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DEDICATION

To my precious family
and to the Ladies Class at
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PREFACE

This book is shared in hopes that those who read it will realize that the God we serve is not silent today. He is not unapproachable to us in our need; we do not wait in line for His attention or His blessing. He is there for us, each of us, in a wondrous, knowable, loving way, just waiting to be discovered, longing to be known and understood, desiring to share Himself and his deepest treasures with us, His children.

God loves us in our ordinariness; He delights in us and waits to speak to our deepest needs, even though we are only “us.” We just need to learn to LISTEN. That is perhaps the difference between a child of God who “hears” God and one who does not. Do you know how to listen? Have you trained yourself to hear the still, small voice within you, or do you block it out with your busyness, with the noise and demands of the world, with your own apathy or unbelief?

I pray that the Lord will speak to hearts through the simple lessons He has shared with me. But my greatest hope and prayer is that these messages will serve to be stepping stones to your intimate sharing with the Lord, stepping stones to His intimate sharing with you. I pray that these pages will inspire a wholehearted search within you for the greatest treasure of all—knowing and communing with God Himself, for He waits to speak to you.

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A BEGINNING

JANUARY 1

Through the Lords mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, Therefore I hope in Him! The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:22-26)

“There is a beginning to all things. Each goal must have its start in one simple first step. This is your first step—to meet alone with Me each and every day, no matter what the circumstances of that day. To block out the world entirely for that portion of time, to give Me lordship in your mind and heart, to give Me your undivided attention while I commune with you. All else will flow from that. If you honor Me with this obedient exercise every day your life will be changed! Your heart will be changed! Your goal will be realized.”

CONSTANT COMMUNION

JANUARY 2

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (John 10:27)

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. (John 16:12-15)

“Do not think it strange that I speak to you so clearly. It is not strange nor should it be unusual. It is the way life was meant to be—in constant communion with Me. Only the world sees it as strange and impossible because they do not understand how I long to commune with them. They shut their ears and their hearts to Me by their unbelief, by their worldly viewpoint. Guard against this. Protect this precious gift between us by keeping your heart tender, by obeying Me in all things, by listening lovingly for My every whisper. I am meek and do not force Myself upon anyone.”

I NEVER FAIL

JANUARY 3

And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God my God will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. (1 Chronicles 28:20)

And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

“I will never fail you nor forsake you. If I turned My back on My children when they sinned, when they made wrong decisions, who would stand? Who would live through it? There is forgiveness in Me. There is hope! You must learn from your mistakes and failures though it is a hard lesson. You must learn to rely upon My wisdom, which is there for your protection. You must not turn from it again.”

THE GREAT LIE

JANUARY 4

Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:43-44)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! (Psalm 34:8)

“Do not let Satan tell you that I am boring! He tells this lie to the whole world. I am not boring! Only man’s view of Me, his sometimes futile quest of Me, his idea of who and what I am, is boring. It is only when man stops at the threshold of really knowing Me, that he experiences boredom. Do not stay upon the threshold of experiencing Me—‘taste and see that the Lord is good.’ Don’t let even one day slip by without experiencing Me. You do not know but that the experience of that very day could be the fragile link in the chain of events that I have planned so carefully for you. The words of that very day could form the fortress you need to face the next trial. My sharing that day could be the comfort you will need tomorrow.”

THE ANSWER TO LIFE

JANUARY 5

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

“I am not just the answer to any single problem—I am the answer to life itself. You need Me every moment and I need you. How I love to reveal Myself to you, to lift the veil of the natural man from your eyes, to let you see Me, know Me, experience Me. Do not hold back—do not be afraid—it is good to be overwhelmed by My presence. It is a natural result of knowing Me. It is life-giving; it will bring health to your mind, body, and spirit. It will release you from all that binds you. Never doubt Me again. Have I not proven to you that I cannot fail you? Have I now earned your trust? Remember, that is all I ask of you—to trust Me and to obey Me. I will do the

rest.”

ONE HOUR

JANUARY 6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Matthew 6:6)

“There is nothing so important in all of life that cannot be laid aside for just one hour each day. That is what I ask of you; to give one hour each day to your quest of Me. Lock yourself in with Me away from the demands of the world. This is a habit that must be formed. It was easy to do this when life was not so busy, but even more essential to do now.

“Hard, time-consuming work cannot be sustained for any length of time without periods of refreshment and rest, simple rest in Me. The refreshment of the Living Word, the loving Christ. Put this refreshment, this revitalizing intimacy with Me first before all else. Our sweet tender moments must not be sacrificed to anything else.”

THE SEARCH

JANUARY 7

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)

“Search for Me with all your heart! That is the secret. A half-hearted search will never yield a harvest of knowing Me. Only those who seek with their whole heart, with everything in them concentrating upon Me, will ever really find Me. I must have first place in the hearts of My people. If they relegate any lesser place than that, that is also a degree of blessing, of knowledge of Me that they will receive. I can only work with what is given to Me. To the degree that a heart is opened up and yielded to Me, that is the degree to which I can fill and bless and work in that life. That is the degree to which they will hear My voice and enjoy My guidance.”

THE ONLY MOLD

JANUARY 8

For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. (Psalm 149:4)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored

more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

“It is okay to be you. It is okay to be you in the body of believers. I do not stamp believers out of one mold. No, each and every child of Mine is precious and different. It is all right to be who you are and where you are. That is what I delight in. Your relationship with Me is of utmost importance. Even your relationship with the church is secondary to that, as everything in life is secondary to our oneness. There are rough spots in your character, yes. There is rebellion in your heart, we both know that. But I am quite capable of handling those things in My own way. Do not worry about them. Just continue to love Me. I love you for yourself, for the unique personality that makes you, you! There are no molds in My kingdom—I have broken every one of them save one, My own image. And that image fits perfectly into each personality. Relax, and just let yourself love Me.”

THE GREAT FRIEND

JANUARY 9

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. (Psalm 139:17-18)

“Come to Me with absolutely everything. That is what I am here for! No hurt is too small, no question too silly, no need too unimportant. Share every little event of life with Me. I listen to the details with perfect understanding, unquestioning attention, undivided interest. All My time is yours—fill it with all of yourself, all of your life. I do not tire of you. Share all with Me, your Lord and Savior, your confidante, the lover of your soul. Let us have many secrets, much shared joy, and abundance of love and laughter together.”

COME UNTO ME

JANUARY 10

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. (Ephesians 5:1)

“I long to see the gentle stamp of My image upon the hearts of My people. I wait and long for this! Each shared moment, whether burden or victory, joy or sorrow, stamps the image ever deeper upon the life of My children. This is why I bid you come, come unto Me! Whether tired and weary, or filled with joy and wonder, or simply stepping along the path of life, come unto Me! I bring all things into balance. I fill every need. I chart every course. Let Me love you! Come unto Me!”

ESCAPE

JANUARY 11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:5-8)

“Escape? I do not call you to escape. That is not My way. Did I escape the challenges of My life? Did I escape the humble life, the human pain, the cross? No. And so, too, you must be willing to go through your life, not escape from it. I give refreshment along the way, I provide the temporary escapes necessary to refresh and restore you. But flight from the life I have chosen for you? No. You must face up to your life and walk in it, live through it, do what I have called you to do. There is no way out but My way—the path of simple obedience day by day.”

MIND OF CHRIST

JANUARY 12

...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ... (2 Corinthians 10:5)

“You must control your thoughts. You must bring every thought under My control. Is it a good thought, will it bless you? Will it bless others? Will it bring peace, joy, harmony, and success to life? If not, you have no business thinking it. Your thought-life must be pure, positive, activated by My Spirit, acceptable to the mind of Christ. It is not your place, as a child of God, to entertain negatives, to dwell on the bad things, to rob yourself of peace and power by thinking as Satan would have you think. Humble yourself then, by bringing every thought under My scrutiny, under My control. You will save yourself a lifetime of sorrow, of defeat, of failure.”

THE GUARDED LIFE

JANUARY 13

You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. (Psalm 97:10)

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the Lord surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. (Psalm 125:2)

“The guarded life, can you not feel it? Have you not known it all these years? You see My hand at every crossroad pointing the way. You feel My gentle touch at every resting place, My loving protection at every turn. The guarded life, My gift to you. My promise fulfilled, My love endowed, My longing satisfied. Yes, My child, I long for you to have the best of life, to be safe and happy and warm in My care! And so I am here, guarding, protecting, providing, loving, wrapping you up in the blanket of My love, sheltering you from the heat of the day, holding you through the watches of the night. Always ready to leap to your defense, always ready to guide and guard, always with you. this is My love, this is Me, this is the great I AM.”

BLOCKED CHANNELS

JANUARY 14

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

“There must be nothing between us to stop the flow of My spirit to yours. Nothing blocking the flow of blessing—no disobedience, unconfessed sin, doubting or willfulness. At all cost, keep this channel clear and free of rubbish! Then all blessing shall be yours, all that you need shall come to you unhindered. This is a physical law of My spiritual kingdom. Blocked channels prevent blessings and guidance from reaching you; they slow up progress and impede the pathway of your life. Make sure, that no matter what, there is nothing standing between My hand of blessing and your hand ready to receive. Remember, this is a law of the Kingdom, and you must learn to live by it. Then the greater secrets of the Kingdom shall be yours.”

THE SHIP

JANUARY 15

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear? For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:25-34)

“Relax in Me. Do not struggle so! Live each moment as it comes, relaxing in the knowledge of My gentle care of you. There is no need to strain ahead, no need to vainly search the horizon for My next provision. It will come. As a ship sails into harbor, so shall My provision come. Rest easily in Me. Enjoy the blessings of the day, and leave the rest to Me. Could I ask a more simple thing of you? Yet, I know, the simple is often the most difficult. The simple task of faith and obedience requires the child-heart, the child-spirit, so rare within the heart of man, but so very necessary in My children.”

TRUE FREEDOM

JANUARY 16

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)

“Freedom from self—one of My most priceless gifts! This is My gift to you this day. Freedom to rise above this life, this temporary home of earth. Freedom to enjoy My presence, My home, in your spirit. Freedom from fear, from worry, from all that binds My people to this world. That is the freedom I offer to you. “Walk the high places with Me, your Lord. Step lightly upon earth’s crust, knowing that truly you walk the heavens with Me.”

THE BALANCED LIFE

JANUARY 17

Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil. (Proverbs 4:27)

“Equilibrium. That is the essence of My message for your life. Balance in all things—balance of the heart and mind and passions. To be set out boldly in the winds of life and circumstance and neither bend nor falter. To remain solid and upright, at peace, no matter how the winds blow, no matter what dark cloud threatens in the distance. Just to stand and stay standing. Plant your feet solidly upon the rock. Let the winds blow about you with all their force. They have no power to harm you, for I am your rock. I am your anchor. Let Me be your peace, your power, your stabilizer. Bend neither to the right nor to the left, but receive your balance in Me.”

ONE DAY AT A TIME

JANUARY 18

Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. (Proverbs 27:1)

“Why so impatient? Can you not live one day at a time with Me? Do you think life is to be worked out, lived through and conquered all in one day? Even My life could not be lived thus. No, true life must be lived one moment at a time. There is no other way. There are no shortcuts, no easy answers, no magic carpet ride to bypass daily living.”

UMPIRE

JANUARY 19

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,... (Philippians 4:8)

“Yes! Stay in control of your thoughts! That is the secret to peace and happiness. If your thoughts are in control of you, then there is trouble. You are the master of your own mind. Nothing can enter in that you do not allow. Continue to let Me be the umpire in your heart and mind.”

BRING THE NEED

JANUARY 20

The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. (Isaiah 58:11)

...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

“Come to Me for all that you need. Come to Me to be renewed! Do you lack strength? Come to Me for more. Is your peace ebbing away through the cracks of disappointment and trial? Come to Me for even greater peace. Are you losing confidence? I am here to lift you up. Is it love that you lack, or joy or patience or trust or guidance? It matters not what the need may be—I fill them all. Bring the need that I may fill it.

“That is why this time together is so vital. It is the time of renewal, of refilling, of receiving. It is a time of blessing! A time for you to be restored to peace and balance, no matter what support the world has kicked out from under you. No matter how deeply you have been hurt or disappointed, I can fill in that emptiness. I can heal the wound, no matter how deep. Always I work to bring you back to that place of perfect balance and peace where you deserve to live”.

UNHAPPINESS

JANUARY 21

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: (Philippians 4:11)

“You must realize that no circumstances in life have the power to make you unhappy. It is only your attitude

toward the circumstance, your failure to trust Me in that circumstance, that causes unhappiness. Things or situations in themselves have no power over you. You are the one who chooses where the power lies—whether it be in self, in circumstances, or in Me. Where will you have that power lie?”

DULL DAYS

JANUARY 22

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

“Yes, I speak to you on the dull days as well as on the glorious ones! It matters not to Me. As long as your heart is open to receive My message, I am here. I wait to speak peace and comfort, love and counsel. I bring all the powers and wonders of heaven with Me. They are at your disposal. Wherever I am, there also is My power, My light, My strength, My love. Think of the benefit of calling those things into action—just by being with Me. Just by spending time in My presence, by allowing Me to fill you, to befriend you, to be yours.”

RESPONSIBILITY

JANUARY 23

...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,... (Ephesians 1:4-5)

“It is My responsibility to care for you; did you think I was just being kind? Kind, yes, but more than that! You are My charge, My adopted child—it is My responsibility and My delight to take care of you. You have given Me everything, every part of yourself. Could I do any less for you? You think I owe you nothing, but My love does owe you; it owes you all that I possess. Take freely of My treasure!”

WISDOM

JANUARY 24

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5)

“I share My wisdom with you gladly, abundantly! Come to Me for continual wisdom!”

THE LITTLE FAITH

JANUARY 25

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!
(Mark 9:24)

“Arise. Awaken the little faith within you and walk with Me. I will hold your hand a little tighter, I will slow My steps a bit to match yours, I will make up for the lack of faith within you. I will put My own faith, My own love, My own strength, in its place until you are filled to overflowing. I love you unconditionally. My love and understanding are not based upon the strength of your faith. They are based solely upon the depth of My love. Do not be ashamed. Confess your doubts and come forward from the tomb of self-pity to walk in the sunlight with Me. Come on; come out of there and take My hand once more and we will be on our way. Everything is all right. You will see. Everything will be all right.”

ALL-ENCOMPASSING LOVE

JANUARY 26

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:35-39)

“Do I take My love from you for even an instant? No! That is a lie of Satan. My love is firm, constant, all-encompassing. It does not depend upon your feelings or your performance. It depends only upon Me, and I am unchanging. I have given My love to you and there it shall stay, no matter what. It is yours. No one can steal it from you, not even Satan himself. You cannot lose it or give it back. My love surrounds you like an ocean, fills you like a river, sticks to you like glue! Rest in My love, accept My forgiveness, accept My discipline. All is well.”

THE PLANNED LIFE

JANUARY 27

Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. (Psalm 25:12)

But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, You are my God. My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies sake. (Psalm 31:14-16)

"Everything is of My planning in your life. Each day, each person you meet, each trial, each joy. All brought together through one great network of caring for you. All sifted through My love, My plan for you. There is no chance happening, no unimportant event, no uselessness in a life directed by Me."

"Go through each day, then, confident of My planning, My guidance, and My protection. Yours is a planned life, a blessed life, a life held lovingly in My hand."

FOLLOW

JANUARY 28

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

"Inch by inch, follow closely, carefully, each instruction, each little urging of My Spirit. If you are not sure of the Spirit's voice, stop whatever you are doing and ask Me. More and more you will know for sure the voice of the Spirit and that of self. It is a delicate lesson but so essential to your walk with Me. And so important to follow each urging of My Spirit. It will save you great heartache. It will ensure you of great success."

THE ORDERED LIFE

JANUARY 29

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,... (Romans 8:28)

"The ordered life, Are there any chance happenings, any 'luck,' in the lives of My children? I think not! The ordered life—planned by Me, guided by My Spirit—this is your privilege. I love to plan for you. This is My privilege, My joy!"

THE TANTRUM

JANUARY 30

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. Oh, that men would

give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two. Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions. Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing. (Psalm 107:13-22)

“I want to reveal to you why you are having such a difficult time having faith in this situation. It is because you are not accepting the circumstances of your life as they are.”

“You are not accepting the fact that this is the way that I want your life right now. I have My reasons. Yes, I have promised to help you, but it will be in My way and in My timing. Until then, you must learn to put a smile on your face, stop stamping that foot at Me, and stop whining and crying. You are meeting your problems like a sissy. Focus your attention on Me, on the beautiful world I have given you, on the lovely family you have, on your work, on all the precious good things in life. Let yourself feel My strength and peace. You scurry into your corner of fear and doubt and despair, and there is no comfort there. Can you not learn this?”

THE ULTIMATE REQUIREMENT

JANUARY 31

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

“The final test, the ultimate victory, the beginning, the middle, the end—that is trust. Trust is everything in the lives of My children. It is both the basic and the ultimate requirement. Without it, life is sad, confusing defeat. With it, life is one golden moment after another. Moments of excitement, peace, joy, the thrill of seeing the hand of God at work. The peace of knowing that I am in control.”