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God's Higher Ways

Jesus speaking in prophecy:

Was I born in a palace? No, I was born in a stable. Was I a flaming prophet from childhood? No, I took up the humble trade of a carpenter for years and years. Did the world rally to support Me when I began My ministry? No, I was despised and rejected, classed with the harlots and the drunks. Did I have a ministry that reached millions? No, mostly I had the humble ministry of teaching and training My twelve, and feeding the Words I received from God to whoever around Me would listen.

I did have a public ministry at times, when people flocked to Me because they were curious to see miracles or to get a free lunch, after they heard about My miracle of the loaves and the fishes. However, there were many times when My ministry was the quiet ministry of a teacher, just ministering to those who needed to hear My Words and training My disciples to carry on after I was gone. All the popularity was fleeting, and what lasted was the Word that I had sown. It was the teaching and the ministering that ended up bearing fruit in the lives of My disciples and that caused them to change the world and reach millions with My truth.-Humble beginnings, greater ends.

You see, My Father had a marvelous plan for Me, as I have for you. Through My life and ministry, humble, simple, and short-lived as it seemed, God has worked in countless millions of lives through the centuries. He has been glorified, and many have been drawn to Him, because I was willing to be despised and rejected of men. I simply obeyed what God told Me to do, despite the fact that the educated men of My day looked down on My methods. Many wanted to crown Me king and wanted Me to deliver them from the bondage of the Romans, but it was not to be. They wanted to become a great, powerful, rich nation, with Me ruling over them, but God had a greater vision and plan.

Right Time and Place

I was in the world as you are in the world, a human being, but I was not of the world-and this realization gave Me great faith and conviction. Knowing that I had something far greater, something of great price, something to be treasured above all that any human could ever even begin to imagine or think, was cause enough to keep Me on a straight path. I cherished My place and the mission I had as a human being greatly, and did not want to let My Heavenly Father down, nor you.

I knew I had a mission-that of saving you-and this spurred Me on. My stakes were high, as your stakes are high. I knew that in My frail human hands I held great power, for I held the truth of Heaven. In My human hands was the future of mankind, and this awesome realization kept Me going and desperate to obey My Father's voice, and as I did, I learned and grew in wisdom and in stature.

I was different from others, and this was obvious to those who were of understanding. I was the Light. "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:5). You, My children, are also different from those of the world, for I fill you with the light of My Spirit. As a city set on a hill, My light in you cannot be hid. I came to Earth on a mission from My Father in Heaven to bring the light to others, just as I send you, My children, on a mission to tell others of the glories of My Heavenly Kingdom that is soon to come on Earth.

I was a man of sorrows because I grieved over the corruption and perversion that reigned in the world. I grieved for the lost and the lonely and the needy in spirit. But at the same time, I rejoiced, for I had the light of Heaven in My heart. I was sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, for I knew the glories of Heaven and I knew that what My Father was asking of Me was worth every ounce of sacrifice required on My part.

I was serious about life, but that doesn't mean I didn't have a joy in serving My Father in Heaven and doing His will. My joy was true, lasting joy, My fun was true fun, and My pleasure was pure pleasure-unadulterated with the poison of Satan, for by Heaven's grace and intervention I rejected his lies, and he had to flee. I reveled in the freedom of the Spirit, and this is what carried Me through.

As I grew in wisdom, I grew to learn the importance of knowing that there is a time and a place for all things. A time to laugh and a time to cry. A time to let loose and a time to hold back. A time to party and a time to refrain from making merry. A time to relax and a time to be sober and to think about the world. A time to minister to the

multitudes and a time to zero in on the individual-attending to someone's personal needs. A time to pour out to others and a time to pull back in solitude and prayer in order to refresh and refuel and receive clear vision and recharging from Heaven.⁽¹⁾

Full Possession

(Mama:) The Lord wants to live, think, and move within us, and He calls this "full possession." In order for Him to have full possession, we must not only give Him our mind, but also clear our mind and thoughts of all that is not of Him, of all that is of the world and linked to the things of the world or our own worldly nature. This full possession will allow the Lord to use us in the future to perform miracles for Him. He has said that when we allow Him to fully possess us, anything will be possible.

Being fully possessed by the Lord is not something that happens overnight. It's a step-by-step process and takes time. Here are some of the things that you can do on a daily basis to put you on the path of full possession:

- * Spend time in the Word.
- * When something is not according to the Word, shun it.
- * Be instantly obedient, and stick to your convictions regarding what's right or wrong.
- * Hear from the Lord in prophecy. Let Him speak to you regularly.
- * Be humble, and give the Lord the glory at every opportunity.
- * Don't get sucked into the influences of the world-its media, entertainment, values, materialism, carnal-mindedness, etc.
- * Praise the Lord at every opportunity.
- * Be more loving and giving.
- * Be a faithful witness.

(Jesus:) If you are going to use the full power I have given you, I cannot share your thoughts with the carnal mind. I cannot perform mighty works through you in

coexistence with the mind of man-for this hinders, it sets back, it stifles My Spirit from fully and completely performing great feats through you. It prevents you from activating the full capacity of spiritual powers that are at your disposal.

If you are going to work greater miracles, if you are going to fulfill your destiny, you must be Mine. You must be wholly, totally, completely possessed by Me, and in order to do this, you must put on My mind. You must more fully think My thoughts. You must allow the spirit of My mind to become one with the spirit of your mind. Your brain must be My brain. You must put on the totality of the mind of God.

There are no earthly words to adequately describe what I prepare for you who, yielding your all to Me, allow Me to fully possess you. To you is exceeding great and awesome eternal glory! For you I prepare My greatest and rarest rewards and gifts! So stunning are these rewards that I can only give them to those who pass the greatest tests, who give Me their all without reservation, without hesitation.
(From "Full Possession," ML #3376:35-36, 55, GN 973.)

I knew that if I couldn't tap into My Father's Spirit and receive instruction and guidance from Him, I'd never make it. I knew full well that it would never be possible to accomplish My purpose and perform My Father's will in each circumstance I would be in, in each situation I would be faced with, if I didn't have a direct, strong link with Him.

You may assume that being able to hear from My Father was a completely natural thing for Me, that it was just second nature to Me, a part of My makeup, because I was the Son of God come to Earth. But that wasn't the case. It was very much something I had to get desperate about and work at. The Enemy fought it tooth and nail; it was an intense fight in the spirit and didn't come easy.

Does it seem odd to you that I wasn't always able to hear My Father's voice automatically and without any obscurity whatsoever? What you have to understand is that My Father had to allow Me to feel somewhat disconnected from Him at first, because connecting had to be something that I had to learn how to do, something that I had to fight for. I had to take on your nature and experience your weaknesses to understand the difficulties you'd be faced with, so that I could help you overcome them.

I was working with My Father, just as you work with Me today. I had to tap into His power. I couldn't do it on My Own; I didn't have all of the wisdom of Heaven with Me by osmosis, just as you don't today. I had to ask for it, I had to suck for it, I had to be yielded to receive it, just as you have to do today.

When I came to Earth, I underwent a sort of memory wipe. I couldn't have gone through what I needed to go through, and have learned what I needed to learn in order to be your High Priest, if I had been all-knowing at the time and had never needed My Father's help, and had never felt what it was like to be in need of answers, guidance, and instruction. I had to go through what you go through.

Of course, it eventually came easier to hear from Heaven once I learned what steps to take in order to break through in spirit and receive. But even when I became proficient in it, there were times when the answer or direction didn't come in an instant, when it was still a battle to receive, and it wasn't just "all clear" the moment I asked.

The first example that comes to mind was when the Pharisees brought the adulterous woman to Me, asking, "Master, what should be done with this woman?" I knew they were testing Me and that they were out to get Me with that question, and I didn't know how to answer it. I couldn't rely on My Own wisdom or experience, nor did I receive the answer from My Father right away, even though I asked. That was the hardest part and was a big test for Me. Would I panic? Would I go ahead in My Own reasoning? Or would I simply not answer and walk away? What was I to do? I did not know. *I will wait. I will be still in faith and wait for My Father, and I will trust.*

Those moments seemed like hours to Me, and to those around Me as well.-To My disciples who wondered inwardly if I had the answer to such a controversial question; it seemed like a lose-lose situation, and their faith in Me was tested. To the scribes and Pharisees, who were impatient and pressed Me, as they were eager to trap Me in front of the people. To the crowd around Me who were keen to mete out judgment. And to the woman whose faith was also deeply tested, as she awaited her sentence.

It was a life-and-death situation, and the pressure was on. I was tempted to give in to the huge amount of pressure I felt to "deliver." But I waited for the guidance of My Father. I waited quietly and patiently for the voice of the Lord. I waited in faith, knowing that My Father would not fail Me if I did not fail to do as He had commanded.

Then the answer came! My Father spoke, and then it was clear, and what a relief that was! It was the perfect answer and was the right thing to do. He instructed Me to say, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And because no one there was without sin, no stones were thrown that day, and I forgave the woman's sins. (See John 8:3-11.)

You see, much like you, I had no great wisdom of My Own, save that which I

received from the Father. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with Whom can be no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17).

"Let every man be swift to hear and slow to speak" (James 1:19). Only once you've received My direction, then proceed in faith. Once you're sure it's what I'm showing you to do, don't be afraid to do it. Ask Me for My anointing, and then go in faith, trusting that it will bear the right fruit in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

Simplicity Rules

The best answers are the ones that are the simplest. The truth is always simple. My love is simple. My answers are simple. When you're witnessing, don't be afraid to answer complex questions with simple answers. No one can ever cover all aspects of any given topic in one answer. Many people, in trying to be so complicated, miss the point completely. So it's better to stick with simplicity-that's the way I am.

That's the way I answered when I was on Earth and face to face with difficult, tangled, or even complex questions. I was a witness and sample of My Father's love. I demonstrated My Own love. I told the truth. That kept things very simple, and answered the most important points.⁽²⁾

With My Disciples

When I was on Earth, I was a great teacher and My disciples revered My Words. They respected Me and loved Me. However, My Words and My shepherding were not the only things I provided for them. I gave them My heart, I gave them My time, I gave them My friendship. The Bible doesn't record all the times we just enjoyed each other's company.

We had such great times-times of relaxation, times when we would tell stories; times when we would laugh; times when we would talk about their families; the things we liked; the things we wanted to do; our dreams, our aspirations. It was during those times spent together that we grew closer. They saw that I had not come to Earth only to speak My truth and message, but I had come to get to know them, to find out about their hearts, what they thought, how they felt, and to show them that I, too, was a man

of similar passions.

My disciples saw that I was someone who could understand their own lacks, failings, and weaknesses. I saw them, understood them, and they were My friends, those I had entrusted with continuing the mission that I had come to Earth to fulfill.

Friendly Treatment

A policy that you should take as your own is one that I personally practiced when I said, "I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends" (John 15:15). If you become more communicative, friendlier, and more approachable, you will be more like Me. While I needed time alone with My Father, My disciples knew they could seek out My assistance, counsel, support and prayer as often as they needed it. I was Shepherd and Friend, Savior and Brother.⁽³⁾

Priorities - Putting God First

When I was on Earth and I was full swing into My ministry, I had to seek My Father for the right attitude on how to interact and communicate with My earthly mother and father, and My brothers and sisters. I found that a prophet has no honor in his own land and among his own kinsmen (Mark 6:4). The familiarity was strong with those who watched Me grow up, and when the Holy Spirit descended upon Me and I received the anointing for My ministry, it was still difficult for those who had known Me all my life to look beyond the flesh. They had always thought of Me in a certain way, as a lowly carpenter and nothing more. Their unbelief was great, and because of this I couldn't do mighty works among them (Matthew 13:53-58).

I tried to deliver the message to My Own kin, but when it became apparent they were not going to change, I had to seek My Father for the right perspective regarding My flesh-and-blood relations. He helped Me see that "My mother and brethren are those who hear the Word and do it" (Luke 8:21). When I came to this realization, I was then able to establish My priorities. There were times when I simply had to tell My relatives that I had to be about My Heavenly Father's business.

As My Father told Me, I tell you today: If you don't love Me far more than your own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters-even more than your own

life-you cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:26). And to love Me far more than all these others is to put Me first in every area of your life. It's to do My will-to preach My Gospel and be about My work, rather than spending too much of your time socializing with those who have no intention of doing My will, or who want to pull you away from doing it.

With few exceptions, those of your flesh and blood will be a pull in the wrong direction. Mine were, and in getting My priorities straight, I had to often put off seeing them, as you can see in My Word. My mother and brethren came to Me one day while I was preaching to a large crowd, and My disciples told Me that they wanted to speak with Me. I responded that My mother and My brethren were those who hear the Word of God and do it, and I went about My more important work of preaching the message I was sent to preach (Mark 3:31-35).

It's not that I didn't love My mother and My brethren. I loved them dearly. But I knew that what was most important, even more important than My fleshly ties, was obeying My Father in Heaven, doing His will, proclaiming His truth, and fulfilling the mission I came to Earth for.⁽⁴⁾

The Dark Roads

What gave Me the compassion, the understanding, the desire to be your High Priest? How could I have ever totally understood what you go through each day? How could I have understood the pain of loss, of defeat, of the frustrations you feel over your own weaknesses and failings? How could I have understood the depths of sorrow and loss over losing one you care deeply for? I loved you from the foundation of the world, but I never fully grasped the depths of what you went through until I came to Earth and I lived that life and felt those agonizing lacks.

It was not until My heart was shattered at feeling cut off from the One I loved above all-My Father-that I fully understood your need and the battles you face. This is something that you cannot gain through observation. Such total comprehension of this comes only in the depths of your heart, and you can only gain this by personal experience. When you weep in anguish at what you see as the loss of the things most dear and precious to you, you then understand the full meaning of loss.

But there's a bright side to this. I went through the experience of being separated

from My Father, yet in the end I became closer to Him than ever before, just as you will grow closer to Me as a result of the difficulties you face in life, or your failures. Through these times, I give you the privilege to gain the most priceless gifts: true depth of compassion, the full understanding of the heart, and the ability to relate in a way that can only come from the deepest reaches of your spirit.

Don't you think that if He could have, the Father would have come down and taken My place on the cross? The agony He felt at seeing what I had to suffer was every bit as painful for Him as it was for Me. But had He done so, He would have robbed Me of My bride-you! He would have taken away My crown, because it was in going through what I went through that I am now able to rule and reign and love you in a way that I could not have otherwise.

Did I not take some of My greatest disciples down some of the darkest roads in preparing them to do mighty things? Did I not take Peter down the road of the ultimate shame in denying he even knew Me, before turning him into a fearless witness and worker of miracles in My Name? Were not Mary Magdalene, Matthew, Zacchaeus, and others, at the extremes of being far off in sin and failure in the eyes of man? Yet I turned them into great testimonies of faith and transformation in My time.

I can do the same today. Those who are sinners and failures in the eyes of the world are not beyond hope and My transforming power. And even when you're in the depths of despair, going through dark and difficult experiences, I can bring you through and make you an even better follower of Me, closer to Me than you have ever been before.

Visions of Victory

As I launched out in My ministry, as I went around everywhere trying to do good, as I was faced with the need, My faith was tested. I continually had to look to My Heavenly Father for answers, for solutions, for leading and guidance, and this is what kept Me strong.

In the midst of battle was when My faith flourished and I grew in stature and in wisdom. I grew to love the battle, because I knew I was fighting for you-for your heart, for your soul, and for your life, and no price was too high to pay. I knew it was a battle worth fighting. I knew it was a battle for all eternity, a battle for keeps, and I knew the rewards were worth it all.

It was a battle for love, a battle for the right, a battle of the worlds. I was in the war of the worlds and I knew I was on the winning side. It was a battle between good and evil, a battle to defeat Satan and his horde of demons, and this drove Me to victory. I liked to fight the Enemy when I walked on the Earth, because I knew I was fighting for the right, the side that cannot lose. Each time I looked to My Father, with each victory won, I grew to love the fight. I liked defeating the Enemy.

When Satan would try his tricks of twisting My Father's Own words on Me, I loved to wield My spiritual weapons right back at him. I delighted in watching him turn tail and slither away in shame and disgrace, for he had to flee. It was a thrill to My heart every time the angels came and ministered unto Me, and this encouraged My faith.

As I kept My eyes on Heaven, I knew all of Heaven was on My side, and I could not fail as long as I did not give up. As long as I kept fighting, I knew I couldn't lose. It didn't matter what I was feeling, for I learned that feelings were not a proper gauge. My faith was fixed on Heaven, and this is what brought Me through.

As I looked on the multitudes, I knew it was worth it all-every test, every temptation, every battle, every trial. Just thinking about others, just thinking about you, made it worth it all, and I knew that My sufferings were not worthy to be compared to the payoff-the glory that would be revealed in Me.

The thought of suffering in vain, of having to come to Earth and take on human flesh and give up all the glories of Heaven's reward if I did not run the race and win, was more than I could bear, and this realization helped Me to press on. Would I suffer so much in vain? Having come all that way, to give up would have been defeat-to quit just before final victory.

The mere thought of this gave Me courage to cry out to My Father, "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done!" (Luke 22:42). At that point, in My flesh, I felt like giving up, but I knew I could not trust in My feelings. I knew in My heart what I had to do, and by calling on My Father for help, I received the strength to carry on, and His Spirit in Me carried Me through.

Yes, this was the secret to My victory, as it will be the secret to your victory-call on Me and ask Me to help you keep the vision. Keep your eyes on Heaven. Keep the heavenly vision. Live in the vision of Heaven and be strengthened. For as I knew My sufferings were not worthy to be compared to the rewards ahead, so you, My children, can know the same (Romans 8:18). All that I have promised unto you I will perform, just

as My Father has done for Me. As I am glorified in My Father, so you will be glorified in Me.

Therefore, be encouraged as I was encouraged when I walked on Earth. Walk on, knowing that there is a plan and that you have a purpose, a reason to live and a reason to fight. Let this thrill your hearts and cause you to hold on to Me, to stand up and be counted in spite of setbacks, to not let seeming failures get you down, but rather let them spur you to action as you glory in the battle, wielding the most powerful weapons this world has ever known as you defend the faith and answer Heaven's call!

Peter and the Keys

When I asked My disciples who they thought I was, dear Peter responded, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." I then told Peter that on this rock, this fact, I would establish My church-the body of those who believe in Me-and that the gates of Hell would not be able to prevail against it. The gates and all the forces of Hell, all the demons, all the archdemons, and even Satan himself would not be able to stand against the mighty power of the church that I unleashed when I was on Earth!

And then I gave My disciples the keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19). These were spiritual keys that enabled Peter (and those like him who were living in faith, expressing their faith, and obeying Me by faith) to bind whatsoever they needed to, on Earth, in Heaven, or in Hell, in order to advance the church.

The power of the keys is what I gave them, and what I have given you now as the Endtime approaches, in a new, enhanced sense. You can lock up the demons of Hell and all the bad influences and work of Satan. And you can unlock all the wonderful, mighty, invincible and incredible power of Heaven with the keys that you hold in your hand.

Peter received the infilling of the Spirit, he experienced My forgiveness for his denial of Me, he found his calling, and he let it rip in great power and anointing!⁽⁵⁾

Battles of the Mind

You know that I was touched with the feeling of your infirmities, and was in all points tempted as you are (Hebrews 4:15). Let Me tell you about My experience with a near mental collapse when I was a young man on Earth. I experienced the torment of the Enemy's voice. I understand the feeling of being overwhelmed and not in control of yourself. The Enemy tried to kill Me, not only mentally, but he tried to kill My body by tempting Me to jump off a mountain.

I suffered mental exhaustion almost to the point of collapse. I not only wanted to please My Father in Heaven, but I wanted to be a good son to My earthly parents, a good brother, a good friend, a good example, a good everything. I was driven in My fleshly mind by a sense of responsibility. I knew the power wasn't in Me, that it had to come from God, My Father, but I struggled with My human mind at times and with the attacks of the Enemy. I had to learn to fight him and fight the temptation to lean to My Own understanding. I was the Enemy's main target and he tried everything he could think of to get Me to give up My crown and yield to him.

When people today read about how the Devil tempted Me in the Bible, they assume because I was the Son of God and I had all power, I could just lift My little finger and destroy the attacks of the Enemy, but they don't stop to remember that I was also a man. I had to learn to fight the Enemy as a man, like you, using the weapons of the spirit that I had-prayer, the keys, calling on the help of My Father and spirit helpers, rebuking the Enemy and his demons and quoting the Word. I learned that when I fought in the spirit I would win.

Sometimes the Enemy's attacks would frighten Me so much that I thought I was going insane. Here I was, the Son of God, so why was I having such a spiritual battle? What was wrong with Me? Where was My power? Those were the times I experienced fear in My human mind, fear that I was sinking, fear that rescue wouldn't come, fear that My Father would not save Me. I had to learn to overcome human fear, to depend on the Spirit and the Word of My Father. I had to learn, like all men of faith, to stand on the Word and not allow the Devil to steal away My faith in My Father's promises. The Word and the weapons of the spirit were My source of strength and overcoming, and they will be yours, too.

As long as I looked at Myself in the flesh, as long as I tried to fight My way out of the attacks of the Enemy with My Own two hands, I felt I was only sinking deeper. But as soon as I started fighting in the spirit with My spiritual weapons-calling on the keys,

asking My spirit helpers to come to My rescue, and fighting in prayer and praise, the Enemy had to leave Me alone. Then My angels would come and minister to Me. They'd come to encourage Me on behalf of My Father. They'd bring Me His message of encouragement, they'd tell Me He was proud of Me for fighting. They'd lift up My face and kiss My tears away and encourage Me to keep going.

Worth the Struggle

I understand the weakness of the flesh. There were so many times when I felt like it was all too much and that I just didn't have the strength needed to go on. It was in times like these that I had to cry out even more desperately for My Father to give Me the supernatural strength that I needed to accomplish My tasks, to fulfill the job He had for Me.

At times I was tempted to wonder why it seemed so difficult. Couldn't He have made things a bit easier for Me? It was hard enough being in a physical body, enduring pain and hunger and tiredness through lack of sleep, but to have to endure the difficult spiritual battles as well-to have to rebuke demons, to have to fight for others and their healing, and to have to endure the temptations and difficulties the Enemy kept throwing My way-were real tests.

I'm so thankful I was able to cry out to My Father for help, and that He always came through for Me in the end! Sometimes it was a test; I couldn't see how things were going to work out in the flesh, so I had to trust that My Father knew best and that He had everything under control.

At times it was difficult to hang on, knowing that further battles and tests and difficulties awaited Me. However, for each moment of time, My Father would always come through for Me, until I was able to say, at the end, "It is finished!"

I never received much thanks or appreciation while on Earth, but when I rejoined My Father, I was more than repaid for every sacrifice, every difficulty, and I would gladly do it all again if I needed to. It was worth it-every trial, every difficulty, and every temptation. It was worth it all. So My message to you is to hold on. Keep on keeping on day by day!⁽⁶⁾

The Right Words at the Right Time

I know what it feels like to be lied about. I know what it feels like to be challenged to your face. I know what it feels like to be threatened. I was threatened many times. But do you recall the stance I took in those situations? When the elders of the synagogue would question Me in such a way as to try to trap Me in My words, how did I answer? I often answered with a question, or with a parable. Sometimes I even ignored them!

Many times, especially during the earlier years of My ministry, those were not My reactions of choice. At times I was tempted to feel like dishing out to My enemies a little of what they gave to Me. I was not brash or easily angered, but there were times when I was tempted to react with a little more fire. But each time I asked My Father about what reaction I should have, in the majority of cases His response was "love," which always proved to be the greater wisdom.

Like My Father, I am going to counsel you to do the same. In asking you to show love to your enemies I am not asking you to be namby-pamby, with a string for a backbone. I was anything but a weakling when answering My enemies' accusations in love and wisdom. Through reacting the way I did, I proved to be the more powerful one. I showed them that I was above their attacks. I showed them that their words couldn't affect Me or harm Me, because I had a greater power than they did. And when they heard Me, they didn't know what to say. They had no comeback to offer. They were embarrassed and ashamed at their folly, and would more often than not quickly leave Me alone.

You, too, can have the very same tact and wisdom that I had when on Earth. In fact, you can have it in even greater abundance--through the keys! Call on the keys for My spirit of tact and wisdom to empower your words, to enlighten your mind, and to show you just how and what to say or write to those who stand up against you.⁽⁷⁾

Grace for the Difficult Choice

That night in the garden, before I went to the cross, I had to make the choice to willingly give My life. As I had told the people earlier, no man was doing this to Me, but I had made the choice Myself (John 10:17-18), and if I hadn't made it, My Father would have instantly sent a legion of angels to deliver Me. And, yes, He would have delivered Me. But I wouldn't have accomplished His highest will, and I would have failed in My mission to win you, My lost brethren.

I, the Lamb of God, was the only One Who could pay the price. I knew this, yet even then it was still difficult to give Myself as a sacrifice. It was still hard! As many times as I had made the decision to yield to My Father's will, the choice was still not easy. I had found out through experience that the choice to do My Father's will brought the highest results, so I knew which would be the right choice. But I asked My Father if there was any other way. When I received His answer, I bowed My head and asked for the grace to obey His will one more time (Matthew 26:39).

Losing a Loved One

Many people think that because God is omnipotent and omniscient, that My Father and I did not experience the separation that humans experience when a loved one passes on. It can be understood that while on Earth I had to learn to connect fully to My Father again, as I had in Heaven, but most don't realize how it truly was a separation for us both.

Though We knew the other was close by, there was still an emotional separation, and the emotional separation is the hardest part of having a loved one pass on. My Father and I fully experienced this. We went through a period when I was dying where I was cut off from emotionally feeling My Father's nearness and He was cut off from feeling His Son's nearness. It was brief, but it was agonizing. So yes, we have fully experienced the battles of losing that close emotional connection with a loved one.

We also had to learn to experience our emotional connection and oneness on a different plane. When I came to Earth and took on fleshly form, we had to reconnect. That's how it is for you on Earth when your loved one leaves for Heaven; you have to reconnect, for one of you is still on the fleshly plane and the other is now on the spiritual plane.

I and My Father experienced this type of separation and had to learn to fully connect on a different plane. Because We experienced this, We are able to comfort you and encourage you, and also guide you in how to reconnect.

I Took Your Pain

I do not leave those who trust in Me comfortless (John 14:18). I will help in the hour of pain. I will help your infirmities, for I do make intercession for you.

This is one of the reasons I came to Earth, to live among you, to suffer and to die for you, that I might make intercession for you; that I might intercede for you in your sufferings, in your sickness, and in your pain. I will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able to bear, for I made the way of escape when I took the infirmities of your bodies upon My Own shoulders and received in My Own body your pain. I suffered for you when I died on the cross, and this is the escape route that I have provided for you, for I have already paid the price. Therefore know that if you will cast your burdens on Me, I will sustain you. (1Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 8:17; Psalm 55:22).

Many a man and many a woman in the world have given their life for another. Many have suffered and died for a worthy cause--yet when I gave My life for you, I did not merely die for **you**. I not only suffered My Own hurt and pain, but it was given to Me to also take on **your** sufferings and pain. I came in the flesh that I might taste death for **every** man. I died more than a thousand deaths on that cross; I suffered more than the pain of one man. I died for every man, woman, and child who has ever walked the face of the Earth. I bore the pain of each one. I not only suffered My pain, but I felt your pain also, so that through My stripes you might be healed (Isaiah 53:5).

I took the pain, My children, of each of you, the suffering of each of you. I did not die for only one or feel for only one, but I died for all, I felt for all--each one's pain, each one's suffering--so that you could have a way of escape. When you cast your burdens, your cares, your sufferings on Me, I will sustain you, because I already bore it for you. I already took on your pain and your sufferings, so that you, through My suffering, may be healed and delivered and find relief in your hour of need.

When I hung on that cross, I paid it all. I endured your suffering that you might be freed, that you might never have to know death--and that you might also be relieved of pain in your hour of need. Therefore, My faithful ones have only to cast their burdens

on Me. I already paid the price; I already bore the pain and the suffering upon My shoulders.

Therefore you have only to stand steadfast and know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that I will reveal in you (Romans 8:18). This is the strong consolation that I give to My children--that should you suffer for My Name's sake, you will also receive great grace and glory to endure hardness, for I will keep you in your hour of need with the power of Heaven, and you will be crowned with glory and honor!

Single Mothers

You ask, "You've been touched with all infirmities ... but what about my infirmities?" Do You know the pain of a single mother? Do You know the pain of loneliness? Do You know the pain of fear of rejection, despair, and hopelessness? Did You ever suffer **this** on Earth?"

I do know your feelings. My very Own mother on Earth was a single mother, a widow, after her husband died. I saw her crying at night when she thought all were asleep. I saw her struggle with the daily cares of life without someone there to support her, bear the load with her, lift the burdens she felt too weak to bear. I felt her pain. I saw her tears. I even heard the silent heartcries of her prayers.

It was mainly through that experience on Earth that I realized the full beauty, pure strength, and depth of character that is only found in the heart of a mother who finds herself alone. When I returned to Heaven, I chose to reexperience those moments on Earth, and I took the pain of the single mothers upon Myself--the pain of their loneliness, the pain of their sufferings, the pain of their trials. I placed that portion of their heart in My Own so that I would always understand and always be touched with the feelings of their infirmities.

(Question:) In those days, wasn't it a Jewish custom to help the widows?

(Jesus:) It was not easy being a widow then, just as it is not easy now. There was a sort of welfare system instituted by the Mosaic Law, but it covered the meager necessities of life, just as your modern welfare systems do, and it was still difficult for the widow. Mary also had few members of her physical family who provided for her. Some were elderly and poor, and others had little regard for her, because they

considered her promiscuous, having gotten pregnant out of wedlock, as well as irresponsible and flighty for having taken off to Egypt for years, and for what they considered her "delusions of grandeur" for Me and My future. A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and among his own brethren (Matthew 13:57).

The Essential

Why do you think I went up to the mountain? I had to get away from it all in order to do that which was most important, and that was to be strengthened and renewed so that I could run the race and finish the task (Matthew 14:23).

I had to take it all the way to the end. If I had died by the wayside before I got to the cross, or if I had fainted in My mind spiritually and given up before My time, I would have failed. I would have failed you, I would have failed all mankind, I would have failed My Father, and I would have failed all the host of Heaven. I would have failed the whole purpose of creation! I was running a marathon. I saw the goal ahead, and I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt what that goal was and what I had to do to pace Myself to reach that goal.

If I hadn't reached that goal, it would have been in vain. Yes, I would have shown love to a few or even many people. I would have been the sample of love they needed to see. I would have fed them spiritually with My Father's Words. I would have healed many and convinced them that I was the Son of God. I would have done great works and encouraged many and been their friend and lifted them out of the doldrums. I would have made them happier and changed their lives and outlook for the better. But if I had failed to make it to the cross, it would have all been in vain!

I was the Lamb of God. There was no one else who could be that. If I had not made it that far, I would have failed in the one priority that was absolutely necessary, the one thing that had to be done even if nothing else was accomplished--to reach that cross and die for you. I had to put all else aside that in any way hindered that. Everything I did had to be in the direction of that goal.⁽⁸⁾

Grace for Persecution

"There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man"

(1Corinthians 10:13). When I was there in the flesh, I was a man of like passions, similar to you. Everyone is fearful of the future to some extent. It's much like the story of D. L. Moody, when he was asked if he had dying grace. He answered, "No, because I'm not dying yet!"

Do you have the grace for persecution? Right now, no. If you meditate on it and think of all the terrible things that could happen, you would say you don't have the grace for persecution, because you aren't going through it yet.

So, as I said, everyone has a measure of grace, and when the time comes for great grace, you will be given it. I had a lot of it on the eve of My crucifixion. I prayed, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me!" My Father allowed this test, and I told the disciples, "Don't you think at this moment I could pray and bring more than twelve legions of angels to My rescue?" (Matthew 26:53). They had seen the miracles, and that was the kind of power they were used to seeing. But they were fearful. They even ran away. As it says, all forsook Me and fled (Matthew 26:56).

They saw that I wasn't going to use the power that was given to Me to call for the angels. I told Pilate the same thing, "But now is My Kingdom not from hence." I told him that he had no power over Me except what was given to him from above (John 18:36; 19:11).

I had to be cautious during My life on Earth, the closer it got to My seeming end. I didn't walk openly amongst the Jews, because they sought to kill Me (John 11:53-54). But I was in tune with the voice of My Father, Who told Me when to be open, when to hide, and when to pass by.

Just as I weathered life on Earth in service to My Father, and endured all of the persecution that came with it, so will you. You will be able to weather whatever I bring your way. As it has been said, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2Timothy 3:12)--But you won't just "suffer" it, you'll be delivered from it. One way or another, you'll be victorious, just as I was! You'll have the grace for it, just as I did!⁽⁹⁾

Learning Wisdom

I didn't have wisdom from the time I was born. I had to learn wisdom through the things that I went through (Luke 2:52). I wasn't all-knowing or perfect. If I had been, I never would have understood what it's like for you to learn, to discern, to mature, to be tested. I had the wisdom of My Father that I could tap into, but so do you. The knowledge of everything I knew in Heaven, however, was veiled; otherwise, My time on Earth would not have been a true test.

And, yes, I did learn things on Earth that I didn't know in Heaven. Before I came to Earth, I didn't know what it was like to live as you do. I didn't know what it felt like to go through the things you do, to make the decisions you do. If I had known everything before coming to Earth, then there wouldn't have been much of a reason for Me to live out 33 years. I did that so that I could learn what it was like to be a human. If that hadn't been an important part of My mission, I could have appeared on Earth at the age of 30, lived a couple of years, and then died for your sins. Obviously there was more to My life than that--more that I had to learn and experience. That's why I spent all those years on Earth.

While I was on Earth, I had to know what it was like to be like you--to not have all the answers right off, but to have to pray and get answers and wisdom from Heaven. I wasn't meant to go to Earth with all the knowledge of Heaven, knowing everything, so that I could answer all the questions people had and solve all the problems of the world on My Own. That was not the point at all. I was working with My Father, just as you work with Me today.

I had to tap into His power, the power of the spirit world. I couldn't do it on My Own. I didn't have all of the wisdom of Heaven within Me, just as you don't today. I had to tap into it, I had to ask for it, I had to suck for it, I had to be yielded to receive it, just as you have to do the same today.

It's hard to put some of these concepts into earthly words. Yes, I came and lived as a man--but that was as much for your sake as for Mine. The main reason I had to come was so that you could know Me as a man of flesh, you could know that I went through everything you'll go through, to some extent, and thus you can have faith that I understand you. It's not as if in coming to Earth I relinquished all My heavenly rights as the Son of God. I chose to have some things put behind a partition, you might say, in My Spirit, so that I could experience things more in the way that you experience

them--without a full knowledge or understanding of past, present, and future. That way I gained deeper understanding for you.

But I always had unconditional love. That's why I came to Earth in the first place. And I always had the knowledge and understanding that I was there, as God among men, to help you, to save you, to show you My love. I am and always have been your God, your Savior, and deeply in love with you. I know everything, and even if I chose to come to Earth to experience some things Myself, that doesn't mean that I didn't know them before, or that I don't know now about things that didn't exist in those days. But what I came to Earth to experience was the full range of human emotions--and as I said, I did that as much for your sake as for Mine.

Because I did that, you know that I'm not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of your infirmities, for I was in all points tempted like you are. So the balance is found in the best of both worlds: I came to Earth to experience things like you must experience them, but I was then and always will be all-powerful, all-knowing, and loving you unconditionally. If I chose to block some of that power when I was on Earth so that I could experience human emotions more clearly, that's just part of My love for you.⁽¹⁰⁾

The Opinion that Counts

I know what it's like to feel unappreciated. I went through the same things you're feeling now about some people not appreciating Me and what I was trying to do for them. I came unto My Own, and they didn't receive Me (John 1:11). I came to heal the sick, and many didn't want to be healed, especially not in heart. I suffered the pain of rejection, and felt the pain of My love and sacrifices not being returned, but rather thrown back in My face. I was made of no reputation, and was called a sinner, a winebibber, and even a devil (Philippians 2:7; John 9:16; 10:20; Matthew 11:19). I was slandered and hated without cause, and they finally put Me to death out of hatred and fear of Me.

I know how it feels when people don't think well of you. But I realized that that was one of the prices of giving My all to My Father and of following and obeying His will. I had to decide in My heart that "none of these things move Me" (Acts 20:24). I was willing to pay the price that not all would receive Me or My help, or appreciate what I was doing out of love for them. And that's what I ask of you.

I know it stings and hurts your hearts, but please don't let these things offend you or pull you off the wall. Rather let it soften and break your hearts in a way that will propel you forward spiritually more than ever, by driving you to Me for My perspective, My view, and My comfort and instruction during these times of growing and stretching.

I don't want you to have to suffer from the opinions of men, My darlings, and if you're humble enough, it won't bother you that much. Rather, just be happy and thankful that I'm the One Whose opinion of you **really** counts--and that you know what I think of you!

The Happiest Place

My ministry on Earth from your point of view now looks glorious, for you can see all the good fruit that it bore and how I changed the world. But if you were to see things the way they were during My time, you would get a much different perspective. I had to learn to be a servant. I had to learn to do My Father's will--both My earthly father's as well as My Heavenly Father's. I had to endure and suffer the afflictions and emotions of the flesh so that I could truly understand and relate to each person. I had to forsake My heavenly powers to become human and to endure many, many battles, for this was all a part of My training (Philippians 2:5-8; Isaiah 53:3-9; Hebrews 5:8-9).

Like you, I wanted to do great things, to start healing the sick and delivering the good news of salvation. But I had many lessons to learn first, so I submitted and became a servant, a carpenter, a nobody in the eyes of men. To go from being the King of the Universe to being a lowly carpenter was a pretty big change! But it was all for a purpose, for I had to learn what it was like to be human and to not rely on My Own strength, but to find My strength in coming to My Father.

There were many lessons that I had to learn that are cornerstones in your lives today. But if I had not gone through those things, I would not have been able to relate to and instruct you in the way I can now. But I can now truly say I understand, for I have been there Myself.

So learn to trust Me and to believe that whatever I bring into your life is for your good and will strengthen you. Even if I bring you into a desolate place, a place that you feel has no "potential," or a ministry [or job] that seems simple or unchallenging, know

that I have a plan and a purpose, and that as you find out what that plan is, you will in turn find the happiness and fulfillment that you seek.

There is no happier place to be than in the center of My will. There is no greater thrill in life than to know that you are pleasing Me and that I am in first place in your life. All other things will pale by comparison when you find the happiness and contentment that comes from doing My will.

When you can truly let go of all that you hold dear--whatever it is that you're desiring or wanting Me to do for you--and you place it in My hands and give it freely to Me, then I in turn will fill you with the true riches and desires that you have only dreamed of!⁽¹⁰⁾

Touched with Our Infirmities

Look back for a moment to the hours before My death on Earth. As I sat with My disciples, My greatest pain was not that I would have to suffer and die, for I had been given the grace to endure what I was to face. But even greater at that moment was the pain in My heart for two who sat with Me. One was Judas--who I knew would betray Me, and when faced with what he had done, would choose to give up and take his own life rather than turn to the Father and cry out for forgiveness. And the other was Peter.

I knew the terrible test Peter was to face. My struggle would have seemed the greater one to his mind, but I understood the depths of despair he would face, the floods of Satan's lies that would be poured upon him, and how weak and confused he would be. For him, the testing was in some ways as great as My time in the garden that I faced some hours later. I understood that, and My heart broke for him. I saw his agony and felt its sting every bit as intensely as My Own.

If I could have, I would have taken his burden and tried to carry it Myself. But I knew that he had to pass through that time of agony if he was to become all that he needed to be. My agony, which was Mine to bear, gave Me understanding and compassion for man even as he wallowed in sin; My dying on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice to save man from those sins and set him free. But My whole life on Earth was what taught Me compassion. Each one I taught, each one I healed, each one whose life I touched, I felt their pain, I experienced their suffering, I understood the battles they faced.

I couldn't live as a blind man from birth. I couldn't be the woman with the issue of blood who endured great pain and agony of the flesh. I couldn't be the leper who had endured years of being an outcast and watched in agony as his flesh slowly died and fell away. I couldn't watch My child die before My eyes and feel the hopelessness of being unable to prevent it. I could not have lived all these things in just one body. But what gave Me the compassion and the understanding, what made Me your High Priest Who is touched with the feelings of your infirmities and was in all points tempted as you are, is that the Father allowed Me to supernaturally experience the pain, the suffering, and the struggles in each life I touched (Hebrews 4:15).

I couldn't actually live through them all in real time. My physical body could not have borne that and still fulfilled My purpose on Earth. But I was allowed to feel each person's loss, to feel their sorrow and suffering, and to understand, so that I would have the motivation to fulfill My task. Each experience helped to strengthen My conviction that following through with what My Father had commissioned Me to do was the only way to deliver you.

Great and Mighty Things

I know it's a challenge to use your gift of prophecy; it was for Me too at times when I was on Earth. There were a lot of distractions and it took a lot of faith and stretching on My part to receive from My Father. That's why I got alone and went on a mountain sometimes, just to have some time to sit still and hear His voice. I got up in the early morning hours, before everyone else got up, and I just took that quiet time alone with My Father. You could try that too, if you like, and see if it works for you.

Don't let the Enemy discourage you about your gift of prophecy; know that I want to speak to you. Just keep tanking up on My Word, and fill your heart and mind and spirit with My promises. Like the verse, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3). And here's another one: "Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). Remember My promises; they were written for you.

So when the Enemy comes in with his lies and discouragement, making you feel like you just can't hear from Me, or that it's your own thoughts that you're thinking, rebuke him with these scriptures and with My keys. Really set him back on his heels. Trust that after you have prayed and asked Me to sit and talk with you, I will "show you

great and mighty things which you know not." I promise to do so, and I never break My promise! (Numbers 23:19).

Stepping Out into the Unknown

I know how it feels to step out into the unknown. It's just plain scary at times. I felt that way when I launched out into My public ministry. I had My Father's promises, I had guaranteed help from Heaven, and My Father had given Me ample inner peace and faith that **now** was the time, but still it was scary. So I understand.

Well, you're in the very same position that I was. Of course, you're not the Son of God, but you're My bride, and you have the very same power and anointing and help from Heaven available to you that I had. I knew when it was the right time--just as you do--and I knew it was My Father's highest will, calling, and destiny for Me--just as you do, and there is **nothing** that will be withheld from you as you step out into your new realm and calling by faith.

It was tough for Me to leave My familiar surroundings, My mother and My siblings and cousins whom I loved. It was difficult to step out of what had become My "comfort zone" into something new. So there will understandably be a little trepidation at first on your part--and that's natural. But as you step out by faith, all of My power and spiritual help **will** meet your faith, I promise you.

It's All by Faith

I came in swaddling clothes. And then in My public ministry many years later, I entered not as one who was brought up in a king's house, as the crown prince who had been groomed for power and responsibility, but rather as a humble hewer of wood. That was My "clothing," so to speak, so that when people saw Me, they didn't see the great crown prince that I was; no, what they saw was a carpenter's son, simple as that, so that I was easy to approach and ask for help.

They loved to laugh with Me and joke with Me, to drink with Me and to play with Me. I was one of them. I wasn't above them in spirit in how I related to them. I was very relatable.

Yes, I had to forsake all in order to enter the body of that little baby. I literally had to forsake all--except what I was, My very Own Spirit. But all else I laid aside so that I could become one of you. **That's** how much I loved you--enough to leave My Own thoughts aside, My Own Wisdom. Everything that I had garnered about Me for eternity I took off, I laid aside, and I took on **your** robes, your human flesh.

I was not even born in a room, let alone a household or a grand mansion. There wasn't even room for Me in the house; they had to stick Me out back in a barn with the animals. That's how humble and how lowly My entry to your world was. It couldn't have gotten any humbler. And why? Because I had to relate to you and to all of mankind with humility and lowliness, as servant of all.

I had never done that before. I had never gone to Earth in that capacity before, not for the real thing. Yes, I had made some visits, but in a way those were trial runs assisted by My angels and others. But this was the real thing. I was going it alone this time without even My previous thoughts and knowledge, and this would be a great test of My faith while in human flesh. Would I be able to make it?

I forsook all My thoughts, all My heavenly wisdom, all that made up what I was, and entered the house of My fleshly body as a human being, bound in the limitations, pains, and sufferings of not only the flesh but of the emotions and spiritual warfare that it brings on, and it was a great test. Would I stay true and faithful to My Father and make it?

The only thing I really knew was that My Father could make it through Me if I called out to Him and depended on Him. It was all by faith--faith in My Father that He would come through. Just as it's all by faith for you now--faith in Me that I will come through for you. And I will. My Father gave His best shot for mankind, and that was Me; He trusted that I would not lose faith and that I would come through and win in the end.

Well, you know the story. I managed to stay faithful unto death and I won the prize in the end--and the prize was you, My loves. I won you back to My side, and I opened the gates of Heaven for all eternity to all who will take it. I defeated Lucifer.

Before I entered that great courtroom of the trials on Earth, I was in great trepidation as to how I would do. But once there, and once I got My footing and the time was right, My Father's Spirit came down upon Me, and I followed and obeyed.

It will be the same with you. For My Spirit to come down upon you, you must be very, very low. You must have no confidence in yourself. When you walk with this

mindset, knowing that you are nothing, then what that means is that you have made room for Me, and at the appointed time I will enter and I will lead. ⁽¹¹⁾

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