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Happy Summer!

Summertime Greetings! Wow! Halfway through summer already! I trust you are enjoying God's beauty during this glorious season of sunshine & flowers! I can't help but praise Him for the wonders of His creation all around us!

My sister Maria shared one of her husband's favourite verses and I have been so blessed by it as we navigate through this political season in America:

For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." Romans 9:15 Exodus 33:19

Seated in the Heavenlies with Christ ...

"My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.

Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God."
Ephesians 3:14-21 The Message MSG

Jesus, rules and reigns over all the earth, including elections!

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James 3:17 NKJ

In this daunting political season, it is imperative to remember to focus on Jesus, our first love! The governments rest upon His shoulders! He came to remove our shoulders from the burden; He is our burden bearer. He sets up one and puts down another. He speaks through donkeys, and even lit a bush on fire, and spoke through it to set the captives free!

He remains the One who promotes, and the One who demotes. "His ways are not our ways," so "hearing" correctly is imperative. Keeping this in mind, I pray through as the Holy Spirit prompts:

Therefore take heed "how" you hear ... Luke 8:18 NKJ

With our nation in dire straits, on the downhill for decades now, what is our responsibility? Let us pray. Let us trust. Let us seek the Lord while He may be found. For His name's sake, and that of our children, grandchildren and the greats – generations to come!

How? First of all, we must NOT get bitter or defensive! God's Word is Bread, Honey, and sweet Wine poured out in sacrifice for all to come to His table. Let us not forfeit His call for the distraction of politics.

Yes, vote. Yes, do research. But don't let it take center stage. The cares of this world, including elections, could choke out the Word of God, making us ineffective and watered down by the world's system.

His awakening is at hand, at the door, first in the church, and then across the nation, triggering an overflow to the nations of the world. Rees Howells, and intercessors, saw God change WWII! Seek the Lord for His Word. Decree it, in Jesus name, and it shall be established. When a wicked decree goes forth, in Jesus name, stop, and cancel it! Then speak forth God's decree. Done!

1 Timothy 2:8-10 Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God. MSG

Following in His Footsteps

♥ Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. NKJ

♥ Psalm 37:23-24 Stalwart walks in step with God; his path blazed by God, he's happy. If he stumbles, he's not down for long; God has a grip on his hand. MSG

Stalwart, noun - a loyal, reliable, and hardworking supporter or participant in an organization or team. "the stalwarts of the Ladies' Auxiliary"

Stalwart, adjective - loyal, reliable, and hardworking. "he remained a stalwart supporter of the cause"

Synonyms: staunch, loyal, faithful, committed, devoted, dedicated, dependable, reliable, steady, constant, trusty, solid, hard-working, steadfast, redoubtable, unwavering "a stalwart supporter of the cause" ~ Antonyms: disloyal, unfaithful, unreliable

Yes Jesus, make us stalwart for it is a delight to follow in Your ordered footsteps! |o/

Do Not Fear!

[Last night I was counseling a parent whose child was in college and paralyzed with fear - fear of failure, fear of not being good enough, approaching the huge, and final exam in September, yet on the verge of quitting! Just so close! (Been there!) So, following our time together, I was asked to send over the verses. I quickly typed this out and e-mailed it. Then realized, it wasn't just for the one. Hence, this very brief (I could write a book on this), but gentle reminder for anyone paralyzed by fear.]

Above all, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but power, love, and a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

"Do not fear" is a command, not a suggestion. The only "fear" commanded is the "fear of the Lord" (See page 7). When we walk in the fear of the Lord, God gives us His grace to face fear, run the course, and finish with victory! He opens doors no man can shut and he closes doors no man can open. He promises to direct your steps as you follow in His footsteps. (Read/meditate/pray/decreed Psalm 65:11 You crown the year with Your goodness; Your footsteps drop prosperity behind them.)

Isaiah 41:10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. New Living Translation NLT

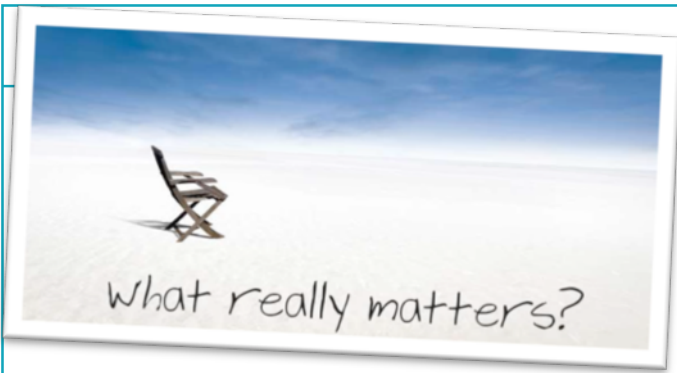
I also like it in the Amplified Version: 'Do not fear [anything], for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, be assured I will help you; I will certainly take hold of you with My righteous right hand [a hand of justice, of power, of victory, of salvation].'

Isaiah 43:1-3 "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

And in The Message Translation: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—because I am God, your personal God, the Holy of Israel, your Saviour.

And lastly, "What is not of faith is sin!" Hence, fear is sin – the fearful will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven! Therefore, do not entertain, or dwell on your fears, but rather feed your faith with the Bread of Life, and your fears will dissipate. Read and pray through these scriptures until they become a part of you ... signs and wonders follow His Word! Jesus is the Word! Ask Him to take you deeper into relationship with Him. Not as a historical figure, but as the Lover of your soul – His beloved – for His plans for you are for good, and not for evil to give you a future and a hope!

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Remember the old days. For I am God; there is no other. I am God; there are no other gods like Me. 10 From the beginning I declare how things will end; from times long past, I tell what is yet to be, saying: “My intentions will come to pass. I will make things happen as I determine they should.” 11 I am the one who called Cyrus, the bird of prey from the east; from a land far away I summoned him to do what I intend. My word went out, and I will see it done. My plan has been made, and I will see it through. Isaiah 46:9-11 The Voice

Job 42:2 “I know that You can do everything, and that no thought or purpose of Yours can be thwarted, or withheld from You.”

Job 42:1-6

Job answered God: “I’m convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans. You asked, ‘Who is this muddying the water, ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?’ I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, ‘Listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. You give the answers.’ I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears! I’m sorry—forgive me. I’ll never do that again, I promise! I’ll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor.” The Message (MSG)

♪♪ All That Really Matters ♪♪ by Matt Redman

Let our lives become a song for You ~ Like a prayer that reaches high ~ The glory of Your name our greatest cause
Let our lives become an offering ~ Ever pleasing to Your heart ~ The glory of Your name our highest call

All that really matters ~ All that really counts is found in You
What else would we live for? ~ You're the Way, the Life, the Truth ~ All that really matters is You
Let our lives become a light for You ~ Like a city on a hill ~ We'll glorify Your name forevermore, Lord

King of glory, be the center ~ King of glory, You'll be the prize
We shall have no other treasure ~ All that counts is You lifted high ~ All that matters, all that really matters is You
All that matters, all that really matters is You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlISsHjwMfc>

“the elephant in the room”

Starting to type, I heard, “How do you eat an elephant?” Answer: “One bite at a time!”

Google’s Top Definition: n. A very large issue that everyone is acutely aware of, but no one wants to deal with it. Perhaps a sore spot, perhaps politically incorrect, or perhaps a political hot potato, it's something that no one wants to touch with a ten foot pole. “The degeneration of parental responsibility in this country is the elephant in the room, but no one in Washington wants to address it.”

Who then? What is the ELEPHANT in the room? Clearly, it is not as big as our God! So how do we deal with it? Denial? Offence? Charge like a bull in a china shop? Flee out of fear? ... Recently, an elephant suddenly stepped into the room on FB. Several defended it; and a few confronted it. Well, absolute chaos! I don't think anyone listened to the other about anything. There is a time for this, and a time for that – each situation individually fashioned. I suggest praying in one accord for wisdom, “Merciful God, Come quickly Jesus! Come Thy Kingdom, be done Thy will!”



How to pick the perfect watermelon: 5 key tips from an experienced farmer ... by Jake Manning



<< 1. Field Spot

When viewing watermelons, the first thing that sticks out are those weird white spots. However, these spots (called field spots) are quite natural. The field spot is the area where the watermelon rested on the ground. While every watermelon has a field spot, the best watermelons have creamy-yellow or even orange-yellow spots. Go for the gold.

2. Webbing >>

The webbing of a watermelon indicates the amount of times that bees touched the flower. The more pollination, the sweeter the watermelon.



<< 3. Boy or Girl?

You may have not known this, but watermelons have genders. The 'boy' watermelons, are taller and more elongated, while the "girl" watermelons are more round and stout. The boy watermelons are more watery, while the girl watermelons are sweeter.

4. Size >>

Our common sense tells us that bigger is better. So we may think that we should get our money's worth and get the biggest watermelon we can haul onto our carts, but in reality, the best watermelons are average-sized. Don't go for too small or too big, but just right. Size matters.



<< 5. Tail

The tail of a watermelon indicates its ripeness. A green tail indicates that it was picked too soon and will not taste as good. Go for the watermelons that have dried tails for the best taste.

You can't judge a book by its cover, but you can judge a watermelon by its shell.

[I also look for the dark crusty "sap" on a sweet ripe melon!]





Father God, grant us repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth that we will come to our senses and escape the snare of the devil. Pour out a baptism of repentance, opening up a door of faith, from sea to shining sea, and our islands, in Jesus name, Amen.

Decrees: "I, the Lord, love justice!" Isaiah 61:8

"Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it."

The day shall declare it. 1 Corinthians 3:13 ~ Or, to put it another way, you are God's house. Using the gift God gave me as a good architect, I designed blueprints; Apollos is putting up the walls. Let each carpenter who comes on the job take care to build on the foundation! Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous. You won't get by with a thing. If your work passes inspection, fine; if it doesn't, your part of the building will be torn out and started over. But you won't be torn out; you'll survive—but just barely. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 The Message MSG

Judge nothing before the appointed time (AMP) ... resist the temptation to act as judges before all the evidence is in. When the Lord comes, He will draw our buried motives, thoughts, and deeds (even things we don't know or admit to ourselves) out of the dark shadows of our hearts into His light. When this happens, the voice of God will speak to each of us the only praise that will ever matter. 1 Corinthians 4:5 The Voice

But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. Romans 14:10-13 NKJ

*She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25
Years ago, each time I saw the numbers 911, I would often burst into tears of intercession for souls, nations, crisis, etc.
Until Jesus brought this verse to my attention while listening to my friend Winnie teach:*

Hebrews 9:11 But when Christ arrived as the high priest of the bliss that was to be, he passed through the greater and more perfect tent which no hands had made... The Moffat Translation

Since then, each time I see the numbers 911, I smile and thank the Lord that He is the High Priest of the Bliss! He is still King of kings, and CAPTAIN of the Lord of hosts - that's all hosts! And He is still able to turn the heart of the kings like water in His hands. Our faith is in Him, not a world system gone awry ... great peace have they who love His instructions, and nothing shall offend them (Ps. 119:165). For God has not give us a spirit of fear, or confusion, but power, love and a sound mind.

Hebrews 5:7-10 While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his maturity and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him. The Message MSG

Hence, over and over again, God says, "Fear Not for I am with you!" Seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, there is no fear - only great expectation! Although we are called to pray, it is not in a state of worry, but rather fixing our eyes on Jesus, our High Priest, we can come boldly before His throne, seeking His help in times of need. Let us take our mind off distractions, and think on His sovereignty which includes amazing grace, miracles, wonders, strategies, and peace that passes all understanding!

Look up! Our redemption draweth nigh! Hey! |o/

Brian Simmons, The Passion Translation

In your darkest hour look to the One who gives us HOPE!

I HEAR HIS WHISPER ... "HOPE"

I am the One who gives you hope in your darkest hour. The victory of your soul will be found as you hope in Me. Come to the fountain of hope and drink this day. For the days to come require that your eyes are washed with my hope and mercy. Many see a storm cloud on the horizon and lose their way. But you will see the storm cloud that Ezekiel saw, bringing you hope for a new day.

Within the storm you will find Me, living and breathing out hope. In the midst of the fire I will stand and you will see Me with new eyes. You are an overcomer. I have seen you stand up when others have fallen. Hope has sustained you, and My love has carried you. I am breathing My breath of hope into your soul this day.

You will never carry your burdens alone. I am with you always and I will lift from your soul what troubles you. Come and look upon My face and you will see the birth of hope within you. When you feel you are in a battle with no place to turn, I am your Captain, the Warrior-King who will fight for you. There is hope waiting for you, even in the heat of battle.

Hope is like a bright light to illuminate your way. In your darkness, hope shines until it has consumed your fears. I will always be faithful to you, My child. As I look into your future I see victory, joy, and promises fulfilled. What do you see when you look into the days ahead? Wash your eyes in my fountain of hope and you will see what I see.

Now you have risen into the next level of hope. Keep stirring the fires of expectation within your soul. I will never disappoint those who hope in Me. Even as you have opened your heart to Me I too open My heart to you. Come into your resting place, O prisoner of hope, and I will show you many things you have never even imagined. I AM the God of hope, and soon, very soon, your every enemy will be defeated. Still your soul, rest in Me, and hope will be birthed within you.

Romans 15:13 "Now may God, the inspiration and fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his super-abundance until you radiate with hope!" The Passion Translation TPT
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Forever, For Always, No Matter What!

Live as Citizens of Heaven ~ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Philippians 1:27 NLT

Living to Honor the Good News

No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit. I will know this if I come and see you or only hear about you. I will know that you work together as one person. I will know that you work to spread the teachings about the good news. Philippians 1:27 New International Reader's Version NIRV

Have a "praying always" lifestyle! |o/ Ephesians 6:18

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. The reward for humility and the fear of the LORD is riches and honour and life.



James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. 18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness [or of good things, or of justice.]

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. NKJ

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor. MSG

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 We, of course, have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so. God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don't find it lying around on the surface. It's not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene. The experts of our day haven't a clue about what this eternal plan is. If they had, they wouldn't have killed the Master of the God-designed life on a cross. That's why we have this Scripture text: No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, never so much as imagined anything quite like it—what God has arranged for those who love him. But you've seen and heard it because God by his Spirit has brought it all out into the open before you. MSG

Isaiah 11:2-4 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of The Fear of the Lord.

His delight is in the Fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited.

Therefore, when we are in a situation, or we're facing a crucial life decision, just as Jesus depended upon the Spirit of the Lord, we do too! Let us call for the Spirit of Wisdom, coupled with the Spirit of Understanding, and communicated through the Spirit of Counsel, with the Spirit of Might to carry it out for His glory! Whoo! \o/ Hey!

God grant you peace in the eye of the storm, and an "Isaiah 11:2-4" anointing for the task at hand, in Jesus name, Amen!
Shoulder to shoulder, grace upon grace, and much love, Betty & the NLWM Team

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