stepping into the wonderful promises God will give to each of us that reaches out for it.

This stillness and restfulness has open the door for new age to enter into many churches – where yoga is accepted as part of Christianity – where worshipping with new age movement – and the church is silent. Not making a mark for what is true biblical worship and Christian living. There is a dancing that is from the Holy Spirit that are true and holy, and that is different from what many are attending today.

The sleepiness that many churches have entered has copied God's presence and the Holy Spirit's presence with human made effects – where we enter the worship with our souls and no longer know how to worship from our spirits. This is talked about in Zechariah 1.11.

«We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth is sitteht still, and is at rest»

And it is time to wake up. Time to see why our churches are run over by sickness, defeat and many make their own miracles because there is no room to enter the true miracles from God.

If we just will make room for Him – take time – give His word the value in our lives – then we will wake up and see the consequences from this sleep.

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Zechariah learn about the measuring line in Gods hand. We also have that in our lives. A measuring line to line up the width – the height – and the deepness of our walk into Gods word and make it alive in our lives. And when we lack it and the churches lack it because of the sleepiness we are put into – then we will be inhabited and the walls in our lives are turn down likewise with the church.

The damaging thing about this is that when you sleep you do not participate – even so – it is followed up by an restlessness. And we all know how we may be when we feel restless; murmuring, grumpy, gossiping, feeling miserable. And still not doing anything about it because we are at sleep.

Therefore, it is time to waken up.

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Zechariah 2.1-4

“I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand... and he sayd unto me; to measure Jerusalem to see what is the breath therof and what is the length thereof...Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therign”

Like Habakkuk talks about in chapter 2; “I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the Lord answered me... For the vision is yet for an appointed time... because it will surely come, it will not tarry... but the just shall live by faith.”

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Awakening in the churches is putting Jesus as head of the church and us as his body.

Awakening is making the body active – knowing witch task each one of us have – building together in one spirit. Making the Holy Spirit lead all in all both in the churches and in our own lives.

We take our watch as we will do when we do any task in this world. When you watch – you look after and protect – and gard. You see it as important and you know that you are important by performing your duty to what you have said yes to.

The vision you are holding is for your season and you know the vision for your church – because when you are on your watch it will surely come.

Awakening from the sleep and restlessness is stepping out into faith walking knowing Gods word is active and alive in your life and you know you are made righteous through Jesus Christ.

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## Continue the fight

I pray that this book is rooted deep in your spirit and that your mindset has been changed as you have walked through the chapters.

You might also have followed the online classes and are now ready to start on your new section of study. It is a good journey to travel to study and get deeper into the word of God, let him make us rooted and strong - so we continue the fight as his disciples – walking out his word - here on earth and teach others what we know. The fight is already done by Jesus Christ on the cross. Our fight is

against our own flesh and to walk out the word of God – establish his Kingdom around us, and by doing so, the enemy must back – and we make the territories under Gods protection and mark our steps with his word – as is Jesus – his light makes the darkness bow and surrender.

You are so valuable and important for the kingdom of God. What you do matters. Invest in yourself and get even deeper into all what God has for you and walk it out and be the light in this world that reflect who Jesus is. Blessings in all your walk.

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I Pray that the writing will bless your life and be increased.

To know Jesus more and more as he also is the Word of God. Rev. 19.10.

I pray that the Holy Spirit settle what is of good; the gospel of Jesus Christ into your life after accuracy of prophetic release. To establish, strengthen and increase your life more and more by our Lord Jesus Christ. For the mandate of his prophetic voice through your divine purpose. Jer. 1. 10.

All my books have been written under tremendous attacks both before, under and after each chapter have been established.

It is not Grammarly correct, and I have not had time to correct every chapter properly. And therefore, feel free to contact me for adjustments into the chapters. And know that from the very first book I started writing, I too also have been under counsel by the Holy Spirit to grow. So, something written in the first books may appear differently in the last books. And here we also have to add the prophetic word by its account. As the Word of God is a living word and work that transforms by its translation into hearts after what season they are in. Be blessed and highly favored!

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