## New Life Worship Ministries Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 29:2

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Sweet Summer Greetings to you! I pray you're enjoying the gentle breezes of the Holy Spirit in your lives. Instead of giving little glimpses of lives Jesus touches, this newsletter will be serving some "Fresh Bread," hot out of the ovens of Heaven.

I've been meditating on the love of Jesus a lot lately. In my own life, I have found that the love of God is deeper than the ocean ... there is just no end to it! The more I surrender, the deeper I fall into the vastness of His eternal love and embrace!

As you well know, almost every day I talk with people who've been hurt, betrayed, abandoned - children, families, spouses, friends, colleagues, ministers, neighbors and complete strangers - all needing true and faithful love - unconditional love! I Corinthians 13

Remembering the song, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love." God being love, He is also our song! Jesus our Creator is also the Lover of our souls! So much so that He laid down His life and died for us. So without doubt, we can tell others that there is no greater love in all the universe than the love of God for His creation, including you and me! We are the works of His hands. These verses declare that reality for us, and those God has us touch in Jesus name.

 $\mbox{II}$  Oh how He loves you and me! Oh how He loves you and me! He gave His life, what more could He do ... Oh how He loves you, Oh how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me!  $\mbox{II}$ 

From The Song of all Songs ... II He brought me to His banqueting table. His banner over me is love. I'm my Beloved's and He is mine. II Song of Songs 2:4,16

He placed me at his banquet table, for everyone to see that his banner over me declares his love. Song of Songs 2:4 The Voice (VOICE)



He escorts me to the banquet hall; it's obvious how much He loves me.

Song of Songs 2:4 NLT



My Lover is mine, and I am His. Nightly He strolls in our garden, delighting in the flowers until dawn breathes its light and night slips away.

Song of Songs 2:16 MSG



As you may recall, I recently embraced a new translation of the Song of Songs which specifically draws us into the most amazing love of all, that of the love of Jesus for His Bride, the church. I love this!

Song of Songs 2:3 My Beloved is to me as the finest fragrant Apple Tree - He stands above all the other trees of the forest, above all the other anointed ones, for there is no one like Him! I love sitting under His grace-shadow! With great delight, I dwell here enjoying the sweet taste of His pleasant and delicious fruit. What bliss is this!

[The Passion Translation, The Most Amazing Song of All]

I've also been drawn again to these promises for Israel, which we can receive and decree for our loved ones as well ...

Hosea 14:7-8 My people will again live under my shade. They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines. They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon. ..... I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from Me. NLT

Hosea 14:8 I'm the One who responds to your pleas and cares for you. I'm like a flourishing juniper tree; I provide life year-round.

The Voice (VOICE)

And for the fatherless children throughout our land ...



Psalm 27:10 ... Even if a child's father or mother abandons them, our Heavenly Father will take them in ... (my paraphrase).

Father God, I thank You for Your unfailing love and mercy shown to us through Your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit - Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is being done in Heaven ... for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, forever, Amen! We are so blessed to be Your children ... Thank You! In Jesus name, Amen!



## And, the big news in our family!

My grandson Zach graduated from high school 4<sup>th</sup> in his class with a 4.1+ as well as honours in English, Math and Science. After being offered several scholarships from 5 colleges, he has chosen UC Santa Cruz where he plans on majoring in Environmental Science & Engineering.

My granddaughter Allison, graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade with a 4.0 + honours. She too is focused on scholarships. She already set up her college prep classes for her 1st year in high school. Decreeing their God-ordained destiny, in Jesus name, Amen.

As for me, our prayers are being answered as my feet are doing much better. The advice, given in love, to take some time off to heal was well received. After 3 weeks of following instructions, at my request, my son Toby's family & I went on a hike into Duck Lake for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! As Zach would take my hand and pull his Nonna up the steep hill, I began to laugh as I remembered holding his hand when he was little; now he holds mine. Thank you for all your prayers and support. ♥ Lord willing, this summer will be a restful, balanced combo of family, friends and ministry, including ongoing counseling, homeless outreach (Pray for my visits with Andrew Herd, double amputee) & working with Father Adel again July 13, 16 & 18 - hope to share more in the next newsletter. I love you! Grace upon grace ... Betty

