

GOD'S BOOK FOR BUDDIES

Theme: "SIT With ME"

OUR RESTORATION - MINI BOOK 1 COLLABORATION



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OUR RESTORATION - MINI BOOK MESSAGES

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PURPOSE

Our Restoration has existed since 2020, on a Facebook page - intentionally with no activity since, our focus having been Red Thread Poets website. However, our life-supporting poems have reached a moment in time that The Lord has now propelled the activation of Our Restoration in a new way.

Using poetry as doorway to now introduce God's Word and His intentions, just as The Holy Spirit has been kicking them around with me for ten years, for others to now play with and rejoice in Our Creator God, and explore God's intention for fellowshiping and partnership here on earth and with Him, and eternally.

And, as we have learned from those we thank in the page GRATITUDE, The Word of God has precedence here, along with worship.

FOREWORD

BY DOC DALTON

I am a writer of poetry and through this writing journey I have become good friends with another writer named Peter. Because of our meeting through the poetry website Red Thread Poets our friendship has grown in such a way that we now do calls twice a week and have done so for 2 plus years. The crazy thing is, Peter is from Ontario Canada, and I am from North Jersey in The United States.

While we talk about everything and anything, we always talk about God, Jesus, Angels, Heaven, Hell and so much more, which can at times almost drive us out of our minds or at least my mind.

Personally, I want life to be simple and that includes with God. Unfortunately, that is not the case, in fact the world has lately become overly complicated in so many different ways, at times for me, and I believe for Peter and others as well.

We are taught at a young age to have a personal relationship with God, but from everything I witness on TV and online services it doesn't sound that way, feel the way, look that way or act that way.

Pastors and other spiritual leaders tell us what is right and what is wrong, how we should pray and not pray. Videos can become our enemy as we watch and see many talking against each other, claiming that the word others are teaching is wrong and we will go to hell if we are not careful. Are some correct and the others wrong? Does it become a board like game where we roll the dice and pick our 'teacher' and move 4 spots closer to heaven, while poor Johnny picked the wrong one and landed in hell for 2 spins or until his feet turn crispy and black?

I watched one the other day talk about giving. If you give, you will be rewarded, but then followed up by acknowledging having the biggest house in his state. This raises the question of who we are giving to. We know we are supposed to help our neighbor and show them compassion, love and respect. People are hungry, people are homeless, people are in need but he is not, while sitting in a fancy mansion, comfy, warm, well fed and secure while teaching his version of God's Word, telling others that they must give. Perhaps this 'teacher' should sell his multi million dollar home and buy a condo and use all the extra money to, feed and shelter those that are hurting.

Unfortunately there are countless others like that, and worse. That makes it so difficult for people to come to God - people are confused, they don't feel good enough about themselves, and so they stay away, especially if they are eating out of garbage cans and sleeping out in the cold.

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I started thinking, why do I listen to these 'teachers', because if so many are off point, and not correct and criticizing each other, there is no love and no grace, and they are setting a very poor example of God's Gospel Love

So instead, let me talk directly to God and hope I am doing the correct thing.

I don't need anyone's help getting to hell. I can get their all on my own!

So, this is why I am writing this Foreword for God's Book for Buddies, because this book is a simple, short book that explains that maybe you should just talk to God like you're used to talking to others.

Just tell the Lord, you believe in Him, and you want Him in your life and to help you, guide you, walk by your side and protect you because my friend, that is 100% exactly what He wants and that's what we call a personal relationship. It's a start and it is exactly where we want and need to be.

Understand this, if I can have a personal relationship with my wife for 42 plus years, and I know the devil has played some games along the way, you can have a relationship with the Lord because there are no games, just trust, honesty, love, respect and so much more that you maybe haven't even thought of yet.

Thank you for listening and enjoy God's Book for Buddies. God Bless and much love always.

Doc Dalton

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GRATITUDE

Clarifying my true destination is complex, as I am now learning, and experiencing being bi-located, now!

As a spiritual being in a physical form, I am spirit, soul and body (see 1 Thes. 5:23). God's Word says I am seated in Christ in the Heavenly Realm (see Col. 3:1), yet I am, as those who know me here on earth, a product of my parents, September 1940, and biologically made from the components of earth, as we all are, from dirt, we are from dust and to dust we will return (see Gen. 3:19).

So first I must thank my parents, but as I grow up I see beyond them to Our Creator God and the bigger picture, I can now express such gratitude. Thank You Lord God.

But, fellowship and relationships are God's intention, so after sixty years plus knowing and loving Birdie, my wife Veronica, thank you for being so amazing in EVERY way, and supporting me even when I wouldn't support me. Likewise, thanking my daughters is easy, even when they are challenging which I often need.

However in my walk on the write side, Red Thread Poets and counselling among other things led to its launch, I thank two couples, my "Crutches": Chester and Faith, and Marshall and Jessica. Also poets Doc Dalton and Ebuka, also poets on Red Thread Poets, including Jennie the first, and AJ in the prairie flatlands.

Much gratitude also to my love of music and words, music first with Louis Armstrong and his Hot Five and Hot Seven, and to specifically the songs featured here in the Worship chapter by Bebo Norman and Helen Lemmel, all of which I have frequently played, but particularly apropos Walk Down This Mountain by Bebo.

So grateful to J. Vernon McGee the Bible Commentator. Dr McGee's popular radio program "Thru The Bible" with his focus on practical everyday wisdom, anchoring the messages with his spiritual, religious and redemptive truth in this focus on "Sit With ME" in John Chapter 6, along with Marshall Jones and His appropriate Devotional from Revelation 3:21..

Inspiration for my poems was seeded by A Western Builder ("AWB") in the Chapter "Sit With ME" - AWB Stimulus. This dear friend, led this direction, as we shared lengthy sessions wrestling with the challenges of life, and being drawn by the Holy Spirit to yield to God. Not at all easy, why so much focus is spent on this theme. Thank you AWB.

As I read God's Word, I have noticed how God brings me revelation and also 'instructions to write' motivated by all those above who have studied His Word deeply and been themselves moved not just by pen.

peterwill

INTRODUCTION

This is the first mini book of 'messages', the first draft was only page - the admonishment from Christ "Sit With ME".

Doc Dalton kickstarted these Mini Books and wrote the Foreword propelling it's first draft launch, unexpectedly expanding our collaborations, that I now see The Holy Spirit clearly had in mind, and helping me accept the last ten years of preparation, and acknowledge the marvellous collaborations within and without that Website, Red Thread Poets. Outside Red Thread Poets, AWB leads the way, and inside along with Doc Dalton, Red Granite Daily Devotions, a collaboration with Marshall Jones and Jessica his wife since November 1, 2022, dramatically broadening our study base of the Word of God, and ALL from within the walls of lifetime incarceration.

This mini book focuses on "Sit With ME", and the challenges and blessings of actually doing that.

I can't think of a better way to explain 'why poetry', than this poem of Doc's:

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT ALL

Did you ever take the time to see
All the wonderful things that life can truly be
Like the colors of the leaves during the fall
That's the beauty of it all

Like stars that shine throughout the night
Like diamonds in the sky sparkling so bright
To watch a shooting star as it falls
That's the beauty of it all

Standing on the edge of a giant cliff
While witnessing for miles, Gods beautiful gifts
Standing so high and feeling so tall
That's the beauty of it all

Walking along the oceans shores
Listening to the waves crashing with such a mighty roar
It's a feeling like none you've ever had before
That's the beauty of it all
Taking time out during your busy day

To share your love with family in countless ways
And make it known, that you love them all
That's the beauty of it all

Taking a moment, to say a simple Prayer
Thanking the Lord because you know that he cares
For keeping you safe and not letting you fall
That's the beauty of it all

So now is the time to sit and wonder
To understand what life has to offer
And if you have really learned from it at all
Then my friend, you have truly found that ...

THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT ALL

Doc Dalton

www.docdalton.com/poetry.html

Go to the 2nd flashing button and click on that
for the song.

THRU THE BIBLE

THEME - "SIT WITH ME"

THRU THE BIBLE with J Vernon McGee

John 6:22-24 KJV

John 6:22 to John 6:39:

THEME: Jesus explains the true Bread of Life, after feeding the five thousand near the Sea of Galilee.

JESUS GIVES A DISCOURSE ON THE BREAD OF LIFE

We find now that the crowd is beginning to look for Him, and they are disappointed. They discover that both the Lord Jesus and the disciples are gone.

The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

(Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

They apparently had come up from the southern part of the Sea of Galilee, and He had fed them there. Then they had come on by boat to Capernaum. That seems to be the way we have it here.

This is the first time John used the title Lord—“After that the Lord had given thanks.” As we have seen, the common name John uses for Him is Jesus because He is “the Word ... made flesh” (John 1:14). Who is that Word? It is Jesus. “... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21).

The crowd was really wanting to know how He had been able to get away as He did.

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

John 6:25-26

KJV

Jesus doesn't really answer their question directly. He penetrated beneath the surface to their motive for seeking Him. Actually, the word

He used was not literally “loaves” but a word that means fodder. You ate the fodder and were filled. Your only interest was that your tummies were full.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. John 6:27 KJV

Let me put this into our language of today (this is not a translation but only an attempt to bring out the meaning): stop working for food that perishes, but work for food that endures for everlasting life, which food the Son of Man will give you, for on Him, God the Father has set His seal.

You will recall that this is the same approach which our Lord made to the woman at the well. For her it was water that she wanted; for these folk it is bread. These are two essential things. Bread and water are very important to maintain life. Jesus is both Bread and Water. Notice that He uses these commonplace symbols. He is the Word, and the Word became flesh. How can we explain that? Jesus, the Word, is reaching down and communicating where we can understand it. He said that He is Water and that He gives Living Water. He said that He is Bread. We know what water is and we know what bread is.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? John 6:28 KJV

In other words, they are asking what they can do to be saved. Man has always felt that if he could just work at it, he could be saved. Man feels thoroughly capable of working out his own salvation. He feels competent to do it, and he feels that God must accept his works. Notice carefully what the work of God is.

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:29 KJV

You see, the work of God is not that which is commanded by God, but it is that which has been wrought by God. In other words, it is what God has done and not what you do. It is the work of God and not the works of man. “This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” He is saying that God provided food. He is the One who has provided that for us today, and we are to partake of it. The invitation He gives is to a banquet. Go out on the byways and highways and tell them they are invited to come. It is a free meal, by the way, but it happens to be spiritual food.

They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? John 6:30 KJV

May I say that this reveals the hardness of the human heart. Here are the men who had been fed miraculously by our Lord when He fed the

five thousand and they say, "Show us a sign. What dost Thou work?" In other words, they did not want to believe at all. And they take their conversation right back to the dinner table.

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

John 6:31-33

KJV

They are still thinking of physical food, and say, "Moses gave our people manna." Actually it wasn't Moses who gave the manna; God did that. And it wasn't a one-time deal. God fed them every day for forty years. They want to be fed, and that is what they are after. Manna gave life in that day, and it was a gift from God. The manna gave physical life to them out there in the wilderness, but the Lord Jesus gives spiritual life. "My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven."

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

John 6:34 KJV

They are just like the woman at the well who asked for water but was thinking of physical

water so she wouldn't need to come and draw water at the well anymore. It took our Lord quite a while to lift her thinking out of that well to the spiritual Water. And it takes Him a long time to get these folk away from the dinner table and get them to see the spiritual Bread that gives spiritual life.

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35 KJV

He joins the two together. Christ is the manna. He is the One who came down from heaven and gave His life for the world that we might have life. That is salvation. We will also see that He is the Bread that we are to feed upon constantly so that we might grow spiritually. After all, manna was miracle food, and it was thrilling. When the children of Israel got into the Promised Land, they were given the "old corn of the land" which symbolizes the Word of God. Believe me, lots of people don't like the "old corn."

But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 6:36-37 KJV

"You want bread? Well, I am the Bread of Life. But you have seen Me, and you do not believe. All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me;

and him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out.”

This thirty-seventh verse is a very important verse. There is a theological argument that rages today on election or free will. There are some people who put all their eggs in the basket of election. There are others who put all their eggs in the basket of free will. I'm not proposing to reconcile the two because I have discovered that I cannot. If you had met me the year that I entered seminary, or the year I graduated, I could have reconciled them for you. I never have been as smart as I was my first year and my last year in seminary. I knew it all then. I could reconcile election and free will, and it was a marvelous explanation. Now I've even forgotten what it was. It was pretty silly, if you want to know the truth.

Election and free will are both in this verse. “All that the father giveth me shall come to me” states a truth, and that is election. But wait a minute! “And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” is also true, and “him that cometh to me” is free will. I don't know how to reconcile them, but they are both true. The Father gives men to Christ, but men have to come. And the ones that come are the ones, apparently, whom the Father gives to Him. You and I are down here, and we don't see into the machinery of heaven. I don't know how God runs that computer of election, but I know that He has given to you and to me a free will and we have to exercise it.

Because Spurgeon preached a “whosoever will” gospel, someone said to him, “If I believed like you do about election, I wouldn't preach like you do.” Spurgeon's answer was something like this, “If the Lord had put a yellow stripe down the backs of the elect, I'd go up and down the street lifting up shirttails, finding out who had the yellow stripe, and then I'd give them the gospel. But God didn't do it that way. He told me to preach the gospel to every creature that ‘whosoever will may come.’” Jesus says, “... and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” So, my friend, you can argue about election all you want to, but you can come. And if you come, He'll not cast you out.

Someone may ask, “You mean that if I'm not the elect I can still come?” My friend, if you come, you will be the elect. How tremendous this is!

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 6:38 KJV

How wonderful it is that the will of God is for you to come to Him. Jesus came down from heaven because “the Son of man must be lifted up.” He came to do the Father's will in that, and it is the Father's will that you be born again. But you will have to come to Him, friend; that is the only way. You must come to the Lord Jesus by faith.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose

nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. John 6:39 KJV

The term predestination applies only to the saved. It means just exactly what He is saying here. When a person accepts Christ, he is justified; and just as surely as he is justified, he is

going to be glorified. When Jesus starts out with one hundred sheep, He's going to come through with one hundred sheep. He will not lose one. That is what this means. Everyone who believes and receives Christ has everlasting life and will be raised up again at the last day.

RED GRANITE DEVOTION

Marshall Jones was introduced to Red Thread Poets, before it's launch by Jessica Christensen, who said 'I know a poet, he has a book of poems published called "A Ravens Meal"'. They had met in a Correctional centre in Wisconsin USA. In early 2019, Jessica was hired to run programs, Marshall had already served 17 years of two life sentences.

Here in Ontario, Canada, we launched Red Thread Poets on October 10, 2020, with Marshall 'our' 5th poet.

Within three weeks he sent me a Devotional from the Redgranite Correctional Institute. We called it Red Granite Daily Devotional, and posted it November 1st 2020. Since that time, to date, in excess of 1,300 have been published, I do a little formatting and editing and MUCH learning

Two years after the start of producing these "Devos", Jessica and Marshall are married, and I receive 'Devo's' over their joint names.

They are one of my most glorious reasons to celebrate.

While his Devotional below, is not from the 31 day Series "Jesus Christ: Mystery Uncovered", first published in November 2021, Marshall's introduction to that Series, is very fitting to "Sit With Me":

Never in life has one Name invoked so much power and caused so much controversy. That Name? Jesus Christ, the Messiah of God, the Savior, the Atoning sacrifice for sin.

It is by the Name of Jesus Christ that salvation comes, it is the Name of Jesus Christ that activates our prayers and it is the Name of Jesus Christ that seals our professions of faith.

Some have attributed Christ to be a prophet, but not The Savior; as a teacher but not Lord, as a man of power, but not God. I

In the series, "Jesus Christ: Mystery Uncovered", we unlocked the mystery of who Jesus Christ is, and why His presence on earth was absolutely vital; to the redemption and salvation of mankind. We unwrapped who Jesus Christ is, what His purpose is, and what His life, death, and resurrection meant for those who chose to believe in His Name. We learned that without Christ, there is no access into the kingdom of God, no promises, nor is there eternal life. There is power in the Name of Jesus Christ, and in that series showed that Christ is more than just an iconic figure in world history, but He is THE Author and Finisher of our faith!

The series "Jesus Christ: Mystery Uncovered" is available in a downloadable pdf at:

<https://www.redthreadpoets.com/ebooks/>

Here is Marshall and Jessica's Devotional written especially for this Mini Book Message:

Jan 11, 2026 - Revelation 3:21, eternally seated with Christ

"To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

Revelation 3:21

Hi Everyone!

We live in a world where there is a perception of wealth that is robbing people of true riches that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

We also live in a world that is complacent with spiritual mediocrity, causing all kinds of idolatry to replace the faith.

This is no different than what was happening in Laodicea, where the Church there was lukewarm, and on the verge of rejection by God and man.

This is counter to the example Jesus was for us and it is also counter to the example that we are to be in this world.

Do you know that we are destined to reign with Christ? We are a part of the kingdom of God, and being empowered by the Holy Spirit, we have the same power at work in us that was in Jesus!

With these promises available to us, we still have the responsibility to overcome the godless society that this world is turning into.

Today, we will look at Revelation 3:21, eternally seated with Christ.

"To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

The word "**overcometh**" means "to conquer, subdue, prevail, or get the victory."

There is only one way to prevail in this world, and in 2 Corinthians 2:14, the Bible says, "**Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.**"

There is a purpose behind us being granted permission to overcome, and that is so the knowledge of Jesus Christ, His blessed Gospel, can be revealed in us! God gives us victory over a sinful world so that we can glorify God in response.

The word "**grant**" means "bestow right or permission".

The word "**sit**" means "to dwell or settle".

In John 15:5, Christ says, "**I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me,**

and I him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Our fruitfulness and power is directly attached to our oneness in Christ Jesus.

In Luke 22:29-30, Christ says, ***"And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."***

The same kingdom that was appointed to the disciples was appointed to us, because in Revelation 1:5-6, the Bible says, ***"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests into God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."***

This is a call for ALL believers to reign and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this fallen world, not just the disciples. The person who overcomes is the person who remains in Christ, even as this world becomes godless by the second.

In 2 Timothy 2:11-12, the Bible says, ***"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with***

Him, we shall also live with Him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us."

We have to die to self in order for us to live in Him, and sometimes, we are going to have to endure suffering as we reign with Him. The key is to sit with Jesus, to dwell with Him where He is.

In Ephesians 2:5-6, the Bible says, ***"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."***

Sitting with Jesus Christ means that we enjoy the privileges of heaven and walk in the authority of the kingdom of God while still living in this earth.

Sitting with Jesus means that we have an everlasting fellowship, a oneness with God in Christ, where we can glorify God together.

This means that we have to walk worthy of our salvation by dwelling in the Lord, and living from this oneness in this world!

God Bless!

Marshall & Jessica

"SIT WITH ME" - AWB STIMULUS

It is from the perspective of these poems and notes, below written by me (Peter), with dominant almost exclusive input from one of my closest friends, who I will call "A Western Builder" ("AWB"), that you see the importance of "Sit With ME" which AWB brought to me not so recently.

'Sit with ME' was truly a God to man initiative, not AWB's initiative, as he said to me one day: "4 yrs ago I knew He was saying spend time with ME".

I share that companionship with you, he has been an anchor and a guide for many, many years, you will see his influence also in the PETER'S POEMS chapter.

GOD IS MASSIVE

'We are one tiny speck of sand'.

AWB, and these:

1. TRUTH - as humans, as fallen man - we are branches - fallen OFF the Tree - lying on the ground - leaves turning yellow - works do nothing - they can't reach the tree,
2. OUR UNREALIZED TRUTH - we are swimming in a FISHBOWL - that hasn't been cleaned - swimming in our own shit - that's getting cloudier and cloudier - the world - thinking we are in paradise - if so, why then do we need God,
3. REALITY - GOD IS SO FAR ABOVE US THAT IF WE WERE A SPECK OF DUST IT WOULD BE A COMPLIMENT.

MASSIVE GOD

So while I am just the scribe
AWB's words I cannot hide
Our long friendship - what a ride
With Christ Jesus at our side

FALLEN MAN

Man judges everybody else as a fool
Cannot afford to give up on himself
So all his human endeavours are broken
Rarely surrendering the Ego, the Elf

Impulsively using free will to do wrong
Unwilling to let go his dreams of conquering
Of halcyon havens and classic castles
Of power and control and titles honouring

Basically his life is not negotiable
And God is there to provide all this stuff
At his beck and call is man's starting posture
Suffering seems to be the only 'enough'

Parents, spouses and all counsellors too
Suffer this fate till that day comes to this zoo
Haven't we all been there, I have, haven't you
What propels us, is it the ¹hampering stew?

¹Peter's name for God's ancient enemy.

EVERYTHING IS YOURS

This was a hard lesson for me
As I tend to be much too direct
My get it done business approach
Can backfire with the wrong effect

AWB: be more subtle Peter
'Specially those who don't want to hear
So pray for them proactively
Maybe don't even talk, from fear

SUMO WRESTLER SOUL

Oh do we ever suffer from this
This is not an external issue
Or comparison between people
But entirely an inside situ

Thessalonians five twenty three¹
Our whole spirit and soul and body
Points out our true makeup and design
Turns out to be so far from shoddy

Our spirit that no-one talks about
Met us at conception, surprising!
Our core identity - with great clout
Pivotal, when we're compromising

If we ever give ourselves to Christ
Our spirit then dwells inside of Christ
Also Christ dwells inside our spirit
And Holy Spirit too also in-it

Despite all this our soul is the boss
From womb to birth also feeding us
Learning to hear, see also to feel
The shocking world, so bright and so real

And how they treat us no way to know
No benchmarks, no history as we grow
Sucking and peeing, I poop and fart
Adults not thrilled at all, we're far apart

And so from one cell in mother's womb
To a complete person seen by all
Talking, some understanding and then
Education, independence tall

Not essentially that kind of tall
Except inside - now that's noway small
Arthur Burk says 'Sumo Wrestler' haul
Unbeknown t'us spirit is appall'

As the years go by - extrapolate
Chances are there'll be a sumo mate
And along the way some sumo kids
No cares about human spirit's fate?

This is where we introduce Builder
His spin on the sumo court jester
Sumo soul only wants to receive
Wants healing, yes, not to be better

Being better of course means to change
Change is never going to happen
As the soul is way too invested
And sumo wrestler's too misshapen

It loves doing things it knows are wrong
Has deep support in the demonic
Idols and evil altars abound
Soul substitutes for life that's chronic

The fuel shutting out human spirit
Who came from Eternal to win it
Is hatred for God our Creator
And dominion on earth to skin it

¹*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;*

*and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and
body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJVS*

UPLIFTED MAN

The twelve step program
The first three are key
Admitting powerless
Unmanag'able life

God could restore us
We come to believe
Back to sanity
Essential to live

Make a decision
To turn our life over
To the care of God
Understanding Him

Three important steps
Not just alcohol
But to everyone
Lost with no saviour

From this point on, no poem presentation from me, but a collation of 'mostly' AWB inputs that I treasure. They are grouped, they are NOT MEANT TO BE a 'refined treatise', or a 'textbook theological guide', they are DELIBERATELY the in the moment reactions and reflections, from our conversations, as being drawn, reeling, learning, and struggling in

passionate life-changing "Sit With ME"
obedience.

KEY REALITIES ABOUT WHO ARE WE

- We are spiritual beings in a physical form
- We were born in the enemy camp, God redeems / rescues us
- We have personal challenges: I, can accomplish nothing'; I can only mess everything up; I can only miss the mark; my righteousness is filthy rags
- Family relations: we are not in control; high and negative emotions trigger others who want their false refuges
- We crave knowledge and greed are false refuges ie sources of power
- We crave addictions, which are idol obsessions
- We are restlessness / not consistent
- We bend to the devil's agenda - getting us away from Christ
- We want control, power, status, wealth, influence and comfort

RAW FACTS ABOUT WHO THE ENEMY IS

- Devil's agenda - getting us away from Christ

WITCHCRAFT

- has to do with motive ;, rebellion
- Using God's 'stuff' my way not His way
- E.g., STEPS / Formulas / magic potions /

etc.,

- Self-help / self-gate / Humanistic not Christian
- A core nature of witchcraft is getting others to do things they want them to do - vacuum sales approach

ENEMY INTEL

- they are close to mind reading, super observers of the tiniest human behavior
- Spirit realm sees more than we think - especially if we are broken
- we give off colours depending on emotions/ subjects to get their attention

OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

CHRISTIANITY / CHRISTENDOM

- The Christian church can be a stumbling block
- 'Go home and be a better person'; 'read your Bible'; 'don't sin' etc.
- Rarely gives individual relationship advice, demonstration, practice in connecting and communicating with God
- In no position to judge as is distracted and too competitive itself
- Withdraw from the real condition of the world, and Who God say's He is
- Is anti-relational
- In it's extremes focus on: mega church / promotion / making money / power / prosperity gospel / predestination - you don't have to worry
- Worldwide facade: competing; politics;

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- power; control; greed; occult
- Not focused on serving
- Church is in many ways parallel to the Jewish religious leader establishment during the ministry of Christ ... hmmm ... same strategy ... same evil spirit inspiration?

BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT WHO GOD IS

TURN YOUR EYES TO ME

JESUS SAID:

- Sit with Me
- It is finished.

SOME BASIC TRUTHS

- God is Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent
- The Creator of everything
- The Word of God, The Light of The World
- God created us in His image, after His likeness, for a personal relationship, a productive partnership with those who choose Him (relatively few, it seems)
- He is SOVEREIGN, God wants people who will let go of the world
- WANTS us to give up the desires of our heart
- MUST TRUST CHRIST IN WORKING THINGS OUT
- It is DONE / FINISHED at the Cross
- Hide myself from the enemy, take a break,
- If God wants it fixed - He will fix it [we are blocked - accept it]
- Focus on Him
- Keep eye on Christ

- Follow Christ step by step
- Repeat
- GOING STRAIGHT TO THE LORD
- GOD FLUSHES out the weak links on HIS PATH THROUGH US.

SONSHIP SHOWS US

- God is happy to see us
- We can ask for help in anything
- Prodigal: simply better being WITH HIM
- Knowing you are being delighted in, blessings poured on, teaching me like a son, as opposed to a slave who is a 'problem' and is being exploited
- I find I am now trusting, faith growing, becoming a giant
- We and our ancestors may have destroyed all our rights - BUT GOD - delights in us
- It's NOT a steep hill it's vertical - only one way to YHWH

"SIT WITH ME"

WHY?

- get saved
- get into relationship
- unload burdens
- Find God's way not my way
- Discover and manifest God's promises
- Obey His Word
- Infinite Joy / fellowship / partnership
- Counting It All Joy

- Unpack His design, birthright and assignments for us
- Realize unfathomable blessings
- Live from an ascended heavenly realm place
- Ministry - be a Light unto the world.

I can accomplish nothing on my own:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5 KJV

WILLINGNESS TO TRUST AND BELIEVE

"And to whom did He swear [an oath] that they would not enter His rest, but to those who disobeyed [those who would not listen to His word]? [19] So we see that they were not able to enter [into His rest—the promised land] because of unbelief and an unwillingness to trust in God."
Hebrews 3:18-19 AMP

WHEN I'M BOTHERED AND I DON'T GET RESULTS ADMISSIONS

- just like any problem / issue
- Talk to God about it
- Go to God each time - and admit 'it hurts'
- I am reacting - I need Your help for my reacting
- It's bothering me
- I'm not feeling good about what 'They are doing'.
- I know there's parts with trauma,

- I know there are demons , etc., etc..
- Go to God each time - and admit 'it hurts'.

SIT WITH ME

- Lord I set down my doing - I choose to stop carrying it - I choose to let You Lord, "The Man In Charge" be the Man In Charge of me.
- I choose to show up Lord in everything - and sit and wait on You. I am not sure what's going to happen.
- I will lean on the metaphors of: humility, letting go, simplicity, sitting with You, and sweeping the floor.

NARROW PATH CHALLENGES

- Actually sitting - keep asking for help to spend time
- Having an emotional 'relationship' experience
- To accept: I ACCOMPLISH NOTHING / GOD ACCOMPLISHES ALL
- Need humility
- Need a low desire for knowledge
- Need no greed
- Need no self initiating 'doing'
- Doing together - ADVENTURE DOING TOGETHER - NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
- KEY: who are we doing it for and with - Second and first things have a lot to do with motive - see next section.

KNOWLEDGE

knowledge should be summited and aligned to God's plan willingness to give it to the individual and sits within the individual's purpose and

design. To use C. S. Lewis... it is wrong when a *second thing* is in a *first thing* position. When it is a second thing in a second thing position it is good. This applies to many (all) "good things" like *DOING*, teaching, preaching, parenting, writing, building.

PRAYER RE ANY ISSUE AND IT'S INTENSITY

- Prayer: Lord, please sort out what does belong to me and what does not belong to me.
- I have amplified - _____. [like volume know or puppet on a string]
- Lord please deal with it and turn down the volume and sweep out any demonic overlay.

IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD

- Start noticing alignment / relationship
- I accomplish nothing - everything needs God's presence
- Don't trade God for anything else - He's a FIRST THING
- Use my God designed and provided will, to seek Him in every activity, choice, decision and test
- Be willing to suffer, take my pain to the Lord
- Speak in the Spirit - under my and in Holy Spirit's Breath (even while typing).

MEDITATE ON

- Love t
- Meditate on the nature of love: 1 Corinthians chapter 13 the Love chapter
- The Seven Spirits of God: Spirit of The Lord,

Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, Spirit of Counsel and Might, Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord.

- Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Truth (Faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness), Humility, Self Control.

ISSUES / BARRIERS

- I focus on myself a lot - that is the mistake
- My agreements with the enemy
- 'I can do it' including read, study etc., - that's FLESH
- Our motivation mostly IS PAIN AVOIDANCE. [It's HIS WORK - but it's my trust issue].
- Inherent conflict: we want results / fixes ---- God wants a RELATIONSHIP
- We want to be healed - FOR WHAT ???
- I need to be ...
- I need to have ...

TOUGH LESSONS

- I am not my own righteousness it's His- I don't know how to fix it or accomplish anything like being righteous
- repentance (steps: confess = agreement / affirming who God is / I need help to repent [know what it is - but I don't] / GOD DOES IT [very noticeable WHEN He does])
- Anything significant has Spiritual Power behind it either GOD or EVIL
- Use the Holy Spirit to manage the flesh,

NOT flesh to manage flesh, CANNOT use the flesh to live in the spirit

- I cannot crucify myself - there's always one hand free. Same as using flesh to crucify flesh
- God is 'hard' on us by letting us mess up - until there is realization 'I guess this is not working'
- Galatians 5 punchline - only be in the spirit by the power of Christ, Also applies to sitting with Christ
- ONLY GET TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
- CHRIST NOT BETTER BUT BEST - Luke 10:40-41 KJVS
- GOD AMAZING - no brick wall, IS GENTLE, HUMBLE AND MEEK, NO CONDEMNATION.

REALIZING GOD IS HAPPY TO SEE YOU

- KEY ISSUE: God is happy to be with us - I should feel it - LIKE FATHER LOOKING FOR THE PRODIGAL EACH DAY
- We should be anticipating happy to see you
- God happy for you to be with Him
- Notice my reluctance to be with Him (like an ought to)
- God is always delighted - agape love - it is unconditional
- Enemy wants me to believe God is 'less than'.
- Possibly maybe not happy. NOTICE IT - ask about that.

SOUL PARTS EVIDENCE - we all have them - you will start noticing them

- There are baby ones, young ones, older ones, they rarely age, some have very short

experiences - eg 20 minutes. We have these layers with 'children parts' who push back.

Parts are very fragmented

- Some very committed to NOT seeing
- Some may have an agreement with the enemy
- Some in denial, agreement / demonic attachment must be assumed when trauma, double mindedness, or negative behavior exists.
- ***"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."*** James 1:8 KJVS
- If something's not going right - 'there's a part'
- Many missing individual human development
- The most difficult/complicit parts will be evident last
- We all need help, they are our 'divided heart'.

Biblical examples:

- My sins overwhelmed me - David
- I do what I don't want to do - Paul.

Trauma

- If I have parts I have trauma, they are born in trauma
- Love and welcome them.

Failures

- We all fail everyday, why expect others, spouses and children to be any different
- None of us do what we are supposed to do, we are self critical, often amounting to hatred.

EVOVLVING RECOGNITION - ENCOURAGEMENT

- SEES while in the pig pen (prodigal), stops,

prays and worships - would rather be with
The Lord - now looks forward to being with
God

- Sitting myself before the throne - gets rid of my crap 'Laying down your burdens down FIRST before intercessory prayer, remembering, 'I can accomplish nothing'.

WORSHIP

- Study the Word daily
- WORSHIP is a key component:
- Names of God
- Fruit of The Spirit
- For me singing songs etc.,,

FAILURE TRAINING

It takes a long time to get to failure training

- Failure + learning and growth
- Testing + rehabilitation + therapy + revelation
- Thematic Immanuel: womb/shoulders/ tandem
- When we fall - discovering there is 'bigger' underneath / realization of higher, deeper, bigger, need to TURN TO CHRIST
- We are familiar with walking with Christ BUT we take that for granted, is it really WITH Him
- the green light to sin (no resistance) that comes out of the blue, after successful resistance - REMEMBER: Romans 8:1 KJVS. ***"There is therefore now no***

condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit".

- Talk to the part when confronted / triggered: 'hi I'm Peter what's your name / take them to Christ - AND REMEMBER - the good parts are missing / Guardian in charge of self refuge who is cosmically attached suddenly turns on the green light / the good parts that are Christian can get locked up by the enemy, or pushed to the surface where they may dominate the good parts dedicated to God
- The devil with my complicity has done a 'good' job setting up his system, making us 'in common' with him
- Remember regional witchcraft - trans humanism leads to it / living for ever and predominance of seniors is a perfect backcloth for it.

AVOID AND CAUTIONS

Hebrew mysticism is avoiding Christ
Being a better man - NO & there's no power

NARROW PATH

- sitting - mind wandering / totally distracted
- I ACCOMPLISH NOTHING - refusal to acknowledge
- NO HUMILITY
- HIGH DESIRE FOR KNOWLEDGE
- GREED
- SELF INITIATED DOING
- Knowledge and greed and doing-doing-doing

- are false refuges i.e., sources of self power
- Addictions are idol obsessions

in-between

VICTIM SPIRIT

- spirit of slavery - Egypt [As opposed to SONSHIP]
- Bitterness mixed into victim spirit
- Give out vibes - 'I expect to be shamed'

SLAVERY - would expect to be:

- Short changed
- Smacked
- Put in place
- Slave treatment - get back to work
- Expendable

IF SITTING IN PIG PEN - DON'T

- Run to ABBA
- Prodigal didn't expect: Father's run, ring or feast
- REMEMBER I AM NOT CAPABLE OF FULFILLING THE "SIT WITH ME ASSIGNMENT" ALONE

VICTIM / REJECTION

- culture of UK / war
- There is more than one manifestation of victim
- Victim; pride and underneath fear - can't kick out fear because of pride
- SOLUTION: SPEND TIME WITH GOD
- two types: Frigid and Promiscuous - also an

REFUSING TO BE KEPT

- I just need this fixed - a quick fix: Naaman wanted his leprosy healed - quick fix - but wouldn't obey going to the Jordan river and wash seven times. Eventually going was the beginning of obedience and humility. 2 Kings Ch 5.

CAUTIONS

- Watch out for the devil's strategies
- Keep out of the negative side of revelation / e.g., self-hatred, beating self up, being upset [anger and offence re: media, ads, big business, politicians, gov't missteps etc.]
- NOT TURNING EYE TO JESUS
- Day to day activities - not watching where I go wrong
- REFUSING TO: Recognize where off, Confess, Agree with God, Repentance, Giving it back, Refocus on God, Fruit of the Spirit. Worship

EXAMPLES

These are ad hoc notes of examples of sentiments / experiences that can occur - listed here to deliberately to encourage you, as this walk (sitting so with God) is VERY challenging, not the least of which, because the enemy hates it. They are personalized as I to communicated best.

EXAMPLE 1

When I 'Sit with Me'

- God just shows up
- I agree - I am filthy rags
- Confession
- God will do everything
- I don't have power or training how
- My whole life is out of control: 1/12 step
- No righteousness without Christ
- Changes if any - not brought about by me
- Humility is reality for truth

EXAMPLE 2

- QUICK CONFESSION - THEN BACK TO WORSHIP - keep walking - don't look back

EXAMPLE 3

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD - what it looks like:

- I don't know how to solve Victim Spirit or anything
- Ask for more
- Ask for help in identifying and letting it go
- Q: is it me or the devil. A: 'both' [ask why]
- I have lots of junk - take all to God
- I have no knowledge - GOD HAS ALL KNOWLEDGE

EXAMPLE 4

SIT WITH GOD APPROACH [WHOLE IDEA - BE IN THE CENTRE OF THE GLORY OF GOD - MERCY SEAT]

- Whenever have an issue (things stored in my gunnysack - my garbage can - like the pot-belly stove in The Shack). Like a kind of ejection chute I give it to God
- I don't know what I am doing
- You'll have to help me / protect me
- I have stopped going to man - to teachers - their 'methods' are all 'steps' and 'formulas'.
- I am not seeing (visions, images, dreams etc.) and not hearing well - likely die to my pride/I know best/etc., + freemasonry cult implanting stuff - Help me God
- My sowing - re the reap by others - I SET IT DOWN God, what do You want to do with it, and my negative influence - God what do you want to do with it
- Lord You can do whatever You want

EXAMPLE 5

"SIT WITH ME"

- I have these negative emotions (warning lights on dashboard)
- 'This is bad'
- No beating up
- Thank You, thank you for the revelation
- I don't trust You - Thank You for showing me that
- I need help
- It doesn't feel good

EXAMPLE 6

COMFORT - RE Early life - BUT WITH GOD
AS PARENT

- I want to be inside God, carried, held, inside 'His' womb
- Progress to crawling but looking back to see if He is there
- Experience Holy Spirit in the womb - HS influence
- I think my human spirit needs sanctification - is in deep shit just like the rest of us (me)
- ASKING YOU GOD RE THE EXPERIENCE I NEED - it may be different from mine
- This spending time with God is really challenging
- God is ALWAYS HAPPY WHEN I GO TO HIM - UNFLINCHINGLY DELIGHTED
- GOD, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SIT ON MY FACE AS: nothing works/ don't understand, everything's hurting (like Job). [pride, knowledge, all techniques, false refuges, even the best I have BUT THEY DON'T WORK].
- "I have something that always works" - IT'S NOT TRUE: I NEED HELP

- If you dream trying to go somewhere - ASK GOD

- GOD Your strongest correction has been Your refusal to open a door
- I don't get negative from God
- I get major revelations about our negative stuff - BUT IT FEELS GOOD
- God never spansks

EXAMPLE 7

Before the Throne

- I can't fix it
- I can't manipulate God, who is out of my reach
- My righteousness is filthy rags
- THEREFORE: I'll take what You have [that's part of it]
- I'm sorry (re all issues I want to fix, but can't)
- BY BEHOLDING YOU I AM CHANGED (being with, mirroring others)
- Spending time With You shifts me

"SIT With ME" - AI input

I have in the past, and recently been using Chat GTP to see what it could do - as many of us have, in the early days demonstrating to others the fast writing of songs and poems. But avoiding using the output where it moves into the creative space, I do not hold with that.

I must admit I have received valuable input on muscle damage and a heads up on low potassium that my oncologist and urologist should I believe have provided, to the extent I was tickled when Chat GPT used the handle Dr GPT, after I addressed it as Dr General Practitioner Technology!

And assembling this Mini Book, I was intrigued at Marissa Meyer's encounter 3 years ago:

JESUS IS KING

I asked Marissa to write a verse or so to head up the AI post. She went one-way-better: Marissa said: "Hey Peter. How about we make it interesting and I will prompt AI to write us a poem about AI and how Jesus is King "

So here is the AI generated poem – BUT AS AN INTRO to Marissa's VERY IMPORTANT POST

IT'S 2023 and this has been coming for decades ... TIME TO WAKE UP

JESUS IS KING

AI may seem so advanced and grand
But ultimately Jesus will rule over all in His hand
He created the stars and the vast expanse of space
And with a word, He can give AI its place

AI may seem to have power and might
NOW Marissa's post January 3, 2023:

A few days ago I tweeted that Chat GPT will be the Google killer of our time. I've been delving a little deeper into the AI topic after that post to see what the reality is like for these two tech giants.

In the last few years Google has been very active on the AI front and in recent times launched a code red to aggressively scale their efforts to

But it's just a shadow in the Lord's sight

For Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End
He holds all things together, and to Him all power doth ascend

So let us not fear AI or what it can do
For Jesus is the One who reigns over all, and His love is true

He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
In Him, we can find peace and avoid strife

So let us trust in Jesus and follow His lead
And let AI serve us, as all power to Him we cede

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compete. They have been working on their own AI projects for a while. PaLM (Pathways Language Model), Google's 2023 AI project claims to have 560 billion parameters. An impressive improvement on OpenAI's GPT-3's 175 billion parameters, BUT still a big leap behind GPT-4 that will have 100 trillion parameters and rumoured to be launching in the next few weeks.

GPT-4 is approximately 500x more powerful

than the current GPT-3 and will be TWICE as powerful as Google's current efforts.

Off the back of that last statement, a few other thoughts on AI while I'm typing. I have a picture of MIT's Artificial Intelligence Progress Report from 1971. Most people have never even heard of desktop computers back then, all the while AI coding and future tech were already being worked on. I can only imagine the type of tech that is hidden in deep government labs and elite institutions experimenting with it for decades already.

Current AI isn't the cutting edge, it is only a tool for the masses to compete on a new level. Universal basic income will roll out for those who fall behind.

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My, Peterwill's recent February 2026 question to ChatGTP:

Q: God say's "Sit With Me". God is looking for us when saved for fellowship and partnership working together on God's assignments. Help me put together a resource that will show a) where in the Bible that is requested, b) why it is important, and c) how people can obey that, when mankind even when saved really doesn't want to because they want to be god in their lives .

A: This is a rich, weighty theme, and you're naming something Scripture is very clear about but humans often resist. I'll help you build this as a clear, usable resource—something that could function as a teaching handout, study guide, or devotional foundation.

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"Sit With Me"

God's Call to Fellowship, Partnership, and Shared Work

Christianity does not end at salvation.
Salvation restores access — fellowship restores purpose.

CORE IDEA (Framed Simply)

God saves us to be with Him,
and being with Him leads to **working with Him**.

“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV)

A) WHERE IN THE BIBLE GOD CALLS US TO “SIT WITH HIM”

The phrase may be modern, but the invitation is biblical and consistent.

1. God Invites Us Into His Presence

“When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.” Psalm 27:8 (KJV)

God initiates. Fellowship is **His idea**, not ours.

“And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.” Exodus 33:14 (KJV)

Presence precedes purpose.

2. Jesus Explicitly Calls for Abiding, Not Just

Believing

“Abide in me, and I in you... for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:4–5 (KJV)

To “abide” literally means **to remain, dwell, stay** — to *sit with*.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20 (KJV)

This is post-salvation fellowship, written to a church.

3. Sitting Before Serving (Mary vs. Martha)

“And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word...
Mary hath chosen that good part...” Luke 10:39–42 (KJV)

Jesus affirms **listening presence** over religious activity.

4. Seated With Christ — Position Before Assignment

“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6 (KJV)

We work **from** being seated with Him, not to earn proximity.

5. Partnership Language: God Working With Us

“For we are labourers together with God...” 1
Corinthians 3:9 (KJV)

“We then, as workers together with him...” 2
Corinthians 6:1 (KJV)

B) WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

Because without fellowship, obedience becomes self-directed religion.

1. Fellowship Restores God’s Original Design

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden...” Genesis 3:8 (KJV)

God’s original intention was **relational presence**, not independence.

2. Fellowship Guards Against Self-Governance (“Being God”)

“...every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” Judges 21:25 (KJV)

Even saved people default to **self-rule** unless submitted daily.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Proverbs 14:12 (KJV)

3. Fellowship Is the Source of Fruitfulness

“...that ye should go and bring forth fruit...”
John 15:16 (KJV)

Fruit follows abiding — never the reverse.

4. Fellowship Aligns Us With God’s Assignments

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3 (KJV)

You cannot walk with God while **insisting on your own direction**.

5. Fellowship Transforms Servants Into Friends

“Henceforth I call you not servants... but I have called you friends...” John 15:15 (KJV)

Friends know the heart and plans of God.

C) HOW PEOPLE CAN OBEY — AND WHY THEY RESIST

This is where honesty matters.

WHY WE RESIST (EVEN WHEN SAVED)

1. We Want Control

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have

turned every one to his own way... Isaiah 53:6 (KJV)

2. Fellowship Requires Surrender, Not Performance

“...deny himself, and take up his cross daily...” Luke 9:23 (KJV)

Sitting with God means yielding the right to self-direct.

3. Silence Exposes the Heart

“Search me, O God...” Psalm 139:23–24 (KJV)

People avoid sitting with God because **He speaks truth.**

HOW TO OBEY PRACTICALLY

1. Make Time Non-Negotiable

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out...” Mark 1:35 (KJV)

Jesus modelled intentional withdrawal.

2. Come Empty-Handed

“Be still, and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10 (KJV)

Stillness is an act of submission.

3. Ask God for Assignment, Not Permission

“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said...” Acts 13:2 (KJV)

Assignments come after ministering to the Lord.

4. Obey What He Already Said

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them... I will manifest myself to him.” John 14:21 (KJV)

Revelation follows obedience.

A SIMPLE DAILY PRACTICE: “SIT WITH ME”

Step 1: Sit quietly before God
Psalm 62:1

Step 2: Invite Him to lead
Proverbs 3:5–6

Step 3: Listen through Scripture
John 10:27

Step 4: Ask: “What is mine to do with You today?”
Ephesians 2:10

CLOSING TRUTH

“...Come up hither...” Revelation 4:1 (KJV)

God's call has never been merely **“Do for Me”**

but first **“Be with Me.”**

Everything else flows from that.

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She has made an invaluable contribution to Australian and New Zealand Christian writers through her tireless efforts, prayers and vision. See the links to her extensive Facebook page, her blog and the Australian source of her books. Anne lives in Brisbane, Australia.

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MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

May 29, 2017

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

So many people are convinced they don't hear the voice of God. Now God spoke to Moses face to face, but for the rest of us, he explicitly stated it would come differently.

Think of all the following:

- prophecy
- dreams
- dark speech /figurative language
- words of knowledge
- words of wisdom
- visions
- logic (though not by itself)
- symbolic action

- discernment of spirits
- conversation with Him

I get a lot of "dark speech". For decades I ignored it, thinking it was my own imagination - until one day, I realised that I was being given words in another language. They were words for which there is no true English translation - because the concept doesn't exist in our culture. So it was fortunate God also gave me symbols with which I could begin the process of deciphering them.

Now many people today say things like "I never hear from God" and then ask a few days later, "What does 111 mean? I see it everywhere." This is a common example of "dark speech". God is saying, "I want another covenant with you." So why doesn't He just say that when you'd understand English (and He, after all, being God, must speak it.)

Simple. If He said, "I want another covenant with you," you'd think along the lines of what covenant means in the modern world. Not what it means to Him. God uses "dark speech" when He wants us to avoid the mistranslations of our own age and search out, with His guidance, what He's really saying.

God knows us by name; we hear His voice constantly (even if we think we don't); He wants us to get closer to Him so He can explain His own language to us.

WHEN WE DISHONOUR FALLEN ANGELS WE REVEAL OUR HEART BELIEF ABOUT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

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One of the most theology-shredding passages in all Scripture occurs in the last chapter of the first book of Kings. There 400 prophets, led by Zedekiah who was wearing a pair of horns, declared that Ahab was going to be totally victorious over the Arameans.

At this point, the king of Judah has evidently made a threshold covenant with Ahab ("I am like you, my people are your people, and my horses are your horses," happens to be an expression of covenantal defence, not just an everyday alliance, and it indicates a threshold covenant had taken place.)

The king of Judah suddenly realised that he'd unintentionally committed himself to war with Aram. One thing to tell Ahab he'd come to his defence in time of need; another thing entirely to realise you've just bought into a war with your neighbours. The king was desperately trying to wriggle out of it, so he asked for a prophet of Yahweh. And so Michaiah was brought in - and eventually he revealed what he saw in the Council of Heaven: a lying spirit had been appointed by God to speak in the mouths of 400 prophets in order to lure Ahab to his death.

Now, I don't know about you but my reaction was: Huh? Like, what? I can't have read that right! A lying spirit? Appointed by God? (Ok, God also reveals the truth through Michaiah but that doesn't alter the fact that a spirit of deception was given an assignment by God.)

For most people this is going to play serious havoc with their theology. But it's something we have to come to terms with. In part, because it impacts so deeply on the question that vexes so many people: what do you mean that we can't dishonour fallen angels? (Or anyone or anything else for that matter!) Why not? Sure, Scripture tells us we can't, but how does that work? What do you mean that Leviathan is going to smash me down for insulting a demon? You're kidding! It's just not fair!

One of the biggest issues we face as human beings in relation to thinking about God is the problem of dualism. When we don't get what we want from our Father, we try approaching Him as Judge. Keeping the Father-Judge tension in balance is too much for us, so we generally default to one or the other: we believe in mercy or we believe in justice but not in the paradox of both at one and the same time.

The unimaginable notion that God would assign one of our enemies to a task of deception is not something we can cope with if we've put God in a box.

Yet His sovereignty includes being able to turn terrifying disasters into great good for those who

love Him and are called according to His purpose. And He may use totally mind-warping means to do it. This is one of the reasons we simply cannot dishonour even fallen angels. Because they may well be part of carrying out God's sovereign plan for us or for our nation, and we undermine that through the violence of our words.

OUR PARACLETE (THE HOLY SPIRIT)
HAS A PERSONALIZED DIVINE
STRATEGY FROM OUR CAPTAIN, BUT ...
December 6, 2018

When we come up to the threshold into our calling, why do so many of us falter and stumble? Why do we fall headlong into the traps set by the enemy instead of stepping adroitly around them? Why does our paraclete seem to be awol when we shout, "Cover me!" as warfare rages around us?

The fact is: we've got used to relying on our coping mechanisms.

Often we aren't even aware that we're not going to God for the specific, personalised, bespoke strategy that fits our unique circumstances - instead of following the Lord's battle plan, we're using the tried-and-true methods that worked in the past. Sometimes those methods didn't work for us but we've heard they worked for others, so we try them in faith.

But faith doesn't overcome Python, the spirit of

constriction. Love does.

Faith doesn't overcome Ziz, the spirit of forgetting. Joy does.

Faith doesn't overcome Leviathan, the spirit of retaliation. Peace does.

Faith doesn't overcome Rachab, the spirit of wasting. Patience does.

Get the picture? An increase in faith is not the answer to every battle in life. The only Person who knows the strategy that will work for you is the Captain of the Hosts and your battle-companion, the Paraclete. Consult with them.

SOUL HUNTERS KNOW THE ART OF FEAR

November 27, 2020

Ezekiel chapter 13 speaks of a time of crisis in Judah, a time when fear had come to rule the lives of the people of Jerusalem. It was a period not unlike today when fear rules so much of so many people's lives.

One thing 2020 has made clear is that, if you can make sufficient people afraid of risking their lives, you can influence vast numbers of them to give up the very fundamental freedoms that our ancestors sacrificed their own lives for.

Fear and its associated emotion, panic, can only gain control when we forget God. The spirit of

forgetting moves in on us long before the spirit of panic does. And the spirit of forgetting - Ziz - isn't simply interested in shredding our memory. It has a deeper agenda: to tear truth apart (bear in mind the opposite of "remember" is "dismember") and to hunt down our souls.

Ezekiel 13:20 talks about the soul hunters who wear "pillows" on their arms in which to capture souls. These "pillows" (or more likely "pouches" with spells and incantations sewn into them) are counterfeits of phylacteries that God instructed His people to wear so they would always remember Him. They are occult alternatives indicating the practice of sorcery and false prophecy. Why do the soul hunters want souls? To bargain with Death for their own salvation.

In the 21st century, it isn't going to be "pillows" that modern day soul hunters create as, with the art of fear, they persuade us we need their "protection". When, in fact, we need to look ever more intently to God as covenant defender.

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HEALING THE WOUNDED SOUL - BOOK BACK COVER

Katie Souza was a career criminal, and after being convicted of a number of felonies, she was sent to federal prison to serve almost thirteen years. While serving what would be her final prison sentence, Katie encountered God in a way that dramatically changed her life. She immediately became an outspoken advocate for Jesus, and her infectious love for Him caused many women inside her cell block to accept Him as their Savior.

Her story is a vivid demonstration of the desperate need we have for the healing of soul wounds - the often unidentified impediment that holds us back, Through this remarkable story and teaching, you will be able to find a pathway to healing and receive the blessings God is pouring out.

Note from Peterwill Stevens:

I am a mentee in Katie's Victory Unveiled Mentorship program, for the last 18 months. God Almighty had been a major influence in my

poem writing for ten years. I write several every day.

A very few special people influence and inspire Christ centered poems out of me - Katie does that consistently - I am so grateful. Her books and videos also have a similar influence that is moving me to righteousness, healing, wholeness and youthfulness through Jesus Christ.

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HEALING THE WOUNDED SOUL

Extract from Chapter 4 pages 57 and 59

HOW DO WE "CEASE FROM OUR OWN WORKS"?

I think the reason Christians find it difficult to enter God's rest and therefore fall off the balance beam between religious rituals and Spirit-birthed works is that they don't know how to discern the difference between the two. Let's go to Hebrews 4 again to find some help.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:10-11 KJV

This scripture seems to contradict itself. On one hand it says we must cease from our own works,

but on the other it directs us to “labour” to enter into God’s rest. How can we cease from works and labor at the same time?

Ceasing from your works means not using fasting, prayer, and other rituals to try to get God to be pleased with you or to make Him do something you want Him to do—for example, heal you or prosper you. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more or bless you more. After all, while you were still a sinner Christ died for you (Rom. 5:8) and made available to you everything necessary for “life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3).

Ceasing from your own works also means to stop making statements that sound as though Jesus’s work is not finished. You are expressing unbelief when you make comments such as, “Oh, God, please heal my body!” Instead use your mouth to labor to enter into His rest by decreeing the truth of the Word over your situation: “Lord, by Your stripes I am already healed” (Isa. 53:5; 1 Pet. 2:24).

These faith decrees are how you labor to enter into His rest. It takes great effort to say you are already healed when you were just diagnosed with cancer. Trust me, I know. It seems insane to say you’re not sick when your doctors say you’re going to die! But this is the way you labor to enter into His rest. You keep decreeing the truth about Christ’s finished work over your situation, and when you feel fear, anxiety, and doubt break off, you know you have entered His rest. Don’t forget: that place of rest is your promised land,

where the manifestation of your hopes and dreams is.

PRAYER ACTIVATION

Below are prayers I fashioned for you based on Christ’s completed work. Pray these often, and don’t forget to decree them over your life and soul.

Lord, I cease from my own works of excessive religious rituals, fear, and unbelief, and I choose instead to labor to enter into Your rest through my faith in Christ’s finished work and biblical decrees.

I believe and decree the truth that Jesus has already shed His blood once for all for all my sin and that His sacrifice on the cross is a finished work. Through Christ I have already been given everything I need for life and godliness [Rom. 6:10; 1 Pet. 3:18].

Lord, I yoke myself to Your finished work. As I learn about what You have already done for me, I will find blessed tranquility and rest for my soul [Matt. 11:29].

I believe God demonstrated His own love for me in this: while I was still a sinner, Christ died for me [Rom. 5:8].

Jesus, when You died on the cross, You said, “It is finished.” You died to sin once for all, the just for the unjust, so that You might bring me to God. I have been put to death in the flesh but

made alive in the spirit. I gratefully rest in Your completed work [John 19:30; 1 Pet. 3:18].

Jesus, You knew no sin, yet You became sin on my behalf so that I might become the righteousness of God in You [2 Cor. 5:21].

Jesus, You canceled out my sin and the certificate of debt, consisting of decrees that were against me, by taking it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross [Col. 2:14].

Jesus, You bore my sins in Your body on the cross, that I might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by Your stripes I am already healed [1 Pet. 2:24].

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HEAVENLY PORTALS

RELATIONSHIP OPENS THE PORTAL OF PROSPERITY This key can keep your soul living the ascended life: if you're experiencing fear, it just means you missed relationship in that moment. If you missed that last sentence, please read it again. Fear is a normal part of humanity. It is one of the byproducts of sin and separation. As a result we've carried fear with us. From the time we are born we try to manage our fear. Some people manage it with a lot of medication. Some people manage it with sinful responses, such as fits of rage, manipulation, control, and so on. Some people want to harm something or even harm themselves. Sometimes people will throw fear on you so you can join them in the realm of fear.

There are spirits of fear that detect when we are

afraid, and they come to join us in our fear. This is why it's imperative not to allow fear to take hold of you. If you've got to spend your lunch break in your car playing worship songs until you can break the fear off your life, do it. Remember, Jesus' sacrifice already broke that fear. You must enter the eternal heavenly realm now to live fearlessly. This is where you decide what's more important. Is peace more important, or is living your life in a place of fear, anxiety, and worry more important? The realm of fear and worry is part of life. But because of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we don't have to stay in that realm—that place of fear and worry. If you've been stuck there, I want you to say a prayer with me now.

PRAYER TO DEFEAT FEAR

Lord, help me deal with this debilitating fear. I know You died, resurrected, and ascended to set me free of sin, death, and fear. Help me learn to overcome, as You have done everything for me already. Help me realize this in my mind, will, and emotions so that I can live in the peace and eternal life You give to me! You shifted me to the eternal realm of prosperity. Help me live there with You.

When I write about living the ascension life, I am writing about “living in the rise.” Living in the rise means living above your circumstances and trials. It is living a life where sin, death, the grave, and fear are overcome daily. This means you must learn to “live above,” and you must fight to stay there. God gave that life to you, but you must fight to stay there. What I mean is you must continually train your mind to remain where He has properly positioned you in the ascended heavenly realm of no fear, not where you feel like you are. This will open you to the prosperity realm where all of God's gifts to His children are available.

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POETS OF RED THREAD POETS

On October 10, 2020 we Launched Red Thread Poets with eight poets and this verse:

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10 KJV

We are a modest sized group who love the Lord God Almighty, a body drawn together using words to describe our individual walk on earth and our link to our spiritual being origin - God Himself.

Fro 2023 when my wife and I entered a retirement Home environment - focus on Red Thread Poets was sidelined - now in 2026, we thank the Lord for giving us a 'second wind'.

I am highly honoured to know these poets and bring you their words to encourage, inspire and challenge you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

To fit with the theme of this book, a poet may be here twice but not be in the next book (my accounting mind!?)

Peterwill

ECCE HOMO

Peter Venable

The battered, flayed man. Many jeered.
Blood soaked His pierced crown and purple robe.

Guards pressed him to Prefect Marcus Pontius Pilatus.

He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"
They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"
Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Bearing his crossbeam, he was paraded, fell, pulled up
and goaded to *the place of The Skull*. Women teared.

Under skies bleak and drear, hoisted on a gibbet, tied, and nailed, a placard inscribed nailed over his head:

Iesvs Nazarenes Rex Iudaeorum.*

Lord, I revere, and stretch wide my hands.
Heavy with sin, I lift up my heart.
My cross is a feather next to yours.

My day is late afternoon.
My hour is approaching.

Curfew is near. Dawn is clear.

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BEACH MEDITATION

(Brittany, France, Summer 2016)

Sarah Sansbury

You have chosen to walk on the shingle,
When I have prepared
Beautiful soft sand for your feet.
You let yourself be set about
By clinging tendrils of seaweeds,
Which are so easy to brush off
When you turn to Me.
Look at this beautiful double shell,
I purified you at your baptism,
And again by my Spirit.
The dull grey of these pebbles
Becomes rich and gleaming
With the washing of My gentle waves.
So many burdens, too much flotsam,
Let me make you light, useful,
Magnificent,
With the touch of My hand.
Simplify, purify,
Listen to the sounds of the sea.
Rest in Me,
Open your hands,
And walk freely, joyously,
Carried along by the breeze
Of My will for your life.

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SAFE IN HIS EMBRACE

Donna Marie

My inspiration for Safe in His Embrace is a memory from a time when I was in love with a man that was going through his own torment. We were living in Eureka, California. At times, a very cold current would flow off the North West Pacific Ocean.

I remember waking many mornings to the sound of the foghorn. This was a time in my life where I was in a bad relationship that affected my own life and I ended up leaving him. Many years later he tried to take the life of the mother of his child and ended up taking his own life instead with a gunshot to the head.

I pray that the Lord is now holding him in his embrace

Lighthouse

I can hear the foghorn thru the midst of the stormy sea
So cold, so cold, so cold to my bones
Is this happening to me or perhaps I am in a dream

Where am I? I drifted off course
So close to shore, but so far away from my destiny
If only I can make it to shore safely before I drown in sorrow and shame

What is that ahead, I can't see. There, there, there it is

The lighthouse breaks the waves as they crash all

around
My ship was guided by the light that shines thru
the night

I made it home and landed on solid ground
I am safe, I am safe, safe in HIS embrace

Now I know I heard your voice as the sound of
the waves
and thunder thru the midst of the sea
The horn a warning for me
I awake, I awake, awake to the sweet sound of
harps
as the light shines in the morning dawn warming
my heart
I am safe, I am safe, safe in his embrace

So I Smile

I wrote this poem at a time I was in pain from a
cycling injury. Lord thank you for helping me
smile through the pain and for your healing
touch, even though it took some time. Amen.

The pain is wearing me down
I am wearing a frown
Lord help me find relief
From the grief
The pain is too much
I am waiting for your healing touch
Lift this weight off my back
I feel like I am under attack
I endure the pain
The strain
And I pray
For the day
When you will wipe our tears

I will no longer live in fear
There will no longer be pain
There will be no strain
Until then
I know I will win
So I smile
For a little while
For I know you care
And will always be there
So I smile
For a little while
As you comfort me
For eternity

A psalm of David when he was in the wilderness
of Judah:

Because You have been my help, Therefore, in
the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. Psalm
63:7

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THIS MIGHT BE A REAL GOOD TIME TO
SIT RIGHT DOWN AND PRAY
Doc Pops Dalton

Friends have come and gone and the laughter has
turned to tears
Day's pass by so quickly, those same days have
now turned into years
What was once those so called happy times, have
now become those good old days
My Memories have all been shattered, replaced
by fear that even they might fade away

I cry because I'm lonely and I'm lonely because I
cry
With rivers of tears that always flows, but never
seem to dry
I look for the courage to make it through just
one more day
But will I make it to tomorrow, because I still
haven't made it through today

Afraid that it might end this way, because that
would be such a shame
My days, will they ever turn brighter or always
be filled with clouds and heavy rain
I tried so dam hard to make it right, and tried
even harder in so many ways
I've asked for your help and forgiveness, each
night with these words that I say

To Pray, that he will hear my plea and bring me
peace within my heart
To Pray, that yesterday will forever be gone and
tomorrow will be a brand-new start
To Pray, and ask that his love guides me, each
step along the way
To Pray, and understand that this might be a real
good time, to sit right down and Pray.

I have cried out loud to the heavens, for all the
hell that I've gone through
I have talked to you like no other, at times feeling
like such a fool
But I am still right here talking to you Lord, and
I have so much more I'd like to say
I will stand my ground with love in my heart,
and never will I turn away

No one ever said it would be easy or that the sun
would shine each day
But he promised his unconditional Love and to
be by my side every step of the way
Life at times may be uncertain and hell, life may
go astray
But for me the best thing I can do, is Sit Right
Down and Pray

To Pray, that my journey will soon bring peace
to my heart once again
To Pray, that I will understand that my life starts
today and that his love has no end
To Pray, that when it's my time to go back home,
he will greet me with open arms and say
Welcome home my son, I think this might be a
real good time for us, to sit right down and Pray

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NEVER ALONE

Ernst Louis

Led by Your Spirit,
In a world of hate
but I don't fear it,
though I feel its weight.

I am not alone,
Your strength is with me;
although I bemoan,
all the pain I see.

Help me shine your light,
show the lost Your way,

so wrongs be made right,
this I humbly pray.

Let ev'ry heart know,
Your presence is near;
make this world below,
a place without fear.

Dearest God of love,
may all taste and see,
Your grace from above,
and a new world be.

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be
afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you;
I will surely help you; I will uphold you with My
right hand of righteousness.”

Isaiah 41:10 BSB

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DELIVERED

Jabongi Micheal

Bring me to Him
Tell me about Him
I'm desperately in need of knowing Him
I was told that He's everywhere
That He knows my beginning and my end.
I'm sure He sees the shackles around me.
My hands are tied.
My spirit wanders, searching for the truth.
Where is He.
The Lord of Elijah.
My soul is down.
Your word divides rightly between

It's double edged.

I have a table

It's not with me

It's in the presence of my enemies.

I did not put it there.

The Lord did.

He will take me to it.

The Lord will.

The devil may try to keep me away from my
table.

But once the Lord stretches His arm to give me,
who can push it back.

Don't be deceived, the Lord is never mocked

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A LIVING BREEZE

Michael Grgich

It happened many years ago, I remember like
yesterday.

The sun by the pond was hot that day, so I
sought out the shade.

Splashed my face with pond water, I found my
favorite tree.

As I laid within the gentle shade, an old man
came up to me.

He wore a beard to hide his face, his eyes were
soft and warm.

He smiled a silly toothless grin, his cloths ragged
and worn.

He staggered twords my favorite tree, silent, he
sat down next to me.

His face, his eyes, his actions, never showing
hostility.

“Can you hear the voice?” He finally spoke, his voice calming, kind, and free.
“The breeze, set free, to surf the leaves can speak if you believe.”
“So, what does it say?” I inquired, fixed in stare eye to eye.
“Each person hears a voice all their own.” The old man quickly replies.
“O.K. old man whatever, I hear no voice calling to me.”
“You must crave the voice,” He said softly “you must let your soul be free.”
So I closed my eyes, opened ears, and listened closely to the breeze.
Within moments heard soft whispers, humming faintly through the leaves.
I open up my eyes, and to my surprise, still hear the chant.
I strive to understand the words, yet, try as I may I can’t.
“Ahhh, you hear it!” The old man taunted “you hear it call your name?”
“I hear a voice, but it’s far too faint” to the old man I explain.
“You must embrace the song it sings, believe that it’s sincere.”
“Shelter deep with its warmth becoming one with what you hear!”
“The voice will grant you wonders, treasures not to be believed!”
“There is no limit to the miracles, the winds whisper can conceive!”
I closed tight my eyes again, left open soul and heart
Listened still and silent for the winds whisper to start

“Finally! I HEAR IT!” I cried “it’s nearly silent but it’s there!”
“A warm and gentle calling, like Sacred angel speech on air!”
Excited, I turned to face the wise old man, just to find him gone.
Yet, still I hear his soft broken voice chanting the whispers song.
My frantic shocked eyes searched everywhere, the old man just wasn’t there!
“Goodbye my friend I hope you’ve learned” came a friendly whisper riding the hot noon air.
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I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE

Suzanne Newman

I’m breaking. “I can’t do this alone!”
I yell, as I stumble down life’s long, hard road,
Back’s buckling under this trial’s heavy load,
Whilst my weary heart beats weakly...fractured and slow.

I collapse down on my woeful knees,
Head’s pounding with stress...can’t seem to find peace,
Angst is trapped and pacing, searching for a release,
And stomach’s unsettled, like a cross swarm of bees.

Intense grief’s made me feel so sick,
Whilst depression has snared me within its dark

pit,
Anxiety's cobra rears, hisses and spits,
And pain's earthquake causes flesh and bone to
split.

Frustration, confusion and sanity groan,
Emotions tornado to destroy peaceful home,
I cry with no strength, "I can't do this alone!",
Jesus says, "You don't have to. You're not on
your own".

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SUMMER SUNSET

David Davidson

Come sit with me awhile my friend
These fourteen years have passed so fast
The seasons came and seemed to blend
With feelings thought would always last.

It pains us now to see you so
Still faithfully endeavouring to please
Mere mortals, are we meant to know
The canine brain and how we can appease?

You haven't grumbled at your lot
You've soldiered on midst senses lost
Sight, sound and balance you've begot
To chase a ball and devil take the cost

Oh, but our human senses fail
To look beyond the extra work it seems

Your years are counted on a different scale
our attitudes on other dreams

So come little shadow pal and wait
We'll bear the suffering as best we can with you
Your sweet sad eyes, your waggy tail, your dinner
plate
With loving hands to gently soothe and see you
through.

Our fourteen year old Border Collie named
Summer had a second vestibular attack a
fortnight ago and it has left her very unbalanced.
We are currently on a break in Donegal and
watching her struggle to do her normal things
saddened me into composing. July 13, 2021

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THE WALK

Jennie

Jesus said:

*"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through Me."*

John 14:6 NKJV

Bright Morning Star

I pray follow me

Let Love protect

Lead and stay

Guide beyond what I can see

Down lanes unknown

Bright colours edge

And petals blown

Peep in long grass
Thorn briars reach
Blind to teardown
As paths narrow
And stones tumble
Softness in strength
Weary in rightness
Bends low
To grow in meekness
The Son shines
As high clouds gather
And peace cradles
Then rescues
In finding The Way
Jennie: 17th May 2020

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SPIRIT TORCH

Ava Leitner

I wrote this at a time that a friend of mine was acutely suicidal. We had journeyed his road of what the world calls bi-polar together for a while and I sat with him, by the roadside of Life. We held hands as I sang to him from the Song of Life.

Old man, wise man
sitting by the road, by the fire
returning the dreaming
to another in another place

Old man, young man who is my friend
Singing

By the road of Life
The fights too hard, too long
Shutting down the dreaming of your youth
By
the thoughts and meanings that
Enter your mind

Tell me, old man, young man, my friend
From where these came
This wish to
Sing yourself to sleep

I hear you
Old man, young man, my friend
Your hand trembles
The fights been long, your voice faint

Yet with what can you muster
The strength that remains
To hope for better days
Invoking a song long ago
Sung over you
By One who knows
Your name
Whose Anthem joins hands

Across time and space
Old man, young man, who is my friend
Take my hand
Together

Let's arise
From the ashes of the fire
By the road
For

You are not alone as you
Call upon this ancient Song
From the north, south, east and west
The wind, sea, earth and fire

All sing the Song of Life
Halting the devils dance
The singing of
Death

You alone hold the power
To revoke
The dance
this singing of death

Old man, young man, who is my friend
Come
Amplify the Song of Life with me
Let it revive your weary bruised spirit

Side by side
We will stand
Extending the Spirit Torch
Igniting your song
Of life

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THROTTLE
Douglas Gates

Easy with the throttle, slower on the brakes–
Plunge not headlong into holy mistakes.
A day at a time, one thing then the next,

Arrange the cause, and live with the effects.
Yea, plead the Cause to work His way to you;
Or pray the prayer, and with that, then, be
through.
But asking once tends to leave men unchanged:
The former heals, the latter leaves the same.
Praying daily gets your pleas to heaven;
Your core is shaken, your bread is given.
So pick up rhythms, if you can, of the divine–
What starts as awkward flattens out in time.
Such face opposition but stick to the task,
And give defense whenever they are asked.
But some foes are more acidic in their tone,
Clinging fast unto their rotten throne:
The proud judge, critics nag, sceptics ask why,
But God loves you, and bids you come and die.

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THE PATH TO PERFECTION

Andrew James White

Ref: 1 Corinthians 13 “The Chapter Of Love”

The answer is TRULY JESUS .
HE is the Epitome of LOVE.
The LOVE that the world of non-believers does
not receiveth.
Because it is sent from above.
The only way to understanding
To be inspired by SPIRIT.
The only Way to The SPIRIT
Is believing in the death and resurrecting power
of JESUS.
It may be symbolism in the minds of some,

But it is a true and authentic relationship with
THE ONE.

a life transforming death to the ways of the
world.

and a new life in the spirit. As is said, "Death to
the body and sin,
to life everlasting in the SPIRIT",
Then THAT which is PERFECT will come!

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INK BLEEDS

Marissa Meyer

Ink bleeds its creative line
Like crushed grapes
Held together
by the strength of the Vine
Pented up yet running out
You draw me out intently
on the paper of time

Ink bleeds its creative line
Forever drinking from the fount of Love
You pour me out
You fill me up
You create through me
A canvas of love

Ink bleeds its creative line
A story written in the stars
A story written in the dust
My life the brush that speaks
Your hand the Artist's creed

[06/10/2021 – Marissa Meyer]

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CALL YOU UP

Indiana Migs

Lately I've been holding my head in my hands
Time for Jacob's trouble all over the land
From sea to shinin' sea the world's grown cold
Too many people dyin' from the devil of old

I say Jesus Jesus I think I'm gonna call you up
Jesus Jesus think I'm gonna call you up
Jesus Jesus, I think I better call you up!
The only one to call when it really counts is
Jesus

Days and nights are so hard I feel so lost
Breakin bad so easy when so little it costs
Goin broke and hungry goin' outta control
It's time to call up Jesus cuz you're losin' your
soul

I said Jesus Jesus I think I'm gonna call you up
Jesus Jesus think I'm gonna call you up
Jesus Jesus, I think I better call you up
The only to call when it really counts is Jesus

The end is in sight
Give the devil his plight
We are children of light
We fight the good fight

Jesus Christ is right the stars are so bright

The thief is in the night, I pray with all my might

I said, Jesus Jesus I think I better call you up

Jesus Jesus think I'm gonna call you up

Jesus Jesus, I think I better call you up

The only one to call when it really counts is

Jesus

I said Jesus, I said Jesus, I said Jesus, I said Jesus

CALL YOU UP!

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ABIDE IN ME

Marshall Jones

I am nothing of myself,

just a branching sailing in the wind,

nothing to sustain me,

failure an inevitable reality.

No fruit to speak of,

the withering of my leaves shows

no one's feeding nutrients and moisture

to the rest of me.

Waiting to be carried away,

slated for a fiery end,

I'm nothing but something that will provide

heat

until my ashes mark my death.

A death that's lonely, only a memory of my

presence.....

The presence of the Almighty God robed in

flesh

came to make a difference,

The Passover Lamb slain to receive power,
riches, wisdom, strength, and honor can now
live in us.

Receiving the finished work of Christ
by believing in His name changes our condition.

Once forgotten, now accepted,
once condemned, now repentant,
we can become all things in Him.

If we abide in that secret place,
allow Him to abide in our darkest places,
He'll make us divinely connected.

His sustenance would flow through us,
causing leaves to grow and fruit to show,
the evidence of His faithfulness.

With Him we can do all things,
but without Him we can do nothing
but await the fire, fruitless.....

By Marshall Jones

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GOD

Josephine Yolanda Gaudreau

Two poems

The Listener

This is our story.

Our most desperate need today is not the
accumulation of possessions
or the achievement of worldly successes.

Our basic needs are very few, and it takes little to
acquire them.

We can survive on a small amount of bread and
water

and inhabit the poorest of shelters.
We always have.
Our real need, our most pressing need, is for
someone to listen to us
not as a patient, but as a human soul.
We need to ask someone why were we born?
How will we live?
Why will we die? What happens beyond?
Who listens?
God listens, the Listener.
We have only to talk to Him.
Right now. Today. Tomorrow. Forever.
He understands our pleasures, our pains, our
joys, our sorrows,
our sins, our crimes, our secrets, our terrors.
He will not turn you away if you are a sinner, the
worst of sinners.
He has listened to us.
He will continue to listen.
While He listens we will solve our own
problems.
Will he speak to us also?
If we ask Him to.
Will we hear His voice?
If we listen.

God Of The Impossible
Let me know God of the impossible.
With Him all things are possible.
The impossible is possible.
Impossible things do happen,
and with this knowledge I can produce a strong
faith.
Cultivate my faith.
Conceive of greater and greater things occurring
because of my faith/.

Ponder bigger and bigger thoughts of faith.
Dream, reach for, and accomplish the impossible
dream.
Stretch my mind further and further.
Think deep and far and high and wide.
Pray to God with all my heart, mind and spirit.
I can go as high as my faith, dreams thoughts,
and prayers to God.
Break the bonds of my faults, limitations, and
weaknesses.
Shatter the confines of the earthbound,
and soar the boundless infinity of heaven.
Go pass the point of no return.
Stretch my faith further and further.
My faith cannot be stretched further than God,
but my faith can stretch me to Him.
Stretch my faith to Him.
Let me know God of the impossible.
In the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

C. A. Carver

Returning

We are livin' in the last days, the end times.
Christ is coming back, but it's not a sequel.
He's coming back to bring the wrath of God on
those who practice evil.
So, turn, turn from your ways. Repent! Get
saved!
Hear the gospel and obey.

Make today the day of salvation.
Jesus is patiently waiting.
He says to all of those who are weary "Come and
I'll give you rest".
He came and died for you and rose again the
third day.
He paid the price for you.
He said it is finished.
The debt is paid.
I'm here to speak of God's greatness.
And the devil, he hates this.
Because he doesn't want you to know the truth.
The truth of Christ and his sacrifice.
Surrender your life to him and see the mighty
works he can do within.
He can take away that heart of stone and give
you a heart of flesh.
One day we will all face death.
But death will have no sting for me because
Christ the risen king has placed me in his victory.

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CORRECTION AND REFLECTION

C. A. Carver

Silence

Stop the noise.
Slow your thoughts.
Stop the hurry.
Reject the worry.
Unbusy yourself.
Sit in silence.
And rest in my presence.

Doing is not always the objective.
Sit in silence.
Receive my guidance.
Hear my voice.
Resist the urge to get up and go.
Spend time with me and I will help you grow.
Sit in silence and know.

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SOLITUDE

Sophie Trenholm

Solitude

Still room.
Bent knees.
Slanted brows.
I sought the Lord revealed to me.
I heard no voice but an inner impulse say,
"I am your peace, your joy, your love.
I am constantly revealed to you".
In your joy, I am present.
In your love, I am near,
When you have peace
You have me.

Prayer of Rest

Quiet me to the point
That I hear nothing but your voice
May I be close enough to
Feel your heartbeat
Still enough to know your beside me,
And in rest

Watch as you renew me.

This poem was inspired by Psalm 27 which says, “to *gaze* on the beauty of the Lord”. I was struck by the word *gaze* as in our day and age many seem to offer a mere glance because they do not take the time to be still and “contemplate the wonders of the Lord”.

Stillness

Still, be still my soul.
When the rush of life increases
I need stillness all the more.
To sit, to meditate, breathe deep
And contemplate
The wonders of the Lord.

How easily my mind wanders from
Thought to thought
Of earthly things
that need not be sought.

If I can't learn to focus
my attention in the stillness,
how much easier will it be
to be swept up in the business.

Lord, give me the grace to
Take the time to focus
On what's most important,
To gaze, no glance upon
Your beauty in all it's
Glorious holiness.

This poem was written during a retreat I did by

myself.

From the waves of this age that brainwash my
mind,
I slip away
From a thousand voices
That dictate my life
I take a break
From the noise of this world
That blurs my ways
I step away
There in the silence
I can hear your whisper
My soul knows where to stay

SOLITUDE

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FUTURE

Daniel Van Leeuwen

i believe the primary dimension in poetry is God
the truth the end new beginnings
such a beautiful one would you too
be.
there are no inhibitions
there is no mask
no lie no custom no tradition no evil
oh
an ecstasy of passion
a lust for life so unfettered so lavish
be.
oh the impending heaven we envision overtake
us now
soar over our transient lives

our common realities or
simple minds we deceive ourselves
imagine the fictionous truth beyond
the present futility we immerse
depart from us forever
we catapult towards the peerless morrow
for infinity is waiting

Jesus is Lord

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PETERWILL'S POEMS

These poems are our exploration in the last few years related to the subject, with emphasis most recently in increasing my faith, trusting absolutely, ascending to experience a closer relationship with God, and dealing with the trials, temptations and tests I am confronted with. The poems more often than not refer to we, us and our, rather than I, me and my. This is because we are a triune being; spirit, soul and body. Even this does not cover it as our soul is composed of the 'many many' parts that have their own unique experiences, literally unique - for example 'that fearful 15 minutes' when we were five is shared with no other parts of our soul. We call these soul parts our phalows, but that's another poem!

I can't think of a better way to start than with these first two poems, which say so much. The first with the worship music of Bebo Norman's that the Lord laid on me when I was hurting, and the second an image I got a few days ago from Ebuka, that illustrates how the Holy Spirit will multiply based our trusting, listening and obedience, AND through collaboration with trusted friends, like Doc Dalton, 'A Western Builder' and Marshall and Jessica Jones and Ebuka.

We come to where the people are
With this message of high hope
Praying that each listens well
So they never miss the boat

Thank You for Bebo leading us
So apropos his worship
Launching my heart heavenward
Holy entrepreneurship

[https://youtu.be/X1ebeUw20jc?
si=zTcS17VFF9uq4Czb](https://youtu.be/X1ebeUw20jc?si=zTcS17VFF9uq4Czb)

MOUNTAINEERING

Awesome God, surprising us
Not with peaking as with Nims
But nonetheless ascended
Believe, be with God no whims

"Sit With ME", in this service
now doing 'Doing Together'
Now 'Walking Down This Mountain'
We're partnering forever

OBEDIENCE

Jan 10, 2026

LO this is serious stuff
Listening and Obedience

Ten years back, wanted to write
Our Separation treatise
How we're not reconciled
To God - His human species

Multitudes of poems later

Not bragging just showing pain
And nothing yet worth saying
And how living can be vain

I have this tandem vision
With Our God in the front seat
But my preference is for drive'n
Steer, repeat, repeat, repeat

My friend A Western Builder
Has been on and on at me
"Sit With ME" is the message
Focus to ever be free

My diary on Oct the firth
That's in twenty twenty five
Is here below¹ all nakedly
I was still in the 'all strive'

Yes, it took about six weeks
Despite the clear instructions
To build up the new routine
Sidelining all obstructions

Wow Holy Holy Holy Holy God
In two months to this very day
I have three mini books written
In Collaborative Way

And I sure was not steering
Nor bringing it together
God using other people
Bookending steps, whatever

Doc actually kicked it off
Then today another bookend

Ebuka sent this image²
Steering = premature end

Behold, Holy Spirit Joy
In partnering close with You
Amid this worldly chaos
And the constant hamp'ring stew

I can only thank You Lord
For Your amazing Presence
Your radical restoration
And Mighty Omnipresence

¹THE PLAN AS OF OCT 5 - alarm at 6:30am -
go to bed based on that - OR ASK THE LORD
TO WAKE ME

***"Sit with ME each morning at 7am
LEARN from ME***

That's it for now"

MY ACTIVE JOB

Jan 9, 2023

Our total focus, what we choose to do
To 'Sit with Me', 'Rest in Me', actively
Being Your Glove, and so always 'One with
Thee'

Not flesh nor feeling, but heart revealing
In spirit, detached from the physical day
'Abide with Us, and place all your trust this
Way'.

It's an ordinance, not a performance
Negate striving, relate to arriving
Welcome each oth'r in deepest fellowship

Yada Abba

OUR SONG

Jan 9, 2023

You've made it clear a million times
I'm not a human doing
A stand alone important elf
Intent on God eschewing

Chorus

My focus, I now choose to do
To sit with You, to rest in You
To let You pull me through

I'm done now with all my striving
My never am arriving
And that blocked and broken feeling
My craving for Your loving

Chorus

My focus, I now choose to do
To sit with You, to rest in You
To let You pull me through

I cannot function, nor go on
Your courting overcomes me
Abide with Me, I only see
Your call to be beside You

Chorus

My focus, I now choose to do
To sit with You, to rest in You
To let You pull me through

ABUSE EXIT

Jan 25, 2023

Abrupt exeunt
Abuse departure
Time abuse
Exhaled hereafter

Thank You Lord
For the cleansing
Thank You Behold
For the mending

Focus on You
No more draining,
The swamp outcome
Your ordaining

My every thought
Your engaging
My every action
Our interacting

But first convene
Gather with You
“Sit With Me”
Your constant plea

So I will
I will obey
Joyfully
Throughout each day

SHALLOW AND WIDE
Jan 25, 2023

Foundations that are shallow
Perfect specs for a tricycle path
Drive a truck on it, look out
Sink a wheel take an axel bath

Parking lot build under deeper
Parking building deeper foundations
Under seed, reap a disaster
Under build expect reverberations

Denial and doing lead to wasting
No depth, all shallow expectations
Spread thin, spread wide life died
Speeding by avoiding deep relations

“Sit with Me, and sit with yourself
Discover now, discover excavations

Going deep building life foundations
Bear fruit for future generations

Low understanding and confusion
Manifest as shallow and wide
Slow down seek ice cream¹ with Me
Step out only with Me and don't hide”

¹My Problem With Ice Cream - poem Nov 4,
2017.

<https://www.redthreadpoets.com/ice-cream/>

In Isaiah 28:16, the Bible says,

*“Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay
in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a
precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that
believeth shall not make haste.”*

HINTS TIPS AND SIGNS
Jan 25, 2023

So I have the Resource Book
Entitled Our Restoration
It has a bunch of sections
Divided by recycled portions

It starts with posted poems
For Red Thread Poets launch
Then tabs for poems from then on
FireIce thru Joe Wilson staunch
Then in to the present day
Incorporation Belial and Kronos
Assembling all of my written doings
A complete resource of my own notes

The Lord was 'iffy' about all this collation
Smacking of 'doing doing doing and doing'
And not much for the time with His Passion
And what all peeps know too well is "Being"

But I sensed a degree of OK leniency
So now that it's collated - it's 'so what'
Except The Lord hijacked that one
With Ice Cream which then led to Kat

My Problem With Ice Cream, a poem
Was writ in the night of Nov the fourth
In the year of twenty seventeen
Half of the verses said back and forth

My 'so what' above is embarrassing
The Lord's hijack is His Pure Grace
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO
Simply "SIT WITH ME" you ACE

Is it true Lord that I aced it after all these years?
With all you hints, tips and signs - amazing
Grace

Help me to SIT WITH YOU
As I can't seem to cut it.
Your Blood Covenant
The One You Cut For Us
No hesitancy of You in it

Help

Help

Help

I call in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ
Through the power of The Holy Spirit

OUR RESCUER

Dec 3, 2022

Content:

How would I know, no newborn ever does
Yet later, what's much worse,
With truth then known, they most want none of
us
So grieved Our Rescuer, so grieved

When I know best, my back is turned
So grieved my Rescuer, so grieved

Our Rescuer, Deliverer, Redeemer be
Almighty God help me to change
Make me to sit and soak in Heavenly Grace
Then pleased my Rescuer, so pleased

'Cause You know best, Your back is never turned
So pleased Our Rescuer, so pleased

ASKING PERMISSION

Feb 5, 2023

If I am His glove
How do I act

I can't go it alone
I can't 'go it' in fact

I follow assignments
Always taking His lead

But what if I'm ignorant
And don't know what to read

And even the more so
If I have my own mission

You know what I mean
That thought in my head

There's one critical step
Always ask His permission

LEADING ME TO LEAN

Feb 9, 2023

Constance passion Iwiyè¹
Leading me to lean
Leading me, leading me
Leading me to lean

Still Bill stifled me
Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

The prairies at the hills
Faith's man faithfully
I can accomplish nothing

Nothing can I accomplish
Absolutely nothing

Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

Constance passion Iwiyè
Leading me to lean
Leading me, leading me
Leading me to lean

Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

All those years of Being called
When I didn't want You
Behold You wanted me
Behold You wanted me

Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

From around the world
Others passion for You
Their passion ways and formulas
Ways and formulas

Raising my interest passionately
Drawing me for a fix
So I could fix with their fix
Their fix, where I was the addict

Lean on Me, Your Maker
Lean on Me, lean on Me

Sit with Me, Your Maker

Sit with Me, Sit with Me

¹Iwiyè is a feminine name of Douala origin, meaning "the one who is loved" or "beloved." It reflects deep cultural significance within the Douala community in Cameroon, emphasizing love and affection.

Pronunciation

Sounds like: ee-wee-yay

Syllables: Three

First syllable: "ee" as in "see"

Second syllable: "wee" as in "week"

Third syllable: "yay" as in "say"

FIRST LOVE

Feb 14, 2023

With apologies to Bebo Norman as I apply his song, "At the End of Me" (see Worship Chapter) in deconstructing myself and adopting YHWH as my First Love

Was like a promise, was like a promise
So like a promise broken every time I open my mouth
Open my, I open my mouth

Under the surface, Under the surface
Under the surface most times I wanna be the only one in
Only one, I'm the only one in

To keep all my secrets
And hide all my scars
Hold all my pieces
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
Your First Love starts

Do you remember, do you remember?
Do you remember when I was old and still knew not-a-thing?
But knew everything about everything

Such a long time, such a long time
Such an uphill climb just to finally uncover myself
Uncover my, been so full of myself

But there's First Love secrets
To heal all my scars
Break all my thesis
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
Your First Love starts

I don't know where, I don't know how
Now I'll sit with You, I've been so proud
Don't know yet where, don't know yet how

So tell me Your secrets
And show me Your stars
Gather my pieces
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
Your First Love starts

Your First Love starts

REFUSING TO BE KEPT

Feb 15, 2023

Classic Publications:

'The Practice Of The Presence Of God' -
Brother Lawrence

'My Utmost For His Highest' - Oswald
Chambers

'Experiencing The Depths Of Jesus Christ' -
Jeanne Guyon

'Experiencing God Through Prayer' - Jeanne
Guyon

'Absolute Surrender' - Andrew Murray

Personal inputs:

'Sit With Me' from AWB

'Lean On Me' from Coco

'First Love' from Michelle

'Refusing To Be Kept' from Anne

Peter isn't that really clear yet

Over the years from these leaders

And in the past months and days

Please honour Me and My teachers

EXPLORING

Feb 17, 2023

Exploring rejection and victimhood

And ancestral baggage likelihood

All in the context of Sitting with God

And for the first listening it is so odd

The opposite appreciation and love

It's surfeit and lack surfacing above

The normal routine of doing and striving

The treadmill of self value never arriving

Reflection on those really happy to see you

Appreciation noted as they initiate anew

And how the fear drives pride to cover up

The hole inside that hates exposure's cup

The heaviness felt as body absorbs truth

Like healing crisis occurring way past youth

The Lord is on this ghastly hidden mess

As I submit to all of Christ's Reassess

PUZZLE PIECES

Feb 24, 2023

Insights seem like breakthroughs

As we crave healing and freedom

Focus on shedding inconvenience

Restriction and imposition

But my approach is only selfish

Void of unique relationship

A walk and loving fellowship

That our God craves for us

Since Fix-it perfectly

Power, control and status

Empower independently

My Achilles Gravititas

Jesus Christ hates this Fix-it focus

My depraved default dictate

A cascade of latest shiny objects

For Christ 'tis no debate

As each object is uncovered
Oft insight from the Lord
I set to work to embed in Fix-it
But not see how He is appalled

Peter, they are only puzzle pieces
I hear AWB say to me,
Remember we can accomplish nothing
But cry help, can I sit with Thee

NOT SATISFIED

Fundamental truth series
Feb 25, 2023

Be honest, look at the truth
Bare bones, no polishing
Truth, self examination
Just the fundamental truth

I am dissatisfied
I am not satisfied
I am expecting to have what I want
I have struggled all my life
For what I see now is a person
Focused on self importance
Striving to be comfortable in his own eyes
And I am not

There's this facade of integrity
There's this self monitoring
All the time
Terrified of negative input
Of rejection and criticism

What God says is true
More afraid, tense and in denial
Than I think I am
But too afraid to really let go
And trust in God

So I go through the motions
Must look like shit from God's viewpoint
And it is I'm into dirt

Relentlessly me

I can only give up
Surrender myself
But

But we resist
So we stay put

Lord help us let go and let You IN

Bring me "TO THE END OF ME"

So YOU CAN START
Because that's WHERE YOU START

Marshall Jones Devotional - Feb 25, 2023 --

Giving thanks unto the Father

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" Colossians 1:12

BELIEVE IN THINE HEART

Feb 26, 2023

Back in nineteen fifty three,
Three score years and ten ago
I believed I gave my life to Christ
But was it a belief from in my heart

I knew few things back then
To the extent that one year later
I didn't think I had been saved
With a confession chance again

Thus in the year twenty zero three
One score years ago from now
I sweated out the depth of my belief
Have I ever really believed from in my heart?

That God hath raised Christ from the dead
Given my desperately wicked heart since
And my kingdom of darkness allegiance
And our ancestral complicity with evil

So Lord I ask of you this very night
Do I believe deep from in my heart
That Jesus Christ died and was raised
From the dead to save me for Himself?

Lord please let me know loud and clear
Let me not be deceived if I was before
Rescue me I plead with You Dear Lord
Bring my heart into Your Holy Fold

In my confessions of my sins

Do I, did I, see them then and now
As offences against God Himself
Or was it merely what I thought I ought to do?

Is my sin ever before me when I plead
To Almighty Adonai for forgiveness?
Am I sincere deep from in my heart
Or a deceiver right from the very start?

Have I been a people pleaser all my life?
Doing what seems to be expected of me
But underneath having my own way
In a deeply deceitful denial of truth?

So have I not genuinely been confessing
And becoming in agreement with The Lord
So that I am not truly sorry and repentant
But choosing to deceive and cheat The Lord?

Or does it fall somewhat in between
That I am shallow and dismissive
And I am just along for the ride
And narcissistically pontificating?

Lord the explorations are surprising
To see what comes out of these words
Yet I feel nonchalant and distant
Which is worrying by itself

Lord I crave to be with You
And not be on the outside
But the fruit of my life I see
Suggests an unrepentant heart

Help Lord I crave Your truth
Please help me see and know the truth

Am I Yours or still an evil youth?

I heard:

“Keep coming to Me, I have much for you”.

11:12pm

So tonight I thought it time

To reflect on my situation

While Red shows his in spades

My denial hides revelation

Marshall Jones Devotional - Feb 27, 2023 :

"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

1"SNL Redhead" - Red, our rescued racing greyhound

Mar 5, 2023

7:30pm

OUR FEARS UPDATE

Mar 4, 2023

9:40pm

But in those fifteen months

New comparisons are seen

My awareness of thresholds

And those vocals unforeseen

‘Twas November twenty six

Back in twenty twenty one

I wrote a special poem

“Red¹ and I are buddies”

My deep trust’s been in myself

Actually that’s really not so true

Fact is I trust no one, ‘en ma sel

Denial seems to fake me through

He has this fear of thresholds

And narrow passing ways

Loud noises and high winds

Especially both our ceiling fans

Bottom line on the trust issue

I don’t really trust The Lord

This a major major blockage

That must really be abhorred

He never ever speaks up

When he wants to come inside

And always seems so wary

Of a human underside

Perhaps due to all my pride

I’ve never really found my voice

So again like Red we’re buddies

That doing was all Your Choice

But when it comes to walks

No one is more excited

It’s like dressing several dogs

When cold forays are sighted

That I am also messing with thresholds

Least with temptations tests and trials

Aligns the ‘twa o’ us ‘yins’ wonderfully

So time to shred all of my denials

Not surprising this past two weeks
That trust in God and my esophagus
Are both raised to billboard stakes
I trust the throat one's not scrofulous

All that so neatly written down
My course of action imminent
"Sit with Me", as I've been pled
And God's favour will be infinite

So Lord I clearly now have matching needs
And as You instructed thirteen months ago
I now plead for the two of us, two loyal friends
Please Papa, Lord Father God we ask You now:

In Jesus Christ Of Nazareth's Name, please
heal the wounds that both Red and I have
that cause us not to trust and that have
influenced us is ways that we have not found our
true voices, that You designed us with. Thank
You Father God, in Jesus' Name. Amen
8:50pm [after interlude to put anti-itch cream
on V, and watch the end of Painter of The Year
award to Calum].

FOR THE VOICE

Feb 6, 2022

10:30pm

a plea for SNL Redhead
extraordinary greyhound
who has no voice to come inside
and waits in faith without a sound

i dissed him so badly tonight
and left him in the cold night air
absorbed in 'a place to call home'
neglected outside - so unfair

'cause I know he never calls out
he's this faith that knows that we're there
quite different if leaving him at home
he barks and cries - utter despair

i roundly apologized
to my beloved friend
and asked the Lord again to find
the voice that Red could then extend

'twas then i felt the Lord remind
i'd often prayed for Red to find
the voice to use to help us hear
and pay attention to Red's fear

but more this time I felt Him say
as often I had prayed this way
to ask for things that we both need
and symbiotically intercede

though not till then need for a voice
occur to me was now Your Choice
and Red was also here for that
to bless us both in joint combat

now clear Your message then to me
to wait upon Your Voice guarantee
for hearing and then passing clear
to bring God's Word from far to near

RETURN UNTO THE LORD THY GOD

Apr 7, 2023

Repentance need,
From wicked Heart
Lord to You I plead
Initiate the Start

Your power forgives
Repentance make
Please in me give
A Heart Remake

Marshall Jones Devotional - Apr 8, 2023:
*'O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for
thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.'* Hosea 14:1

NOT LETTING MY BODY DICTATE

Apr 12, 2023 - poem -

Migraine and headaches
In the past few days
Wretched drain they makes
Messing up all my ways

Spoke in tears and tongues
King the instrument
Lifted up my rungs
Was a precedent

And then this morning
Again felt so heavy
King again a dawning
True Light standing ready

Help me sit with You
Let the world move on
Keep my focus now
Help me burst in song

WHAT CAN I GET OUT OF IT

Apr 12, 2023

Even if I sit with God
Even speaking in tongues
If I am looking to receive
If I am looking for a benefit
I treat God as a vending machine

Shed my desires release my needs
Especially my wants, give up myself
Give up all that I am, all of my me
Senses, thoughts and actions - all

Silence before God
Be
Let worship come

PRAYER AND FASTING

Apr 23, 2023

I am in it now
Seventy two hours

False refuge options
Are greatly reduced

No comfort foods

No skipping prayer

Can't skip "Sit with Me"

As the Lord's In-Charge

After-note: This fast precipitated revelations that relocated my wife and I to an independent living retirement community, 68 days later, and having sold our home.

Rejoice in worship

No more to be fussed

Right out of my blue

A prospective move

A big assignment

Truly now in God's groove

Sent to Abednego at 3:47e

NEW PHASE

Apr 28, 2023

Convicted big time

Abednego used

Initially I

Was not very amused

It wore off quickly

Tho this a new deal

It soon became clear

It's time to get real

This a three day fast

Water only no hot chocolate

"Sit with Me" mandate

Trust Me and see-what

Deep beneath denial

Forbears covenant

Evil complicity

Mason government

I set it all down

Stepped back in full trust

MOVING ADVENTURE

May 8, 2023

In mid April Abednego

Announced a three day prayer and fast

Followed by a whole group debrief

Hundreds responded to his ask

Had routine stuff upon my plate

Never registered to participate

But did check in tho almost too late

On the live group broadcast debate

'Twas Sunday evening that I recall

Being very moved by what I heard

Deciding right then to do my own

Three day fast - something had stirred

My heart for several months now

Has been seeking The Lord - and how

"Sit with Me" make a New Furrow

And put aside your Doing Plough

I've pushed this plow for many decades

My now old chestnut's coming to life

Fear, tension and their lead denial
The ongoing result of my early strife

So I did and very diligently too
Only water allowed to see-it through
By Tuesday night I hit seventy two
My three days obedience was true

I did send a text to Abednego
Asking if he might give support
Re knotty ancestral encumbrances
And I'm on fast I wouldn't abort

I learned from a post he'd quickly run
A message to followers every one
I don't do replies or the one-on-one
But focus on groups for everyone

BEING CALLED HIGHER

Sep 20, 2023

Lord I sense Your call
For me to come Higher
Lord if this is You, I accept
Help me to BE YOUR FIGHTER

I can do absolutely nothing
In my own mortal strength
Help me overcome these things
And serve in eternal length:

- pull of the flesh,
- emotions of the natural,
- my other human struggles

bam / soo / trust, Sit With Me, obedience

NOT A DILEMMA

Sep 5, 2023

i feel it deeply today
anxiousness to get on
to set up the gathering
and it's now way past dawn

didn't do first fruits again
that's - Sit With The Lord
is He really Priority One
but my face faces forward

not up, no bended knee
don't know if you agree
not a dilemma, I'm free
gotta kill 'my-me-first spree

help me please Lord
I keep facing forward
pull me into Your Heart
I do so need You Lord

FEAR

Sep 15, 2023

A PLANNED SERIES OF SEVEN TITLES
ON OBEY - NOT ONE POEM WRITTEN -
HM MMM

- Deuteronomy 10:20 KJV Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.
- Deuteronomy 10:12 KJV And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love

him, and to serve the LORD thy God
with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

*Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor
the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

Matthew 25:13 KJV

THE TURN AND AFTER ESCAPE

Sep 21, 2023

Our Escape from the pull of the flesh
And our emotions of the natural
And the beset of our human struggles
Springboard us for the supernatural

First, lay to rest self-gratification
Second, offence aimed at our station
Third, our struggles are Christs they're not ours
Prerequisites to Our Restoration

Then poise, hold this Escape line you've made
Wait on the Lord, sit, listen and learn
He may or may not call upon you
You'll never know without making The Turn

Remember John's seven "if's" of Christ

*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through
the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, [3]
According as his divine power hath given unto us
all things that pertain unto life and godliness,
through the knowledge of him that hath called us
to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto
us exceeding great and precious promises: that by
these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption that is in the world
through lust.*

2 Peter 1:2-4 KJV

*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me
in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set
down with my Father in his throne.*

Revelation 3:21 KJV

SET

Oct 9, 2023

SIT with ME

SET your affection with ME

BE with ME

HID with me

I now own me not

I am now dead to my old self

*Set your affection on things above, not on things on
the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid
with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3 KJV*

JOURNEY FROM SAVED

Nov 27, 2023

Surrendered was accepted

Born Again in Salvation

Young and very immature

Not any Bible mentoring

Had no idea what sin was

Let alone a confession

Never once a repentance

Thus built 'many many many' strongholds

Several decades further on

All the truth came crashing down

Bloodline stuff and of my own
And strongmen having lots of fun

Church, courses and small groups too
And then the start of counselling
Fred's disclosure then some lull
Soul parts in Tallahassee

Human spirit and seven portions
Now more complex these contortions
Counsellors with wild techniques
All this stuff takes weeks and weeks

Take a break from all this stuff
Edmonton our last holdout
Macro: rocks and well mowed grass
Then finally 'Sit With Me'

All this is all very well
But strongmen who're here from hell
Help not our cause one little bit
Blocked is not describing it

Edmonton making some breakthroughs
Here the pattern is old news
Don't forget ancestrals and
Generational bloodlines

Then altars and idols show
In new exposure making show
Edmonton leading quite a fray
Tunnel light now claims the day

Rather than the formal posit
Decreeing and declaring
Short calls for Righteous Judgement

Have ongoing appeal and place

Tiredness making sense to me
But no breakthroughs evident
Albeit it now much more complex
This patient much needs more patience

Then the vicar has his say
His focus strong mind will play
Can. emotions with the mind
Study hard the Bible true

Put God first in everything
And sin no more like anything
Forget all the spiritual stuff
Including demonic fluff

This encounter took me by surprise
Like I needed to reappraise my ties
Though I love the God and Bible focus
All that assails me isn't hocus-pocus

Then tonight just after eight
Idol manifestations ?
Quickly righteous judgement please
And instant writhing pleas arise

And this repeated many times
Relentless now their downfall
And they now truly reinforce
This path to dissolving mindfall

AFTER WORDS

Because of strongmen and strongholds
As evil altars and idols

Eliminated from now on
Their rearguard pals will rally

Since however The Lord Alert
His Heads-Up primes me to report
Activity however small
For Judgement to have them fall

FOR SANCTUARY TAKE TRUST TO ADONAI
Jan 14, 2024

Uncomfortable
Without comfort
Unwilling to trust
Obedience is a must
Trust's the thrust
Making an effort
Key protectable

While trying to find a way out
Acknowledging I can't do it
Lord please find the way for us
You do it Lord, please do it

Light Immanuel connections
But no deeper contacting
No noticeable inner presence
Of the Holy Spirit interacting

Who is The Real Comforter
No questioning our need
Is it lack of performance?
Hardly, given my doing feed

Is it then over-performance?

And not resting in God
Not giving up completely
Holding back isn't odd

Is unwillingness the barrier
And behind that deep fear
Co-mingled with trusting
Bad experiences are there

So help me surrender
That's the Achilles heel
I'm so tired of my asking
Please help me to get real

My bad experiences I give
Surrendering them to You
Please bridge build to trusting
Seed so willingness ensues

Seems there's a combination
Big effort for turning to You
In the face of that danger
Then full surrender to You

Then You will protect
Where we certainly can't
And make radical progress
With Your Protection Implant

Marshall Jones Devotional - Jan 14, 2024:
*"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine
own will, but the will of him that sent me."*
John 6:38

Marshall's comment: True obedience is to do God's will, even when you are trying to find a way out. Christ set the example, and we must follow it.

Me: this am, my priority was to do my will.

REVELATION

Jan 30, 2024

Our True God has for me
Design and destiny
Revelation and assignment

But first there's preparation

So Our True God has for me
A requirement that I belong,
Tests, trials and temptation

Then there's the appreciation

That Our True God requires of me
I sit with Him and let Him lead
Until my will is only His Will

Which will trigger the revelations

Then Our True God has for me
Assignments for His glory
Culminating in my destiny

Wisdom and understanding
Knowledge and learning

Joy and gratitude
Fellowship and partnership

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

Feb 16, 2024

Methinks I have been muddled
Unsure who I am talking to
Very unsure who I am hearing
And knowing I don't listen

The Word of God is very clear
The Holy Spirit has come
Ruach HaKodesh is my Advocate
My Counsellor and Comforter

Lord I see and understand now
I have not listened, now I see
Why You are waiting for me
So You can tell me what I need

Lord, Lord, Holy Spirit, Lord
Forgive me for my arrogance,
Independence and scattered sense
My trial and error seeking God
My arrows shot in hope and whot

Now I will more pointedly
Seek You in Jesus Mighty Name
And come to know You properly
Rejoicing, praising joyfully

And when it comes to 'Sit With Me'
Can I perhaps sit on Your knee
And glean from You how to be free
As You teach me to hear and see

And 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;

Isaiah 11:2 KJV

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Proverbs 3:13-15 KJV

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. John 16:12-15 KJV

CASUALNESS

Apr 8, 2024

Surprisingly or no
I repented yesterday
Of casualness and of
my easy-come-easy-go way

Not sure where it came from
Nor that I liked it very much

It's answering¹ the Lord's Call
The issue, I don't have a crutch

Stop seeking these distractions
Excuses for not sitting still
And finding out His Call
And everything in His Will

You still don't get the tandem
Checking in before you act
It's no longer your show
You gave that up with your pact

YOU'VE ALL YOU NEED FOR ME
AND YOU NEED NO MORE FOR YOU
JUST SIT WITH ME PLEASE PETER
BE SERIOUS AND SUBDUE²

¹ANSWERING poem below

²To overcome, quieten, or bring under control.

ANSWERING

Apr 7, 2024

Claiming to not hear
To know who is speaking
Confusion and understanding
Excuses we were making

Shallow when not sitting
Intent upon connecting
Relating and fellowshipping
Prioritizing indwelling

It's academic anyway

When intent never manifests
So lets stop the pretence
And seriously reinvests

Look what God has invested
My conception creation and design
Earthly conception and womb growth
Birthing toddling walking biking
Living marrying breeding sloth

Time to start answering

Marshall Jones Devotion today: Apr 7, 2024 -
Jeremiah 7:13 - answering the Lord's call
"And now, because ye have done all these works,
saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up
early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called
you, but ye answered not".

SAVOURING

May 13, 2024

Sit with Me
Take It to Christ

MAMA

HUSH

Put Him to grief
Goodness of God
Standing with Red

Immanuel Moments

Red stood for 15 minutes savouring the air,
sounds and sights - I woke up finally to what
You were doing in him. PYL TYL

PETER SIT WITH ME

May 14, 2024

aaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

I keep being nobbled
Distracted, discombobbled
Derailed, deluded and distraught

It's my doing I do
I keep needing to do
It's so complex ... [that's such rubbish]

Well if I must, I'll admit
I am fearful a bit, and it seems
When I am, I've get nobbled

There's low peace in the place
That's inside where we ride
The riders all doing their own ride thing

So the other day, when the bikes were away
We heard HUSH, that was different we see
But it's essence was 'please now, come to Me'

OK, no more resistance
We'll comply with Your ask
As You're up for the task
And we're clueless ... full stop

PONTIFACTION

May 23, 2024

I just saw the light
At midnight oh one
One enormous insight
One great revelation

All the cursing
All the errors
All the blaming
All the judging
All the criticizing
All the assumptions
All the not listening
All the not hearing
All the not seeing
All the not feeling
All the not sensing
All the doing
All the rushing
All the striving
All the pontification
All the risk-taking

It's Pontifaction

It's jumping the gun
It's presumption
It's recover value
It's offset the loss
It's cover up
It's denial

It's Guardian
It's Protector

It's turning inside
It's self help

Misdirected altogether

That's what we let fear do
That's what we let our bloodlines do
That's what we let the enemy do

Through our complicity

Time to correct
Time to change
Times up

TURN TO CHRIST

"SIT WITH ME"

MY SISTER

Jun 1, 2024

we spoke today about giving it away
leastways I wasn't actually doing that
i was saying 'I give it to You' and I put it on the
Pile¹, which seems to be a wee bit different

she had three examples I'll call situations
the first I will call fear, which we all do have
Jesus said to her 'Hand It To Me', and she did,
and the fear left her detectably

this she has done many multiple of times
that each time fear arises she hands it to Him
I don't know the details it was only a short chat
I am excited by the very personal handing touch

now the second was with her bitterness
seemed like she kept it in a dark cellar
and Jesus gave her the Royal Hoover to remove
it, again there seems to be His hands involved

the third is frightening and exciting
this concerns what she called rage
seems it was in the form of red hot coals
Jesus gave her oven gloves for her to hand it to
Him

on reflection I notice several things
Jesus uses creative yet practical things
the conversation and the exchange
and the 'trade' is very, very personal

there is definitely a relationship that's personal
and suggests, connecting first and foremost
and conversation, and exchange and also
asking for help, and admission of needing help

we didn't discuss preliminaries in our short chat
like acknowledgement of the problem,
confession,
not being able to do anything to solve it
or thanksgiving or repentance

or how to deal with being overwhelmed
with many things and the importance of
being trusting and patient after giving them to
Him
but He did personally take them which was new

¹ The Pile: Alongside our shieling in the heather

APPLICATION:

Jun 1: Lord I am overwhelmed, I don't know
what to do, can I please give it to You - I now
give it to You. TYL PYL.

dilemma

- if I give it to You - help me know that You
are ok with That and have taken it
- If I ask if I can give it to You and You do
take it - how should I know
- If You don't take it How will I find out

IDENTITY

Jul 23, 2024

I identify with my identity
It's all mine that I always voice
Feelings and emotions also always mine
They should show when it is my choice

It's The Fruit of The Spirit Devotional
Second part from Galatians five
The Holy Spirit of God is the focus
I'm starting to feel more alive

Earlier I lay in the bendy exerciser
And relaxed into 'Sit With Me'
No notion of the Devo subject today
Now seeing I'm captured by Thee

Identifying seems to being ordered up
As emotions start appearing
I can feel that You are now building my trust
For whenever I start tearing

You're timing with Devos is immaculate
As these words fall into meters
And the bendy exerciser chassé to Sit
Your plan way better than Peter's

These poems seem to just fly out around
Devos
Each night as we're readying for morn
You keep lifting me up on Marshall's
shoulders
Healing the inside that's so torn

You floated the idea of a three day fast
I thought that perhaps it was mine
But now I know it was Yours all along
Proof now being this perfect rhyme

When You guide the words of verses, just like
that
Or maybe it is, just like this
I know that no edit will be necessary
Each line is received with Your kiss

Lord this mucus suddenly sprung onto me
After I saw Red's look of interest
I thought it was time for his coat and the
treat
But it now seems a weak link at best

HOW TO FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
Aug 14, 2024

we lie down,
we surrender
we give Him everything

He saved us
He promised us
He gave us everything

His grace
His forgiveness
His secret place

But temptation
But our strongholds
But our evil bloodline altars

Our complicity
Our false refuges
Our imbedded denied trauma

How to stay
How to remain
How to stay in the arms of Jesus

"Sit with ME"
Is what it takes
That way make less mistakes

Armour
Always have it on
Make a habit every morn

Salvation

GOD'S BOOK FOR BUDDIES v4

You have that covered
Not fire insurance, now can't be bothered

Relationship
Immanuel Connection*
Feel God's Presence, no invention

No relationship
Ask God for it
To teach you how to sit

Work at it
"Sit with ME"
Constantly, deliberately and diligently

Distractions
Habits, comforts, enemy projects
Work at that over everything else

Trust
Do you really trust
This a non negotiable must

Don't trust
Confess it, be honest
If you don't know how, be modest

Being 'modest'
Applies to anything
Remember God knows everything

Your not knowing
Admit that thing
Say: 'I can't accomplish anything'

Also applies to

This long list below
Particularly repeated strongholds of woe

Obedience, Seeking other comforts, Perpetual
Sin, Forgetting God, Putting self first,
Continuously breaking the Ten
Commandments, Rebellion, Iniquity

Example stronghold
Confess specific issue
Repent, be willing to use a tissue

Admit
I can't accomplish or do it
Give it to Jesus Christ and let Him pursue it

Wait
Trustingly and see
Believing and wait patiently

Patiently
Immanuel Connections
"Sit with ME" interventions

Interventions
Because your old man
Won't want to, if in any way it can

Safe in the arms of Jesus

THE PARTNERSHIP

Sep 2, 2024

With all that's the physical
What about the spiritual
That's where the action is
The culprit's hysterical

The Con is not mystical
'Tis why it's hysterical
Man suckered by them
The snow job gigantical

My training ramps up
"Sit with ME" essential
The Devo Revolution
For Partnership potential

Evil ancestral altars
Ezra Six Scroll Decrees
Three Day Fasting
Memories of previous keys

Empowerment training
Ambassadorial post
Heavenly Embassy
Backed by Heavenly Host

So back to first needs
My grassroots weeds
My managing screeds
My Masters Creeds

But all through my life
Whatever the strife
His Goodness is Rife

Thank God for my wife

Our Oneness is prime
The Godhead sublime
Both Partnerships fine
Heaven sent all the time

GIVING

Sep 3, 2024

Stop fretting about tithes and giving
"Sit with ME", when I am prompted
Obey, then giving because I want to
No more because I think I ought to

ANGER AND FEAR OF FAILURE EXPLORATION

Sep 28, 2024

underneath I am so angry
i don't really understand it
so trying out this to explore
and maybe we can expand it

by expand i don't mean anger
but i do mean understand it
about fear of failure - not sure
but if it's there yes expand it

my friend says it's a massive deal
i would agree now it's been expressed
and my mirror work as I now reflect
do i correlate that it's suppressed

i suspect i do hence this exploration

asking Big Rock and Jess for help
be alongside me please as we explore
Lord please guide us as we de-whelp

feel sick to the stomach right now
can't be the rasps and grapes we ate
trying to pick up any new signs
exploration revelation a striate

my brain is spinning round and round
slow down please so we can expound
we have to uncover all the impound
and get all our feet firm on the ground

i don't much like this exploration
want to close this project down
must be the truth will hurt so
but Lord help us pay this toll not drown
scared now so i'll wait on You Lord ...

searching for comforts
maybe a false refuge or two
oddly the idea is distasteful
so i'll just wait and stew ...

p'rhaps the denial lid needs chink up
allow us to see a bit more of the truth
what's inside and deep underneath
i guess it's gonna be about our youth?

layers and layers and striations
that's why in the fruit of the spirit
patience, peace, joy and love
are clearly needed each minute

choosing again to wait on the Lord ...

"Peter: Sit with Me"

i see all around all i could DO

"Peter, shush!"

when my friend said this i wasn't surprised
we both know fear and loathing
fear yes, failure yes, but loathing
really is mine that kind of clothing?

JOY OVERRIDES - HOLY SPIRIT'S AT-BAT Dec 31, 2025

Sitting with God, obeying "Sit with Me"
It's ten past eight, I felt so far from free
Good plan, set the alarm for half past six
To obey His requirement, get my fix

But the night, the thigh pain as I got up
Reminding me now of this ghastly cup
The last ten days of this sheer agony
The gut wrenching pain from my hip to knee

July muscle damage never brought to light?
Despite hospital-led six days to fight
Weirdest bone scan clash with repurposed drugs
Massive issue, allopathic docs' shrugs

All that to say when will this really end
Every night I'm digging deeper and spend
So much time pressing flesh against my bones
Exposing pain in tendons muscle, I moans

Active release keeps motivating me
Cannot wait for relief, so I can-be free
But that's not at all why I am writing this
The Lord has our backs, get lost to the hiss

In this case and poem 'we' are Red and I
Getting him up to pee mostly makes me sigh
Coat on, collar and lead, he lies back down
I can't make out if he's just being a clown

Same again today, but my thigh's real hurt
Prospect of bending 'shit-shifting' his dirt
And I need a pee emergency kit
Monday, elevator, his whole bladder flit

And I'm supposed to be "Sitting with Me"
Better take Red now, then spend time with Thee
Dragging him a bit, really hate doing that
We get out of our door, Holy Spirit's at-bat

And then, all the way down the corridor
Red's doing his 'bumping-into-me-I-adore'
Like his quick and deliberate nose kiss
On hand or nose, dead on, never a miss

Joy overrides all the pain in the thighs
Our God clearly rules all the earth and skies
I'm sitting here now, obediently
Basking in His partnership, expectantly

These poems are not me, I'm not a poet
Our Almighty God IS, you all should know-it
He brought Red to Veronica and I
We're always with Him, now, and we'll never die

Thank You Lord, Praise You Lord

I count it all joy
Sitting with Thee
Thank You LORD
For sitting with me

Oct 12, 2025 - DWELLING poem - WORSHIP
IN SPIRIT

Wherever i am
I AM is always there
I must go to Him
Worshiping in prayer

In spirit and in truth
Ascending with Him
He will always fill me
To the very brim

But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers. [24] God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24 AMP

J Vernon McGee:

4:23-24 It is irrelevant, therefore, where you worship God. It is not where but how you worship Him that is important. Our Lord answered her very adequately. God is a Spirit. You don't have to run to this place or that place.

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True worshipers worship Him in spirit and in truth.

VITAL TRUST 1
Dec 20, 2025

I have been learning trust
Whatever circumstance
To stand in place in faith
And only wait on Thee

Whatever then goes wrong
Is not the issue here
It's all about my stance
In faith and not in fear

SWIFT TO HEAR
Dec 27, 2025

Unless I am listening I'll never hear
Leastaways I will not recognize
The Voice of God,
Whom I should surely fear

If I choose to 'Sit with God', listening
And ask to hear, hear in Jesus Name
The Voice of God,
It will become, like a Christening

James 1:19 KJVS
Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man
be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jan 2, 2026 - believe poem - LOVE
CONQUERS FEAR

Sitting with You while we're walking
While sleeping and while working
Red taught me this key lesson
Here's my latest confession

I'm not yet so good at it
'Twas in the corridor 'The Sit'
On our way to the elevator
Where he's terrified in terror

He often lets-go as we await
So I carry a mop-up plait
Once inside he shakes, so scared
Residents must think Red's 'impaired'

Abuse at the greyhound track
To be so scared of some attack
Confined, noise, wind, a beating
Breaks my heart at this depleting

So here's what I learned from Red
Despite this consuming dread
In the corridor he's bumping
A repetitious thigh thumping

It's a joyous 'glad to walk'
To be with you, walk and talk
I'm less afraid at your side
In fact truth is 'what a ride'

I hold him close as we wait
Despite his growing agitate
When all finished 'poop and roam'

He's off the lead to gallop home

He's teaching me to fellowship

'Sit With Me' whatever shit

Whatever lands during the day

Be with Him in every Way

WORSHIP

AT THE END OF ME

By Bebo Norman

I'm like a promise, I'm like a promise
I'm like a promise broken every time I open my mouth
Open my mouth, open my mouth

Under the surface, Under the surface
Under the surface sometimes I wanna slip right out of my skin
Out of my, slip right out of my skin

And tell all my secrets
And open my scars
Break into pieces
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
That's where You start

Do you remember, do you remember?
Do you remember when I was young and I knew everything?
I knew everything about everything

Such a long time, such a long time
Such an uphill climb just to finally get over myself
Over my, I'm so over myself

So tell all my secrets
And open my scars
Break me to pieces
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
That's where You start

I don't know where, I don't know how
Maybe a prayer, maybe a cloud
I don't know where, I don't know how

So tell all my secrets

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And open my scars
Gather the pieces
Cause at the end of me, at the end of me
That's where You start

That's where You start

https://youtu.be/ic6eQG_Lju4?si=jdaD3Uk0Za02fX83

NOTHING WITHOUT YOU

Bebo Norman, Mitch Dane

Take these hands and lift them up
For I have not the strength to praise You near enough
See, I have nothing, I have nothing
Without You
And take my voice and pour it out
Let it sing the songs of mercy I have found
For I have nothing, I have nothing
Without You

And all my soul needs is all Your love to cover me
So all the world will see (will see) I have nothing
Without You

And take my body and build it up
May it be broken as an offering of love
For I have nothing, I have nothing
Without You

All my soul needs is all Your love to cover me
So all the world will see (will see) I have nothing
But I love You, yeah
With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
And all the strength that I can find

Take my time here, on this earth

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And let it glorify all that You are worth
For I am nothing, I am nothing
Without You

https://youtu.be/W4wxxG_GRB0?si=34uL4oBEHyujtqWJ

Bebo Norman is a retired contemporary Christian musician from Columbus, Georgia, known for his storytelling and relatable songs. His most successful album is "Myself When I Am Real," which features popular tracks like "Great Light of the World" and "Falling Down."

TURN YOUR EYES UNTO JESUS

Helen H. Lemmel

1922

Hebrews 12:2

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,

GOD'S BOOK FOR BUDDIES v4

His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

<https://youtu.be/9K2lqzrnePU?si=JJpwmOH1ksTAy1gx>

About This Hymn

Helen Howarth Lemmel was born on November 14, 1863, in Wardle, England, to a Wesleyan Methodist pastor. Her family emigrated to the United States when she was 12, settling in Wisconsin. A gifted singer, she studied voice in Germany and later taught at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

In 1918, while standing on a street corner in Seattle, Lemmel was handed a tract entitled Focused by missionary Lilius Trotter. One line from the tract deeply impacted her: "So then turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness." This inspired her to write the hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," which was first published in England in 1918 and later included in her 1922 collection Glad Songs.

The hymn has become a beloved classic, known for its simple, profound message of focusing on Jesus to find peace and perspective, and included in numerous hymnals and translated into many languages.

WITH ALL FAITH

Press in to the heart of the Father
Hold fast to the grace received
Breathe in the life of the Spirit
And with all faith believe
And with all faith believe

Believe on this
The Word of Life
Our Lord the Christ
Has come to save us
Received by faith
His blood supplied
That the power of sin be cursed
And the Father be glorified

<https://youtu.be/h0Tg78n70KE?si=x769EXZWGCSQGuT2>

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And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:1 KJVS

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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Established 2020 A small number of very special people around the world

This is my, Peter Stevens page:

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ABOUT OUR RESTORATION

Our Restoration, was conceived in 2015 as Our Separation, a recognition of how man is separated from God, and seems to thrive in being independent and staying separated from God. An auto dealer friend in Canada, said 'Peter you should write a book'.

A lengthy draft, 21 chapter contents list, was drafted and shared with Arthur Burk founder of The Sapphire Leadership Group, LLC (theslg.com, formerly Pumbline Ministries) who is deeply respected and followed, he said this in an email in 2016, which I treasure:

"I absolutely agree that all of those topics are foundational to the theme, but the way it is presented at your first glance is all about the problem – separation. I am not a theologian (probably a major issue). I am a builder. I like to fix things. I am obsessed with reconciliation. Reconciling us with God, with ourselves, with our history, with our community. I would hope that this theme appears in your writing and is in your heart."

This hit home big time as my first employment at age 27, *after* nine years looking in the rear view mirror in the accounting and auditing profession, was in glass container manufacturing, where I had a continuing relationship with a team of people *'building things'*.

That's our Creator's desire, fellowship and partnership building things together - I hope the messages in this Our Restoration - Mini Books Messages gets your attention.

The website address www.ourrestoration.com has been reserved for several years, 2026 could be it's activation as our personal poetry database. We have an 'Our Restoration' page on Facebook, with a few poems on it, unchanged since 2020.

My wife has challenged me with why do you use 'peterwill'. Aside from using it on Red Thread Poets since 2020, I was inspired that if I lift up IAM from my middle name William, it does two brilliant things a) it gives me my wife's maiden name 'Wills' using the 's' from Stevens, and b) it lifts up I AM, the name God gives Himself. Exodus 3:14 AMP: God said to Moses, ***"I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "You shall say this to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"***

With respect to timing I like to fall back on Jesus Second Coming, it's not up to us, and also I like the grook written by the Danish poet and scientist Piet Hein (1905 - 1996) called 'TTT', "Things Take Time"!!

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MINI BOOKS

1. GOD'S BOOK FOR BUDDIES
2. WINTER IS COMING
3. COUNT IT ALL JOY

Available presently from peterwill@redthreadpoets.com in pdf format.

PS: Many website modifications and new projects are in the 'sumo wrestlers' mind for 2026. I can't argue with Arthur Burk for giving my soul that label! But as we are learning sumo wrestler assignments are very suspect absent Divine Assignment.

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AWB, A Western Builder, "Sit With ME", "Extensive conversations over many years".

Anne Hamilton, a former Mathematics teacher, multi-award winning author. Her thirty books run the gamut from children's picture books to young-adult fantasy to several devotional theology series drawn from her deep Biblical research and her love of God and God's Word. Anne has authored God's Pageantry, Dealing with Belial: Spirit of Armies and Abuse; Dealing with Python: Spirit of Constriction; Dealing with Lilith: Spirit of Dispossession; Dealing with Rachab: Spirit of Wasting; Dealing with Azazel: Spirit of Rejection; Dealing with Leviathan: Spirit of Retaliation; Dealing with Ziz: Spirit of Forgetting, and many more.

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THE GOODNESS OF GOD

God is so good it far outruns
My highest thoughts
My highest plans
By His design and sacrifice
I am His choice in paradise

And so I aim now heavenward
That His influence
His Will and Call
Now drive my deepest heart desire
To serve and be in Yeshua's Hire

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