

Pure *Joy!*



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**In honor of Harvey Sparger,
“Big Daddy Caleb, a great man full of joy,
who said, “Give me the mountain with the giants,
I’m taking it for my grandchildren!”**

1 ~ The Blessing of Joy

Generations of Grace

“A perfect baby,” announced the doctor as he handed Ava back to Alexis in the delivery room. “Thank you, Father,” breathed Alexis as she sank back into the pillows. Recognizing her mother’s voice, a contented, healthy Ava cuddled close to her mother.

It had been an intense journey to the birth of Ava. It was a miracle in many ways. Alexis’ parents divorced when she was a small child. Her mother Renee prayed for 18 years for Alexis to return to relationship with the Lord. When she renewed her commitment to the Lord, healing of an 18 year rift between the two began. Much joy flowed as they related to each other in a new and healthy way.

In this time, Alexis married Chris, a new believer. Within a month, they discovered they were expecting a baby! Immediately, life circumstances changed as they experienced one health and financial crisis after the other. Alexis lost two jobs, developed hypothyroidism, anemia and an infection which went

untreated for months. On top of this, she felt isolated when Chris started working seven days a week to support his family. In addition, she feared that the years in which she had sowed wild oats would damage the life of joy and peace which she had newly found and desperately wanted for her daughter.

Renee, her mother, had a long history of walking with the Lord. Together, Renee and her husband Jack led others in generational deliverance, worship and teaching. They are elders to their community. Alexis recently returned to the Lord and hungered for learning and a relationship with Him. They began the process of restoring their relationship. In spite of their love for and strong commitment to God, both Renee and Alexis struggled as the hymn says, "...fightings within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come." This they did not want to pass on to Ava.

So, together Renee and Alexis prayed through many different iniquities both for Alexis and her family line. Though a new believer and a bit unsure of the process, Chris agreed with their prayers as he, too, wanted the best for his daughter.

Alexis took care of herself during the pregnancy in the face of several health issues. The couple prepared the nursery. However, until she discovered the

“missing key” of blessing and nurturing Ava’s spirit combined with prayers of generational deliverance, Alexis lived in stark fear that Ava would be destined to live a similar life of internal struggle and outright sinfulness.

When introduced to Plumblin Ministries’ teaching *Ministering to Babies in the Womb*, both women were encouraged to discover that nurturing Ava’s spirit before she arrived could eliminate the internal conflict with which they continuously struggled and allow her to meet with God and live securely in His presence. When resting secure in God’s love and presence, a person is not likely to want to live in league with the darkness of perpetual sin.

In addition to praying through generational deliverance, Alexis spoke assurance of love to Ava, sang “Jesus Loves Me” frequently and played CDs of baby blessings. Renee blessed Ava’s spirit regularly even though they were separated by many miles. By the second trimester, Ava responded with vigorous motion to her mother’s songs and prayers of blessing.

Immediately upon Ava’s birth, she turned her head to her mother’s voice. Chris received his new daughter with tears of joy. “Perfect. She’s a perfect

baby,” the words of the doctor sang with joy in Alexis’ heart for she had peace that Ava’s spirit was as strong and healthy as her body and soul. In spite of the upheaval they experienced as they tried to make up for lost time during the pregnancy, Ava was proof-positive of the goodness, grace and provision of God through informed, intentional nurturing of the spirit.

A strong bond formed between Alexis and Ava during the pregnancy. Alexis felt confident she could continue nurturing Ava’s spirit as she had learned while Ava was still in the womb. Renee rejoiced that a new cycle started for her family. She could heal generational wounds and intentionally pass down blessings, not just to her daughter, but to future generations as well.

Ideal sequence

Each human being has three distinct parts: spirit, soul and body. I Thessalonians 5:23 says, “May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The spirit is first in this list demonstrating God’s perfect design. God created the spirit to be the leader of the soul and the body. When they are aligned, the spirit, soul and body become team

players, flowing with (instead of against) the will of God.

While we know how to nurture the child's body and soul, his or her spirit often suffers benign neglect for years after birth. If we select the most nutritional foods and read the educationally correct books to our children until they are five years old, and only then introduce them to Bible stories, we have missed an extremely *opportune* time in their lives to grow their spirit. Then, we wonder why it is so hard to tame the physical and soulish desires of our children. Training to bring the spirit, soul, and body into alignment can and should begin while the child is still in the womb.

As we look at child development, we often view the body as the first element formed. This is the area we nurture through vitamins, healthy eating and exercise on the part of the mother. Once the child is born, we begin to nurture the soul. However, the spirit is imparted at the *moment* of conception, which means it transcends natural development. While the child's brain and body are still developing in the womb and cannot process data, his or her eternal spirit is present and willing to embrace truth. This is the premier time to align the spirit, soul and body. The unborn child will not have to fight his or her soul's mind, will and emotions to connect with God if

the spirit has been nurtured first.

Entering God's presence and communing with Him as an adult will be as natural as breathing or thinking if his or her spirit is nurtured in the womb. We would be seriously negligent if we did not teach our children to speak, read and write. Shouldn't we pour as much effort into nurturing the spirit of our children? If we start before they are born, they will certainly connect with God on a deeper, richer level and many of the struggles of adulthood such as rejection, fear and rebellion will not plague them.

Building a foundation

Many children have grown into spiritual giants because God initiated nurturing their spirit in the womb. Think of Samuel, John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. Their lives testify of their large spirits. They were able to meet with God in extraordinary ways due to their spiritual maturity. Their mighty spirits changed the course of history.

Consider John the Baptist's prenatal nurture. Within days of Jesus' conception, Mary arrived at the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah, her faith-filled relatives. Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist. His body "jumped with joy in the womb" as

his spirit recognized the spirit of Jesus in Mary's womb. Even though the body and soul of both children were not fully developed, their spirits were discerning, active and responsive.

Nurturing Baby's Spirit with Joy

There are many important truths that should be communicated to the spirit of your child in the womb. In this book, we will focus on building joy into the baby's spirit.

Joy is the foundational emotion for any human being. It should be the default state of any healthy adult, yet this is rarely the case. Joy was not intended to be an occasional feeling. Building joy into the baby's spirit is the first objective of nurture in the womb.

The first tool for building joy into the baby's spirit is the overtly expressed love and acceptance of the mother and father. The cluster of brain cells devoted to experiencing joy connects when one person takes pleasure in another. The developing baby is acutely aware of his or her parent's emotions, as well as the reactions of those closest to him or her. To communicate this love, you must routinely speak to your child. Express to your baby that he or she is a

precious gift. Speak that the God who created the heavens and the earth is developing him or her now. Articulate that the God of all creation is full of joy and pleasure at having personally designed his or her life.

Other Important Tools for Nurturing Baby's Spirit

In addition to cultivating the emotion of joy, babies need to have their spirit introduced to truths about their Creator. Playing the Bible on CD at night or reading Bible stories to the baby enlarges the size of his or her spirit. Another highly effective technique is for the father to call the child's spirit to attention and bless the baby on a regular basis. As he affirms the child, reads Scripture and blesses him, a deep bond is formed between the two. This helps establish fatherly love and authority. The child will be much less likely to struggle with rebellion in later years.

Sharing glory stories with the baby also enlarges his or her spirit. Glory stories are a form of worship. When we share and savor the stories of God's intervention in human affairs—both current and historic—we expand the capacity for faith and virtue in the baby's spirit. We are literally building into the baby the ability to worship in spirit and truth.

Nurturing the baby in the womb creates a wealth of spiritual resources that will be released over the course of his or her life. The child will be equipped to navigate through both still and turbulent waters with great joy, peace and confidence.

Special Circumstances

Ideally, blessings are given by both the father and the mother, as well as other mature Christians in the community of faith who want to invest in the life of the child. However, we know this is not always going to happen. If the father is not available, someone else can step into his role in the nurturing process. It could be the mother, grandfather, grandmother, or even a friend. It is important to choose this person wisely, since there will be a strong bond established between them and the child. If you are a single mom, don't be afraid to take the role yourself. God is with you! He is Father to the fatherless.

If you are an adoptive parent and did not have the opportunity to grow your child's spirit in the womb, take heart. It is never too late to nurture the human spirit. While the impact of ministry in the womb is more readily observed than that of children outside the womb, you can still develop the spirit of a child who has already been born. Even adults experience

significant transformation when their spirit is nurtured.

Though there are many truths and virtues which can be ministered to babies in the womb, this book will focus on building a foundation of joy through blessing your baby's spirit. The blessings in this book are designed to be used for children both inside and outside the womb. They contain immensely transformational truths about God and about the identity of your child that need to be engrafted into his or her spirit. The alignment that you bring to his or her spirit, soul and body will cause the child to walk more easily in the freedom we are called to embrace. Nurturing your baby's spirit in the womb creates a lifestyle to which they become accustomed. Once they arrive, keep nurturing their spirit. This lifestyle is the greatest return on investment you can make! By using these blessings, you will prepare your child to walk in dominion as a son or daughter of the Most High and help them receive their inheritance of joy.

2 ~ Expected Results

Over the course of 30 years, we've observed hundreds of parents using a broad variety of methods to minister to babies in the womb. We have observed some common characteristics in these children:

- Babies who received effective ministry in the womb often do not have to be coaxed to listen to God's Word. They would rather listen to a bedtime story from the Bible than watch a video or listen to a children's book. Some children become so affected by Scripture that they do not want to sleep at night unless it is playing. Other children connect with a specific story and request it hundreds of times.
- These children possess a strong moral compass. They react vigorously to violent scenes in movies that other children watch with no concern. They also reject make-believe, enchantments and witchcraft. Their moral compass is strong because it has been in use since they were in the womb. It

is easier to build morality into a child's spirit when they are in the womb than it is to shape their soul once they have been born.

- These children frequently have a high level of spiritual discernment, especially regarding angels. One child we observed would run to the front window randomly throughout the day, point to the yard and scream in distress. An adult believer with the gift of discernment was able to observe three angels placed strategically in the yard. When he explained to the little boy that the huge creatures were angels who were sent to protect him, the child calmed down. After that incident, he always knew when they came and went, but he was no longer frightened.

- Many children who are nurtured in the womb have a deep call to intercession. They pray when the Spirit of God quickens them, not at an appointed time every week, such as bedtime or at meals. The child is often moved in his or her spirit to know exactly what to pray for and how. The spirit of intercession and the ability to hear the

heart of the Father is a strong mark of those who have been nurtured in the womb.

- A mature adult should be able to move quickly from a toxic emotion back to the place of joy, while newborns are not able to control their emotions. However, when parents have nurtured a child's spirit, they are usually able to speak to their child's spirit and cause the child to swiftly rise above the turmoil of the soul and return to a place of joy.

- Many children who are nurtured in the womb have a very strong will. We often use the term "strong will" as a negative description, implying that they are difficult to raise and prone to rebellion and disobedience. This is not always true. God is raising up a generation of young people who are willing to stand alone and will say what needs to be said. They will be like John the Baptist, who had the courage to speak publicly when others were not willing to take that risk. This generation will confront the cowardly silence of their predecessors in an honest and righteous way. Being strong willed for a righteous

cause is a gift and a blessing from God. These children are effectively bucking the flow of a perverse generation.

- Our culture perpetuates the myth that siblings cannot live together in harmony. However, children whose spirits received nurture before birth not only have a strong relationship with their parents (or those who nurtured them), they are also positioned to relate in healthy and non-envious ways to their siblings. This should be normative in families. God said in Psalm 133:1: “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” Combining his keen moral compass with a love for his brother, one such child warns his younger brother to cover his eyes when walking by certain aisles in the store (such as the one containing Halloween merchandise). Of course, parents can add to this blessing by building each child up with their words, by not comparing them, by helping them anticipate each other’s presence and by speaking honor to each one.

- Finally, parents can reason with spiritually nurtured children, even at very

young ages. Because they have higher levels of spirituality and a stronger will than many of their peers, their parents can often appeal to their sense of justice. These children hear the voice of wisdom and comply.

- These are some of the predictable, measurable and verifiable results that come from nurturing the spirit of a baby in the womb. Consider these glory stories of people who saw results from ministering to the spirit of their child.

Strong Spirited

John and Rachel heard the Plumblin Ministries' teaching *Ministering to Babies in the Womb* when Rachel was six weeks pregnant with their first child, Harry. They immediately set a specific time each evening when John would read Scripture to Harry. He soon responded by kicking vigorously when John read Scripture to him! John and Rachel also played the Plumblin Ministries *Joy and Peace* blessing CDs for him on a regular basis. They took special care of his physical health, but shaping and feeding his spirit was a priority. It created a rock-solid bond among John, Rachel and their son so that they were already

established as a family when Harry arrived.

Because Harry received the truth on a regular basis, his discernment of right and wrong was obvious before he turned two years old. He is still quite perceptive and definite when he reacts to people. When his dad takes him to church, he unabashedly dances with joy inside the building. John and Rachel continue to nurture Harry as well as their daughter who was born a few years later.

“The reality of blessing the babies in my womb exceeded our expectations. After a few months, we could see this incredible sensitivity and responsiveness to truth in Harry,” Rachel said. “It is a challenge to raise a child with such an enlarged spirit. It is an awesome task to nurture his will without breaking it. There is no room for lazy parenting.”

Young Intercessor*

Jesse and Jennifer were introduced to the concept of ministering to babies in the womb four months before they became pregnant with their daughter, Emily. Jennifer had recently recovered from a miscarriage as well as a tumor on one of her ovaries. These experiences prompted Jesse and Jennifer to go through spiritual cleansing for Jennifer’s womb. They

cut off generational curses with an eye to restoring her womb to being a sanctuary, not a war zone. Then God sent Emily.

When Jesse and Jennifer found out they were expecting, they told only one person. This mature believer blessed the child by phone on a weekly basis for the duration of the pregnancy. Jesse and Jennifer also prayed over the baby regularly. They read the Bible, spoke blessings, shared glory stories, and played Scripture on CD softly at night. Both sets of grandparents added their blessings to the pool. They continued to build joy and peace into Emily's spirit and gave her daily reminders that she was wanted, needed, and that there was a safe place waiting for her.

Prior to her birth, an intercessor explained to Emily that God would place an angel at Jennifer's left knee to reassure her, and that she should look to the left after she was born. The couple kept reminding Emily's spirit during the labor process to look to the left as soon as she arrived. However, events took an unexpected twist when Jennifer had to be rushed into another room for an emergency C-section. At this point, Jesse spoke to his daughter, telling her of the sudden change, reassuring her, and reminding her to look to the left. Immediately upon her arrival, Emily

followed her father's instructions and looked to the left, demonstrating that she heard, remembered, and was seeing the angel. "Wow! She's looking over to the left!" exclaimed the doctor and nurses.

Three years later, Emily was riding in the car with her mother. She suddenly sat up and declared that they must pray for her grandpa. She warred intensely and continued with a flow of violent intercession until she abruptly relaxed and told her mother that it would be OK. Jennifer made note of the time. Later she found out that at that precise moment, her father had been flying internationally and the plane began dropping in mid-flight. Her father desperately called for God to alert the intercessors. God was able to count on Emily's instant response to save her grandfather's life.

Emily is energetic and infuses others with her joy. Her spirit is large, open, and sensitive to the things of God. She discerns quickly, dances joyously, intercedes, senses angels, and rests peacefully in the presence of God. She has no fear of the demonic. She's obedient, consistently peaceful, and joyful.

Devoted Grandparents*

Tim and Sarah have seven grandchildren. When

they were expecting their fourth grandchild, they discovered Plumblin Ministries' *Ministering to Babies in the Womb* teaching.

“As grandparents, we feel it is our privilege and duty to nurture our grandchildren,” Sarah said. “We feel that if we had known and implemented the nurturing and blessing teachings with our children, our grandchildren would be in a better position. In light of what we didn't know then, we are doing what we can to nurture both generations now.” The grandchildren who were nurtured in the womb are more sensitive to God and anticipate His intervention in their lives. One grandchild insists that the television be turned off during inappropriate scenes. Another frequently initiates prayer. While transformation can occur at any juncture in life, it happens most easily when initiated in the womb. However, it is *never* too late to begin where you are.

Healing after Birth*

The day after their first child arrived, Dan had to leave his wife Suzanne in Alaska as he reported for duty in Vietnam. Though Suzanne wasn't aware of it at the time, the baby absorbed Suzanne's pain, fear and stress from that situation. When Suzanne heard the teaching on nurturing babies in the womb decades

later, she realized that her daughter had been traumatized during pregnancy and infancy because of the intensity of her own life. Suzanne saw the consequences in her daughter's poor choices that lead to an abusive marriage and divorce. Then Dan and Suzanne had a revolutionary idea: They asked God if they could go back in time with Him and bless and nurture their daughter through the womb. His answer was "yes." He transcends time and redeems the past.

When Dan and Suzanne first began praying for their daughter, she was not on speaking terms with them because she knew they did not approve of her lifestyle. During the second week of prayer, their daughter made up an excuse to call them and engage in extended dialog. They started working together to rebuild their relationship. It wasn't long before their daughter's four kids came to stay with Dan and Suzanne for a month, during which time they each accepted the Lord as their Savior. Before they began addressing her time in the womb, their daughter refused to speak about God, even though they had been praying for her for many years. Now, she thanks her parents for teaching her kids about spiritual things.

Young Mothers*

Marvin and Belle love kids. They have two children of their own and work with students at a local church. Their passion is seeing young people loving and serving God from healthy hearts and spirits. Some of the students they worked with were single girls who were pregnant. These situations often become a point of contention in the Body of Christ, as people react to the sin of the girls while ignoring their pain. Marvin and Belle believed that the girls felt enough shame and rejection, so they looked for ways to restore the young mothers' spirits and to build into their unborn babies.

Marvin and Belle nurtured these young ladies and their unborn children by routinely expressing unconditional love, acceptance and concern. They gave the mothers tips on pregnancy care. They mailed Mother's Day cards to the girls. They sent each girl a *Names of God Blessing* CD and explained how playing it softly at night would nurture the developing baby. When speaking to the babies, Marvin and Belle affirmed the fact that hundreds of acts of intimacy happen every day, but few produce a child. Though the child was not humanly planned, God had willed each child to exist.

They hosted a baby shower in their home for one of the young mothers. At the end of the shower,

everyone spoke a blessing over the baby and then wrote the blessing in a baby book. This richly-textured display of love connected deeply with the spirit of the girl, and by the end of the shower she was beaming radiantly, a stark contrast to her deep shame when she entered the house.

Another girl was having prolonged labor, so they spoke to the spirit of the child from a distance and assured the baby that she was loved and wanted. Within twenty minutes of the ministry, the baby arrived safely.

Potential

Having children is a high-risk venture. Parenting is an act of stewardship, as we are caring for some of God's incredible treasures. Nurturing babies' spirits in the womb is a logical choice for parents who want the best for their children. As stewards of God's treasures, we are privileged to draw on the tools He makes available to us. The prayers that follow are tools you can use immediately while you develop the skills you need to craft your own transformational words to bless your children and grandchildren.

**Names have been changed.*

3 ~ Legitimacy and Identity

Beginning!

Begin by calling the spirit of your child to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, then speak a blessing. Blessing a baby is neither mysterious nor vague. It is simply speaking words of approval, encouragement, and empowerment to a child in agreement with the truth and purposes of God. Some people bless their baby each day at a certain time, while others are more spontaneous and non-linear. Don't make it complicated. Just start!

Each blessing in this book is based on Scripture, with a topical introduction that may also be used as a blessing. Before you read each blessing to your child, friend or family member, simply call their spirit to attention. An easy way to do this is to say “(Name), I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.” These blessings can be read as a daily discipline in any configuration you choose. The key is to build truth into the person's spirit in a sustained way. We, Crystal and Arthur, bless you as you embark on this exciting journey!

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Philippians 2:13: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."

Our Creator God has made everything. Nothing can be created without Him, and the birth of each new life is the evidence of His continuing handiwork and creativity. Each child He knits together in the womb bears His fingerprints. He rejoices in designing, molding and shaping you. You are His creation and He is proud to call you so.

You are treasured by your King, regardless of the circumstances surrounding your conception and birth. You are the product of the will of God. You are legitimate and worthy because God made you and loves how He made you.

God chose the moment your life would start. He brought your parents together and wove you together in your mother's womb. He chose every one of your twenty-three pairs of chromosomes. He picked out every one of your genes. And He personally selected generational treasures for your spirit, soul and body. He knew every facet of your life and carefully chose all the treasures that you would need to succeed,

because He knew what your calling was when He designed you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Jeremiah 33:3: "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

I bless you with experiencing the joy God felt when He created you. I say, in agreement with God, that you are beautiful and you are beloved. God has blessed you with His love. Even though He planned your birth before the foundation of the world, there was fresh joy in His heart when His plans came together. He nurtured you and watched over you in the womb. He is looking forward to the fulfillment of the chapters of your life that He has already written. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 139:13-16: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know

that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

I bless you with knowing how special you are to God. He thoroughly enjoyed designing you. May this knowledge give you a profound sense of your legitimacy, value and worth in the eyes of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Philippians 4:13: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

I bless you with knowledge and acceptance of your uniqueness. You are one of a kind. Every facet of your personality has been designed by God. Because we are all created by God to be unique, we are all skilled at different things. God has already decided whether you will be a musician or an athlete, whether you will be skilled academically or whether you will have a combination of many skills. Each of these skills is the result of God’s thoughts and plans for your life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I

bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

I bless you with a generational worldview of God, yourself and your family. God thought extensively about your background. He designed your spiritual heritage. Some parts of your heritage are not beautiful. Some are absolutely gorgeous. God wove it all together, giving you everything that you need to be a victor who walks confidently in God's plan for your life. These blessings will be released to you incrementally over the course of your life. This is God's master plan. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Philippians 3:12-14: ". . . I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me . . . forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

I bless you with accepting the family in which God has placed you. God determined your birth order and placed you precisely where He wanted you to be. He considered whether you should be placed in a large family or a small family. God knows whether you'll be raised by your birth family or whether you will be adopted into a second family. He thought through all of these details and has placed you in the position necessary for you to possess your inheritance. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Philippians 4:8: "Brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

I bless you with knowing the place of pain in life and allowing it to do its refining work. God has thought through the pain you will encounter. Yet rejoice, for all negative things can be transformed into good in the hand of God. In the midst of turmoil and trouble, may you remain focused on the character of God. His plan is to transform you through pain and to reveal himself to you through His love, power, and

blessings. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

When we know that we exist because God willed it, we are free from the temptation to waste our lives by trying to prove our worth. A solid gold bar does not have to prove that it is solid gold. If you recognize that you are valuable to God, you will not need to prove yourself to the world. Only if you are secure in God's love can you be a human *being* instead of a human *doing*.

As you rest anchored in the knowledge that you are valuable simply because you are God's child, you are free to accomplish things for His kingdom. There is a set of good works for the kingdom of God that He has designed for you to accomplish. No one can accomplish them like you can. Not the Apostle Paul, not Daniel, not even Moses. Your legitimacy, acceptance of His design and knowledge of His purpose will unleash beauty and wisdom in your life as you live out those good works before the world, in

order to build God's kingdom on earth. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

9. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

I bless you with the ability to know God's will and to do it in the right time, at right place, in the right way and with the right people alongside you. Some begin to do their good deeds very early in life, while some start a little later. I bless you with being content with God's timing. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

10. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

I bless you with fitting into your community. Each person has a specific work to do, and you cannot do that work alone. You will experience the greatest fulfillment when you are able to accomplish the specific thing God has designed you to do in the context of your community. May you experience the support of the people around you in your quest to

accomplish the work of God.

At times we have to be warriors, but the objective is to be builders. I bless you with being more than a conqueror. I bless you with the ability to build the legacy that God has called you to build. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

11. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Isaiah 62:3: "You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand..."

There is clothing that does its job to cover the body. The clothing provides modesty and it allows the person to do his or her work. However, there is clothing that accomplishes the job of covering the body while creating beauty. Think of the bride's gown. It is serviceable, yet it is a garment of beauty specifically designed to draw out the beauty of the bride's face.

I bless you with manifesting your abundant beauty. The Bible says that we are God's poetry. God delights in your beauty. I declare that you will not only do the things that God has called you to do, but you will do them with dignity and grace, fitting together with a community of people who are also living God's will for their lives. You will be able to

carry out God's work with love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness. These qualities are beautiful in God's eyes. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

12. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

I bless you to do good works with the flavor of heaven about you. People may appreciate your competence, strength and character, but may they be drawn to you because you are wearing the perfume of heaven and its fragrance lingers around you. May the music of heaven grace your life. May the colors and the lights of heaven emanate from you because you are never separated from the love of Christ. May the glory of God fill your spirit. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4 ~ The Joy of His Presence

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Nehemiah 8:10: “ ...Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This portion of Scripture was written during the reconstruction of Jerusalem. The walls around the city had been miraculously rebuilt in 52 days. The social brokenness had been partially healed, but there was still much work to be done. Nehemiah wanted his people to experience the joy that Father felt with the progress they had made so far. He understood that when they could experience the joy that God felt about their progress, they would have strength to finish healing the broken society.

As you experience the joy God feels about you, His beloved child, you will receive the strength to accomplish what God has called you to do. You are designed to be a world changer. In the name of the

Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

As you walk the path God has laid out for you, there will be good times and hard times. You will easily find joy in the times where everything you touch produces good fruit. I bless you with being able to receive the specific encouragement God sends to you in the hard times. I bless you with the joy of being strengthened by the Father and not having to depend on your own resources. I bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

I bless you with the joy that comes from knowing that God wants to partner with you. When it was time

for Jesus Christ to be born, God the Father looked over the entire population of Israel. He chose one young woman, Mary, and sent an angel to tell her that she had found favor with Almighty God. Mary was told that she would birth Jesus Christ the Messiah. Until that moment, she had no idea how much favor she had in God's eyes.

In the subsequent weeks, as she spent time with Elizabeth, Mary came to a better understanding of this favor. This realization gave young Mary the strength to walk through the difficult times that would befall her. I bless you with the same knowledge that Mary had: the joy of being hand picked by God for a great task. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

I bless you with an enlarging of your spirit, whether you are still developing in the womb or have already arrived. Think of the story of Gideon. He did not know that God looked upon him with favor. Gideon saw himself as far less than he was. He had

no idea that God even knew he existed, let alone that God saw him as the mighty warrior who was hand picked to deliver Israel from the Midianites. When God showed up and told him, he had difficulty believing it.

I bless you with the ability to receive the truth of your legitimacy—your value and worth. I bless you with knowing who you are in the eyes of God. I bless you with experiencing the joy the Father experiences when He watches you develop and grow each day. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 7:1-2: “My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commandments and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.”

I bless you with the joy of seeing God’s principles at work in your life. God’s commands were not primarily designed to keep you out of trouble. They were given to you so you could live an extravagantly excellent life. As you embrace those principles and weave them together, you will experience amazing things. I bless you with the joy of tasting the fruit of a life lived according to principles. I bless you in the

name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 4:16: "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

I bless you with the joy and fulfillment that come from doing the things God created you to do. I bless you with receiving abundant mercy and grace when your destiny leads you on a rocky path. I bless you with experiencing God's joy in the midst of trial, when He sees you becoming the man or woman He made you to be. You are positioned to be a world changer and to possess your birthright. May you embrace your divine destiny on this earth and experience the exquisite joy of fulfillment in God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 11:1, 6: "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see . . . and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly

seek him.”

I bless you with the joy of having a deep faith in the Lord. This faith will give you the strength to endure hardship as a good soldier of the Lord. I bless you with the ability to prepare thoroughly for it and not flinch at the pain of adversity. I bless you with knowing the joy of the Lord so profoundly that opposition means nothing. May you always seek God's face and draw hope from your abiding faith in your Heavenly Father. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 13:8: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

I bless you with the ability to brush aside disappointment, pain and sorrow, and to return quickly to the place of joy. Though you may experience hardship with the passing of time, be comforted in knowing that Jesus never changes. May you rebound quickly from shame, discouragement and every sort of negative emotion because of your joy in the unchanging God. May you savor again and again the joy that the Father has in you when you realize the truth and make a correction to your course.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you.
Amen.

9. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 16:11: "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

There are many different kinds of joy. We find joy in relationships, in love and in accomplishment. There are a vast number of joys that are legitimate, good and wonderful things that God designed you to experience. It is God's will that your life be full of joy. However, the deepest and most abiding joy emanates from the presence of the Living God in your life.

God wants you to live in His presence. His presence is as much a reality on this earth as it is in heaven. Brother Lawrence, a humble cook in a monastery, learned an important lesson from doing his daily chores. He discovered that time spent in communion with the Lord should be consistent, whether you're in the midst of work or on your knees in prayer. He learned to cultivate the abiding presence of God so thoroughly in his own heart that he joyfully exclaimed, "I am doing now what I will do for all

eternity. I am blessing God, praising Him, adoring Him and loving Him with all my heart.” Brother Lawrence was able to joyfully serve God through his modest position as a cook.

Whether you are called to a grand existence on earth or a humble life, you are of great worth in God’s sight. His presence is open and available to you. He yearns to spend time with you and fill you with joy in His presence. I bless you with abiding daily in the magnificent and transforming presence of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

10. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 149:4-5: “For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation. Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.”

I bless you with experiencing the presence of God in your mother’s womb. God designed the womb to be a sanctuary. He designed it to be a safe place. I bless you with meeting the Holy Spirit in the womb. May the Holy Spirit brood over your spirit. May you become intensely familiar with the flavor, the touch and the feeling of the presence of God near you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

11. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 16:20: “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

I bless you with protection from the presence of the enemy during your time in the womb. I bless you with experiencing so much of the presence of God that when you face the enemy there will be a clear difference between you and him. I bless you with never being deceived by a false “angel of light” because you are immersed in the true knowledge, joy and fullness of the light of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

12. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Jeremiah 1:5: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart . . .”

I bless you with divine encounters with your Creator. May your experience of those visitations be exquisite. I bless you with experiencing the joy of the presence of the Lord even before you are born. When your mother is in the presence of God, both in her private worship and public exercises, may you join her as she experiences an intervening God. I bless you with sensing when the presence of God is brooding heavily

over your mother's life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

13. *Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 16:7: “. . . even at night my heart instructs me.”*

I bless you with experiencing the presence of God in the night watches. At the dawning of creation, God separated the day from the night and called it good. God sanctified time on the seventh day and made it holy. Though the enemy has tried to defile the night hours, they are God's. He made the night and He treasures that time period. May your life be marked by deep communion with the Spirit of God in the night time when your body and soul are at rest. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

14. *Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 84:3-4: “Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.”*

The Spirit of God shows up in many different parts of the world. Each of these visitations is unique.

I bless you with opportunities to go to these different locations around the world where God is working. Each place has a particular expression of the presence and the power of God. Though you may not go to all of them, I bless you with the liberty to travel and the wisdom to choose where you will experience varied flavors of the manifest presence of God. May the Spirit draw you there and orchestrate time so that you may stay and savor it. May you be blessed with being able to see the presence of God in the world around you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

15. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24: "May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and he will do it."

I bless you with the ability to savor the heavenly realms and the presence of the true and living God. I bless you with a spirit that knows where the Spirit of God is without the promptings of music, organization, structure and activities. May you develop the ability

in the natural world to easily cross over to the spiritual realm and experience the presence of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5 ~ The Joy of Obedience

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. John 15:9-11: “As the Father has loved me so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

Although God would like us to obey His moral law, He has given us free will to choose whether we will follow it, much like we can choose whether we obey the laws set by our government. Jesus said that if you obey His commandments, you will walk in complete joy.

I bless you with the joy of obedience. It is a terrible thing to follow God’s laws just because you fear the consequences of disobedience. Rather, you should obey God because it brings Him pleasure and it brings you blessings. May you find great joy in bringing a smile to the Father’s face through your adherence to His commandments. In the name of the

Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 11:30: “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

I bless you with setting a standard of righteousness in your community. May you blot out the previous generation's stigma of legalism by merging obedience with love. May future generations look to you as an example of godly obedience, and follow in your footsteps by doing what is right because of the pleasure it brings God, not because they fear the consequence of doing wrong. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6 ~ The Joy of Knowing Life Givers

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Luke 1:43-45: “Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

This verse refers to the time Mary visited Elizabeth. Elizabeth was a godly, older woman who was pregnant with John the Baptist at the time. Mary, a young woman, had conceived Jesus Christ just days before. When Mary came into Elizabeth’s home, Elizabeth sensed the anointing around Mary. The baby John also experienced the presence of God – he leaped for joy in Elizabeth’s womb when Mary walked in the door.

Every time two people meet, there is an exchange of energy. Some people release a great deal of energy into the souls and spirits of others – these people are life givers. This is what Elizabeth and John the

Baptist experienced. There was so much of the Spirit of God around Mary that their spirits leaped for joy. May your spirit be so saturated with the Spirit of the Living God that others receive life by simply being in your presence. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 12:1: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

God has determined your path, and has already set in motion the events that will cause holy people to cross your path in the future. May they have so much anointing around them that your spirit and body leap for joy. May you recognize these men and women of purity who know how to lift up holy hands, and whose thought life is dominated by the presence of God. In the same way, may you give life to others as your spirit matures and becomes more attuned to the ways of the Lord. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of

the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 13:7-8: "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Some people walk in godly dominion, subduing the demonic and ushering in the presence of God. They lift up those who are bowed down and create a broad place for the glory of God to flow. I bless you with walking closely with these deeply committed men and women of God. Whether they have organizational or institutional authority or not, may they encourage you and bring you closer to God through your relationship with them. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 23:12, 19: "Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. . . . Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path."

I bless you with walking in the presence of those who know the favor of God. These are men and women who have experienced God consistently

opening doors for them. They understand what it is to find God moving obstacles out of the way. I bless you with the ability to draw life giving strength from their spirits as you develop your own path of favor with the King. May these relationships bring you clarity and courage to discern and carry out God's plan for your life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 100:4-5: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues throughout all generations."

Some people are able to enter the presence of God and bring back a glimpse of heaven to those who are still on earth. I bless you with knowing these true worshippers of Christ. May your spirit taste the glory of heaven through your relationships with those who worship in spirit and in truth. I pray that your spirit leaps with joy and anticipation when you know you are in the presence of a true worshipper, and that you may be mutually life giving to one another. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 21:6: "Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence."

May your joy be contagious both inside and outside the church. May non-believers be drawn to you because they do not comprehend the joy that emanates from you. May your life be an example to others as you introduce them to the pleasure of walking in the presence of God. May you give them a taste of what it would be like to have a relationship with the God you serve. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7 ~The Joy of the Prize

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 12:2: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

You will be born into a world that is under a curse. Because of this, you are part of a great battle against the enemy of the Most High God. There is no question about whether you will have to endure pain as you pursue righteousness. Jesus told us that everyone who wants to live godly will be persecuted.

The enemy brings trials in many different forms, and we need to be prepared to fight back, not using our own strength, but the strength of our truly powerful God. The willingness to endure pain is not enough – you must strive to conquer. We can overcome pain by pressing forward to complete the tasks God has prepared in advance for us to do.

Jesus Christ endured more pain than anyone else ever will. He suffered because He knew that it would fulfill His Father's perfect will. The enemy is going to do everything possible to cause you to focus on the pain instead of the end result. The enemy is going to magnify your agony, but God wants to eclipse your pain with the joy He offers you. I bless you with seeking the joy that Father has designed for you. May you be unfailing in your quest to reach the prize God has placed before you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 12:1-2: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Your birthright is the pattern God created specifically for your life. May you fully possess your birthright. It is your calling and your destiny. A birthright is not attained in one action, or in one day. It is fulfilled during the course of your entire life.

May you aim to fulfill your birthright in spite of the adversity you will encounter. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. John 16:12-13a: "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

I bless you with rejoicing with God as He reveals His will incrementally to you. He cannot reveal everything that is on His heart at once because you are not able to understand all that He wants to show you. May you grow closer to God each day, studying His Word and preparing yourself for each time He will reveal more of His will to you. I bless you with receiving every revelation the Spirit of Truth gives you so that you may see the call of God on your life and know the joy it brings. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Micah 6:8: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

I bless you with the ability to feel joy as each chapter of your life unfolds. Each individual has a unique capacity for joy. No two people respond equally to the same gift. May you embrace the call of God for each season of your life, so that you may continually grow your spirit. The world offers you mere happiness, and Satan offers you delusion. God offers you profound fulfillment through His presence in your life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Habakkuk 1:5: “Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.”

One of the classic sayings of the church is, “We will not count the cost, but we will pay the price.” May you be willing to pay the price because you know that the end result of following God’s path for your life is worth any amount of pain through which you must walk. Even if God does not unveil every detail of your destiny to you, rest assured that He does have a plan for your life, a plan that is greater than anything you would ever have imagined. May you experience the joy that comes from God

revealing His plans to you. In the name of the Lord
Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8 ~ The Joy of Being Rescued

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 27:5-6: "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord."

The world is governed by times and seasons. Some seasons are painful, while others flow easily and fill us with peace. During the times of hardship, you should cry out to your Father God to ask Him to remove obstacles, conquer the enemy, and set you back in a safe place.

May your life be filled with shouts of joy over the intervening hand of God who rescues you from the enemy. Just like God protected David from the lion and the bear, may you find security and joy in being rescued again and again by the God you serve with all your heart. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I

bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 31:1-2: "In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me."

I bless you with the ability to know the difference between the times you are to endure hardship and the times you are to cry to God for rescue. May you be so free of the poverty spirit that you are willing to cry out to the Father for rescue from battles that are not yours to fight, and be able to recognize the problems that *are* yours to deal with. May you overcome these enemies through the power of your Heavenly Father, and not by your own strength. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Zechariah 4:6: "'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

I bless you with enjoying the creativity God shows in the ways He rescues you from the trials, both big and small, that each day brings. I bless you with the

joy of watching God easily handle the things that bring you great frustration.

I bless you with developing a strong sense of security. Just as nature rests confidently in the hands of the One who governs it, may you rest boldly in the provision of your Father. In Christ, you live and move and have your being. From this position, I bless you with the freedom from feeling overly responsible to fix all problems you encounter. I bless you with the freedom to walk in spirit and truth, knowing that His Spirit brings victory. As you face problems and the Father consistently rescues you, may fear vanish from your heart. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Matthew 6:33-34: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow . . ."

I bless you with the blessing of Daniel. Daniel knew God's faithfulness so well that the lions in the den did not overwhelm him with fear. I bless you with emotional security so that you may also walk boldly in the face of danger as the Father leads,

knowing that His faithfulness is a solid rock beneath your feet. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 31:3-5: "Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth."

I bless you with the sense of security that David grew to have. King Saul, jealous of David's success, decided to try to kill David. David then fled for his life with Saul chasing after him. Toward the end of his wilderness season, however, he was so filled with the security of God that he walked into the middle of the enemy's camp and took Saul's spear and water bottle. That boldness was the result of many choices to trust God. I bless you with experiencing God's intervention so often and on such a profound level that your security extends beyond cognition and rests in your emotions. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of

God to you.

Deuteronomy 33:12: “Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders.”

I bless you with seeing God do spectacular things to rescue you so you can turn and share your glory stories with others. May you see how He reached around the world to activate events to save you from the trap of the enemy. I bless you with the joy of imparting to others the faith that will allow them to walk in security. May your stories enable others to have faith to hope, to look forward and to cry out for God’s intervention in their own lives. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Joshua 1:6-7: “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous.”

I bless you with the same anointing that Paul received. Paul received a prophetic word that the captain of a ship should not leave the port at that time. The captain insisted on leaving, even though Paul told him that the ship would sink and lives would be lost.

When the captain wouldn't listen, Paul got on board and the ship went out to sea as planned. The ship sank as God said it would, but lives were saved. God chose to protect everyone simply because Paul was there. May you carry a blessing of presence as mighty as that of Paul. Be courageous in all that you do, knowing the Lord will protect you and rescue you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 30:1-4: "I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name."

I bless you with the ability to translate the joy of rescue into a beautiful act of worship. As you experience the emotions resulting from rescue, may you walk in creativity to weave your emotions into a profound act of worship just as David did. I bless you with a multitude of worship skills. May you craft the act of God's protection into new forms of worship that glorify Him. I bless you with the ability to encourage God's people and memorialize the power

of God that was manifested in your life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

9 ~ The Joy of Walking in Favor

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Ezra 6:22: “For seven days they celebrated with joy the feast of unleavened bread because the Lord had filled them with joy by changing the attitude of the king of Assyria so that he assisted them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.”

This passage was written when Israel was taken into captivity by the Babylonians. God judged the Babylonians. After that, Cyrus, the pagan king of Persia, discerned that God’s will was for the Israelites to be freed. Not only did King Cyrus release the Israelites, but he also blessed them with tremendous resources. All the temple treasures Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem were returned to Israel. Cyrus raised a large offering from the Gentile nobility and the wealthy people of Medo-Persia. He exempted the Israelite priests from taxes. He gave them government money to help rebuild the temple and to allow them to offer sacrifices on a daily basis.

May you, like Cyrus, know how to use the favor that you receive to accomplish the work God has called you to do. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Deuteronomy 28:13: "The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom."

I bless you with the ability to lead others in wisdom and justice. You will be born into a season where secular leadership is becoming aware that they do not have all the answers. Civil governments are realizing that they do not have the means to heal the brokenness of the societies they govern. They have financial resources, but they lack wisdom.

The Body of Christ, however, *does* have wisdom. I bless you with having the favor of God upon you so that the leaders who are wounded and hurting will turn to you. May those who are charged with providing answers find the wisdom of God in you and look upon you with favor. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 21:1: "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."

I bless you with favor in terms of resources. As you step out to do the work God has called you to do, may the resources you need be available to you at the right time. I bless you with a platform of believers and nonbelievers alike who are eager to provide funds, personnel, buildings, support, wisdom and everything else you need to carry out the work of the King. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 16:7: "When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him."

I bless you with experiencing God working in the hearts of your opponents. May the men and women who have vigorously opposed the Gospel become like putty in the hands of God as He turns their hearts toward you. May you use this favor to further the Kingdom of God. Remember that it is through the

power of your Creator that you are able to receive favor and succeed – not through your own efforts. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

10 ~ The Joy of Solving Problems

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. James 1:2: "Consider it pure joy my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds."

The book of James says that you should seek joy when you're in tough situations. If you lean on God in the midst of trials, you will become closer to Him and your faith will be fortified. Therefore, you should view problems as opportunities to grow closer to your Creator. When you rely on the strength of God to get you through hard times, He will gain great glory and the evil rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms will suffer great loss and grief. May you find hope in the fact that God will never assign you a problem you can't defeat with His help. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 2:10: "In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of

their salvation perfect through suffering.”

I bless you with seizing the opportunity to tackle problems head-on instead of becoming afraid and placing the burden on others. Jesus endured great pain and suffering on the cross to eliminate the problem of sin in the lives of man. May you be willing to suffer, if necessary, in order to solve problems because you know the end result will be worth the struggle. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 2:4-6: “. . . and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

God has equipped us with wisdom as a tool for solving problems. The Bible portrays wisdom as hidden treasure – we are to search for it as if it were a precious jewel. I bless you with endurance to dig into the Word of God in order to unearth the jewels of wisdom that will reveal the glory of God to you and others in times of suffering, of problems and of difficulties. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I

bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Matthew 26:10,12: "Aware of this, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me . . . When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.'"

I bless you with the courage to embrace God's solutions to problems, especially when they bring you additional pain. Mary of Bethany may have been the only person in the world who knew that the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was instrumental in solving the biggest problem of humanity – sin. Mary saw the big picture; everyone else could only see the pain of Jesus' death. I bless you with possessing the character of Mary of Bethany. May you have the wisdom of God to embrace His solutions, even when they defy human reasoning. I bless you with courage and joy. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

11 ~ The Joy of Reproducing Values

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 1 Chronicles 29:17: "I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how your people who are here have given to you."

David crafted his life around different forms of worship. One of his main desires was to build a magnificent temple in which God could dwell. Scripture says "with willing and honest intent," he poured his efforts as king into providing resources for the construction of this temple.

However, God eventually told David that his son would be the one who got to build the temple. Instead of becoming angry, David used the power of his empire to raise money for the temple from other nations. He accrued an immense amount of gold, silver, bronze, iron, precious stones, marble and rare woods for the construction. After that, he called

together the leadership of the nation and invited them to give an offering toward the building of the temple. They gave an unexpectedly large amount.

As king, he had ruled so effectively that his core value of a lifestyle of sacrificial worship captivated the entire nation. Therefore, they also gave generously, willingly and with integrity of heart. May you walk in this wonderful blessing which brought David such great fulfillment and satisfaction. May you be the kind of leader who changes the values of those around you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 1 Timothy 2:1-4: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God, our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

I bless you with authority in prayer that transforms the leaders over you. May your authorities grow to have high values because of your intercession for them. May your authorities learn how to skillfully

lead those under them according to those values. I bless you with living in a peaceful community because of the high values of the leaders. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Genesis 18:18-19: "Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Whether your family is large or small, I bless you with imprinting your values deeply into the core of each member of your family. As you grow old and look back on your family and the generations to follow, may you experience great joy in knowing you have instilled in them a lasting set of values.

I bless you with seeing your spiritual grandchildren walk out your values. May those you have mentored turn and challenge others with the same passion and integrity. May you be a leader not because you want to receive glory for the success of others, but because you yearn to equip people to

impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 22:17-18: "Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips."

I bless you with the ability to be a transformational leader. May you have the joy of seeing your followers take your beliefs and incarnate them, live them out and implement them. May the fruit displayed by those you lead inspire you to always treat people with fairness and respect, so that they may flourish under your spiritual direction.

May you watch with joy as the people you lead go farther in their lifetime than you were able to go in yours. I bless you with the joy of knowing that you have left an imprint for good on the lives of those around you. I bless you with the same blessing that David received — the unexpected pleasure of seeing the impact of your values on others. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of

God to you. Isaiah 60:3: “Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

I bless you with transforming the lives of people to whom you have never overtly ministered. I bless you with that wonderful, exquisite joy of seeing your values embraced even by people you did not directly touch. May your life be an example so that people may know just by observing you that you serve the One, True God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

12 ~ The Joy of Bringing in God's Glory

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 1 Chronicles 15:25: "So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of units of a thousand went to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-Edom, with rejoicing."

Over 40 years prior to this Scripture, the Ark of the Covenant was captured by the Philistines. The Ark represented the presence of God in Israel. When David became king, he decided to bring the Ark back up to Jerusalem.

David and his men went down to Kiriath Jearim where the Ark was being kept. But because they had neglected to study Scripture, they did not know the proper way to bring the Ark back. God then sent judgment by killing one of the men. With a mixture of grief and anger, they left the Ark in the home of Obed-Edom.

After three months, David went back to the Word of God to learn from his mistakes, and to seek out God's plan for bringing the Ark up to Jerusalem. He found the answers he needed, so he set out for the second time. There was great rejoicing as the Israelites righteously and successfully brought the Ark up to Jerusalem.

You will be birthed into a culture that has a powerful thirst for God. Both congregations and individuals have been mobilized to preach the Gospel to the world. Despite the investment of many, there has been disappointment after disappointment as evangelism methods have proven inadequate. May you walk in the blessing of David and hold tightly to the truth of the old evangelism techniques as well as embracing the new, and by doing so, experience the manifest presence of God in your community. Just as David had to be mindful of God's plan in order to retrieve the Ark, may you be careful to prayerfully consider the will of the Lord in everything you do. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 24:5-6: "A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength; for waging war you need guidance, and for victory

many advisors.”

I bless you with playing an instrumental role in bringing the glory of God to your community. May you discover the truth needed to prepare the way for God to come and tabernacle in our midst. Whether it is in your home, your community of faith, your city or your nation, I bless you with implementing the truth found in Scripture to bring the people of your community into closer communion with God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 8:1-2: “Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand.”

I bless your life with wise leaders who can implement the truth necessary to bring revival to your community. The priests and the Levites knew the truth all along, but they were not positioned by God to lead the nation. It took King David to put everything in place to bring the Ark up to Jerusalem. May you be surrounded by those who can partner with you to make way for the presence of God in your community. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I

bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 40:3: "He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD."

David was chosen by God to introduce a new facet of worship into the stream of religious history. Over 500 years passed between Mount Sinai and the time of David's reign, and during that time, there was no musical worship in the tabernacle. God waited over 500 years for one man to have the creativity to introduce music as an implement of worship. David was that man. Like David, I bless you with creating new, biblical ways of worshiping God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

King David introduced the idea of extravagant worship to his people. He brought choreographed dance. He brought musical praise. He even conducted a talent search throughout all Israel to find the best

Levite musicians to play music for worship.

However, in his excitement about embracing new forms of worship, David ignored the old truths that God considered equally important. I bless you with a deep understanding of the ways of God, His nature and His Word, together with studying and honoring the faith of your fathers and mothers, so that you may weave together a tapestry of His new revelation and unchanging principles for future generations. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Revelation 15:2-3: "They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb."

I bless you with eyes to see new paths, methods and forms of serving God. I bless you with the ability to sing the song of the Gospel in a different key than it has ever been sung before. While doing this, may you maintain the absolute purity of the words and by doing so, advance the Kingdom of God here on earth. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

13 ~ The Joy of the Remnant Prevailing

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Habakkuk 3:2: "LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds. Oh LORD! Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

A revival broke out during the reign of King Hezekiah. Hezekiah lived approximately 300 years after King David. Those 300 years saw both good and terribly vile kings come into power. The king directly before Hezekiah (his father) was an incredibly evil man.

Hezekiah was born into a culture that had only heard of the great visitations of God from the past. They had not experienced them in their lifetime. They found comfort in what God had done in the past, and they ached to see Him overcome the power of the tyrannical rulers under whom they lived.

God moved in King Hezekiah's heart as soon as

he became king. Hezekiah began the renewal process. Very carefully and deliberately, in spite of apathy and opposition, he began to cleanse the temple, the courtyard, Jerusalem, Judea and all of Israel. He issued a call for the people who had not celebrated Passover to sanctify themselves, come together and restore the righteous worship ceremonies God instituted through Moses.

Not only did the people respond, but they rose up with passion and tremendous joy as they came together and celebrated a magnificent Passover in Jerusalem. That Passover was the greatest one to date. There was great joy among the people because the prayers of the Levites had been answered and the heavens opened. God visited them and released a torrent of blessings. These people knew what it was to live far from God. They knew what it felt like to be a hidden people in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

May you have the anointing and the blessing of King Hezekiah. May you experience the joy of seeing God move in the decadent culture into which you are born. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of

the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 145:4: "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."

May you be part of the group chosen to usher in the new movement of God. May the world know through your example that the Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. As in the days of Hezekiah, you are being birthed into a world where the majority of nations are walking in sin and iniquity. There is a continual propagation of depraved ideas. Unjust rulers are leading people into deeper transgressions. Because wickedness abounds, there is an aching among the righteous people. There is a hunger for the presence of God. Books containing the stories of past visitations are flying off the shelves. People read them because they yearn for God to move in their lives. I bless you with being one of the chosen few who will usher in the new flavor of God's wisdom as He chooses to reveal Himself to the world. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 112:1-2: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his

commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.”

I bless you with the blessing of Hezekiah. He received little initial support among the religious leaders when he proposed a return to godliness, but he began with what he had and continued until the nation was changed. I bless you with the tenacity to pour your spirit into others, and to use the faith and the passion in your own life to cultivate more like-minded people. I bless you with the ability to produce a measure of holiness in your community so that you will experience a visitation of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 119:152: “Long ago I learned from your statutes, that you established them to last forever.”

I bless you with knowledge of the past and with the desire to celebrate the great men and women of yesteryear—the fathers and mothers of the faith. I bless you with the ability to read the prophecies about the future and to anticipate the glory that God will reveal at the end of time. Yet, in the bracket of time between yesterday and tomorrow, I bless you with

experiencing an intervening God in your lifetime. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

14 ~ The Joy of God Partnering with You

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Esther 9:20 – 22: “Mordecai recorded these events and he sent letters to all the Jews to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food one to another and gifts to the poor.”

During the time that Israel was held captive by Medo-Persia, an evil man named Haman was raised up by the devil to destroy the Jews. Haman deceived the king into giving him the authority to pass unalterable laws that would allow him to kill the Jews. The law Haman wrote said that on the fourteenth of Adar, all the Jews in the land were to be killed. Furthermore, whoever killed a Jew could take all of the dead man's possessions. Not only was there

permission to kill Jews, there was also a huge incentive.

Though the situation seemed hopeless, God moved in a mighty way. The first edict could not be changed, but another edict was added that allowed the Jews to defend themselves. On the fourteenth and fifteenth day of Adar, God helped the Jews defeat their enemies under the leadership of Mordecai and Esther. Afterwards, Mordecai declared that those two days were not to be only a footnote in history, but days of celebration to remember when their sorrow turned into joy. What was supposed to be a day of death for the Jews instead became a day of celebration.

May you walk in the blessing of knowing the Lord Jesus Christ and partnering with Him to live in triumph. May you know the joy of God overtly partnering with you to conquer the enemy and may you celebrate as did the Israelites of old. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Colossians 2:15: "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

May God partner with you in turning Satan's plans for destruction into an opportunity to glorify God just as He did with Esther and Mordecai. May the problems that Satan brings into the world allow God to reveal new wisdom through you.

I bless you with knowing salvation early on so that you can partner with the Lord Jesus Christ to bring life to many people, using problem after problem to glorify God and make a public spectacle of the enemy. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Isaiah 53:6: "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

I bless you with knowing that you are a sinner who falls short of the glory of God. May you understand early in life the tremendous gift of complete forgiveness which the Lord Jesus Christ offers. I bless you with Jesus Christ becoming Savior and Lord of your life, governing you and protecting you. May all of these other blessings become a reality in your life as you trust Him completely.

I bless you with the willingness to surrender to

Him. May you release control of your life to the Lord Jesus Christ, yielding to His Lordship, and allowing him to be Master as He forgives your sins and makes you a child of the Living God. This is the ultimate partnership! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

15 ~ The Joy of Freedom through Grace

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Ephesians 2:8: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

There are 613 individual rules in the Torah or The Law which God gave to the Israelites through Moses. Some of these rules applied to the feasts which occurred annually. Some had to do with occasional instances, such as the protocol of presenting oneself to the priest after being healed of an infectious disease. However, many of these rules applied to daily life; they were to be followed perfectly, every day.

Before these lengthy instructions, life was simple. In the beginning, Creator God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden. They had no religious place, no religious events and no religious ceremonies. They just had intimacy with God. This is

His original intent for you.

The Lord Jesus Christ came to earth, perfectly obeyed The Law and took the place of our punishment for breaking it. He instructed us to keep two commandments which demonstrate the spirit of The Law. Love God; love people. In doing this, we walk in His grace, free from the condemnation of not keeping The Law, renewed to walk in His covenant purposes for us.

I bless you with the great joy of profoundly understanding your Father's extravagant grace toward you. Grace is the power of Father to assist you. Grace is His leaning toward you, desiring to show kindness to you. It does not depend on whether you were fussy or kind. It depends on His heart of love toward you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 1 John 4:15-16, 18: "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. . . . There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment."

I bless you with an open heart and spirit toward your Father. I bless you with the joy of the inspired knowledge of His grace toward you permeating your whole spirit, soul and body. I bless you with His grace obliterating the generational walls which separate you and your family from Him which were erected by fear and condemnation from not keeping The Law. I bless you with the great joy of freedom as His grace initiates the rebuilding of an intimate relationship with Him in you and through you to your generational lines.

I bless you with the joy of freedom from fear. It is true that humanity rejected Father and then we were subjected to a huge list of rules which we could not keep. It is true that we failed and experienced fear due to the punishment that comes from not keeping the rules. Yet, the higher truth is that we have been rescued! I bless you with experiencing the great joy of knowing and communing with your Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ! He perfectly kept the rules! Then, because He knew you could not perfectly keep the rules and since He loved you more than anything else in creation, He came to rescue you! He took the punishment in your place! There is no more fear of punishment and death!

I bless you with the joy of knowing and

experiencing in your spirit, soul and body His perfect love toward you which casts out every vestige of fear. There is no more fear because there is no more punishment. There is no more punishment because the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His perfect love for you in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Zephaniah 3:17: "The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

I bless you with the joy of knowing that He delights to love and rescue you! It was His original purpose to walk and to talk with you. The purpose of the one rule He gave in the Garden was to see if we would love to walk and to talk with Him.

I bless you with the joy of knowing that you are precious beyond comprehension. I bless you with understanding the place of the rules. The two rules you must follow are to love God and to love people. I bless you with knowing that as you keep these commandments with the help of the Holy Spirit, it is

your worthy gift to give your Redeemer and King.

I bless you with the joy of receiving His gift of redemption and love. I bless you with the joy of knowing you have a worthy gift to give, too! I bless you with the joy of giving Him your gift of love! When you choose to turn to Him, to love Him as He pours this love into you, you offer Him the gift of your heart which is the highest gift of all. Your gift of love from your heart is His most prized treasure. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 3:23-24: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

You are loved more than words could ever express. You were created out of the heart of your Father. He would stop at nothing to get you back. He proved that by going to the cross. He considered the cross worth it to get you back.

I bless you with the joy of receiving, then giving unconditional love. I bless you with the joy that comes from experiencing His unconditional love which looses you from the unrealistic expectations of

others. All that you are required to do is to respond in faith. Faith is accepting the gift that He gave and the words He says even when you don't see the end result, or you don't feel anything has changed. Faith is a **yes** response to His love and His promises. I bless you to receive His grace through faith. I bless you to promptly reject other voices which would deny His grace through faith to you. I bless you with grace to grace yourself.

I bless you with the joy of knowing His grace toward you. I bless you with the joy of receiving His gift of grace and love. I bless you with the joy of walking by faith and knowing that He is pleased with you for you have freely chosen His way. I bless you with the joy of restoration. You are restored and released to walk and to talk with your Father, your Redeemer, your Helper in the cool of the day in the pleasant Garden. The garden today is the place in your heart and spirit where you meet with Him.

I bless you with the joy of the weight of the requirements which you cannot keep being lifted off you through grace. He loved us in the beginning. We failed. He fulfilled the requirements, taking the punishment in our place and released His grace to us, that we might be released back into His love. I bless you to know what realistic expectations are. He

requires that you act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 12:7-10: "For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness."

I bless you with joy of differentiation. Your parents love you. Yet, they are human. They are commissioned by your Father to teach and to train you in His ways. Sometimes they will reward you for behaving well or doing good things. Sometimes they will punish you for having a bad attitude or doing what is wrong. That is good and right. You, however, are not defined by punishments or rewards. You are always loved. You are always under grace.

I bless you with understanding and responding to

your parents as they teach you your Father's ways. I bless you with differentiating between your parents' correction and their love and acceptance of you. I bless you with receiving and responding to your parents' training and discipline, knowing it is God's design for you to have parents who love and train you.

I bless you with knowing that their earthly training does not define your personhood or great worth to your Father. As much as they love you, your parents will fail in different ways. In those places where your parents and teachers will fail to demonstrate unconditional love to you, I bless you with the joy of His grace covering and healing you with His unconditional love. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Hebrews 4:16: "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Your Heavenly Father loves you when you are behaving badly as well as when you are behaving well. I bless you with the joy of receiving and

responding to His unconditional love. I bless you with the joy of knowing He placed your parents in your life to love you and to train you in His ways. I bless you with freedom from being defined in your eternal relationship to your Father by punishments and rewards which are administered by your parents.

I bless you with joy of freedom to extend grace to yourself and your parents. I bless you to know deep in your heart that your Father always loves you unconditionally. There is nothing you can do to make him love you more or less. When you do respond in love and obedience to Him, it brings Him great joy. Yet, even when you stumble and fail, it does not diminish His love for you. I bless you with the joy of freedom from your relationship with your Heavenly Father being defined by your parents' shortcomings.

I bless you with His grace that displaces all feelings of disapproval, guilt, shame, regret, remorse and feelings of separation. I bless you with the joy of His grace which infuses you with life. I bless you with the joy of release as you turn to Him, confessing wrongdoing. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of

God to you. Romans 8:1-4: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit."

I bless you with the joy of freedom from condemnation through His grace. When you stumble and fall, your Father loves you. He is not mad at you. When you experience guilt, the purpose of guilt is for you to realize that you have done wrong in order to turn back to Him and to be restored to fellowship. I bless you with the joy of standing on His Word. He loves and forgives you.

He says that when you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive all your sins and to make you clean again. He casts your sins behind Him, as far as the east is from the west. He says that godly sorrow leads to repentance. His perfect love casts out all your fear because fear has to do with punishment. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In

the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

I bless you with the joy of freedom in His grace and the joy of absolute trust in His Word, even when your experience would try to twist your emotions in a different direction.

I bless you with the joy of quickly speaking out and standing on His Word to combat the emotions contrary to His Word. I bless you with the joy of seeing those feelings either align with the truth (if they are based on wounding) or flee (if they are demonically based).

I bless you with the joy of trusting and resting in His grace. I bless you with the joy of freedom that comes from knowing His love is different than human love. It is unconditional and unshakeable. I bless you with the joy of believing and trusting this vast love for you. He disciplines His children. When He does, He is not angry, nor does He hold a grudge. His discipline is administered for your best interest. So, I bless you with the joy of freedom, freedom from the punishment and weight of The Law, freedom to

accept and to rest in His grace, freedom to honor the spirit of The Law through His love poured into your heart, freedom in knowing and receiving His unconditional love for you. I bless you with the joy of reveling in His amazing grace and thereby being able to extend grace to yourself and others. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

16 ~ The Joy of Freedom in Relating to Others

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua experienced the plagues and left Egypt under Moses' leadership. He served as Moses' aide during all the years when Moses met with God Almighty on the mountaintops and in the Tent of Meeting. Joshua spent much time in the presence of God. Joshua may actually have soaked in the presence of God more than any other leader, including Moses.

This shaped Joshua. In spite of odd instructions and constant threats by nations with much greater military prowess and equipment, Joshua never wavered from God's instructions. His time in the presence of God had strengthened him to pursue pleasing God rather than man. While he refused to be

swayed from his decisions by public opinion, he did respond to the people in truth and love. I bless you with the joy of freedom in relating to others as Joshua did because you are so strongly anchored to your Leader and Father. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Galatians 1:10: "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."

I bless you with craving time and making time to spend in the presence of God, as Joshua did. I bless you with strong and kind leaders who see your potential and allow you to learn through spending time with them as they pursue the presence and direction of God. I bless you with enjoying the freedom which comes from knowing you only have One to please! No one can please all the people all the time, and you don't have to try!

Not all those whom we encounter in life will be life-giving. I bless you with the joy of abundant life-giving relationships. Moses mentored Joshua. Caleb brought joy to Moses when he extended his friendship

and support to Joshua. I bless you with joy anchored in the Lord which is not swayed by those who are not life-giving to you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

I bless you with the joy of the Lord being your anchor. I bless you with the perspective to see that the relationships you have and the projects which you do can be presented to your Father as a pleasing offering. I bless you to work "as unto the Lord." When people display disappointment or ingratitude for what you have done like they did to Joshua when he risked his life to spy out the Promised Land, I bless you with the joy to shake off their reactions knowing that you "did it to the Lord." In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 25:28: "Whoever has no rule

over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.” NKJV

I bless you with the joy of a strong spirit which knows its identity and, therefore, can function according to strong, healthy boundaries. God does not desire you to live like a city without walls. Walls establish identity, protection and boundaries. When your spirit is strong and aligned in Him, then you are free to **be** who you are, enforce your boundaries and protect what is yours—regardless of those who would argue otherwise.

For instance, Jesus Christ touched the unclean, but rebuked the rich and famous. He conducted his life in a way that flew in the face of public opinion. While He laid down His glory and reputation, He refused to set aside His right to relationship as a Son with His Father. Strength of spirit allowed Him to enforce personal boundaries which were righteous, but not popular.

Likewise, Joshua had many responsibilities as the military and spiritual leader. Yet, he knew his boundaries. Moses carried the burden of performing the role of judge to the whole nation until his father-in-law counseled him to delegate. Joshua never attempted to do this. He knew what he was called to

do. Joshua stayed focused on his calling. He did not operate in a savior mentality, thinking that, as leader, he must fix everything for the whole nation. He extended freedom and delegated responsibility to others. In so doing, Joshua led an extended, successful campaign to conquer the Promised Land and to establish Israel within her borders. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Galatians 6:2, 4-5: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. . . . Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load."

Beloved child, you will have compassion for many people in your life as you see their painful situations. I bless you with the strength of spirit that Joshua had to know which burdens and responsibilities are yours to carry and which ones are not. I bless you with joyous freedom in relating to others both when your Father is asking you to carry their burden and when He is not. I bless you with wisdom to know the difference! I bless you with the joy of knowing which things are Father's responsibility and which ones are

yours. It was Joshua's responsibility to follow God's instructions; God's responsibility concerned watching over His Word to fulfill it by "giving Jericho" into Joshua's hands. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

6. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Isaiah 55:8: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD." Isaiah 1:18-19: "Come now, let us reason together,' says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land."

As Israel marched forward under Joshua's leadership to conquer the Promised Land, the actions of one person affected the whole community. Achan's sin in taking forbidden objects from Jericho caused the Israelites' defeat at Ai. The consequence of Achan's sin was extreme as not only he died, but also he brought death to innocent people in the community. I bless you with knowing when to confront and deal with sin in the camp and when to restore repentant sinners to their God.

I bless you with wisdom, understanding, counsel, truth and love as you undertake the issue closest to Father's heart, restoring people to Him and to each other. This is His will.

God designed families as the unit of society. The family unit has been under assault to such an extent over the past few generations that the majority of people have not experienced a healthy model of relating. They do not have a reference point of resolving conflict in a life-giving way. Like Joshua, you may have to instruct the people in the midst of conflict. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

7. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Ecclesiastes 8:5-6: “. . .and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.”

I bless you with the joy of finding solutions which are win/win. Father does not want you to always win at someone else's expense. Nor does He want them to win at your expense. He wants **everyone** to win. I bless you with the joy of being the one who will not settle for losing situations in relationships. I bless you

with the joy of discovering ways through the wisdom and counsel of God in which everyone wins. Sometimes, this will call for grace. Other times, it will call for firmly enforcing healthy boundaries and administering consequences for breaking them. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

8. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Luke 17:12-19: "As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well.""

I bless you with the joy of knowing the value God places on your relationship with Him and with others. Since our Father and Creator *values* relationships, so should we. I bless you with valuing your relationship with your Father so much that you do not come to

Him only when you need something.

I bless you to value spending time with Him, sometimes just saying “thank you.” Joshua spent much time standing in God’s presence before he needed to ask God for help. I bless you with the joy that God will express to you because you refuse to “use” your relationship with Him. I bless you with knowing and valuing the love and friendship of God.

I bless you with the joy of relating in truth and love to others, not using God, not using people and not allowing yourself to be used. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

9. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Isaiah 11:3-4: “He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. . . .”

I bless you with the joy of relating to others in truth and love. I bless you with relating to others in righteousness, not basing your reactions on what you are seeing or hearing, but on truth and love. I bless you with the ability to see *beyond* the anger, harshness, control, manipulation, condemnation,

disapproval and/or rejection which others may spew at you. I bless you with the joy which comes from not being pulled in by other's dysfunctional behavior. I bless you with the freedom to respond to them in the opposite spirit, based on the objectivity of your Father's truth, grace and love through the eyes of your spirit. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

10. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Proverbs 19:11: "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." Proverbs 20:5: "The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out."

Even if others insist that you are to blame for their troubles, I bless you with rising above their pain with your spirit and responding with understanding and counsel. I bless you with the ability to see their heart, their hurt and to respond in gentleness and kindness so as to bring healing. I bless you with responding in firmness, by His love. I bless you with the joy of seeing your spirit-based response change the whole dynamic of the situation. I bless you with the joy of release when it's time for you to turn and walk away.

I bless you with the joy of freedom that comes from your ability to relate to others by your spirit with truth and grace, not dependent on their reactions or lack thereof. I bless you with the joy of freedom in relating to others. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

17 ~ The Joy of Justice

1. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Job 37:23: "In his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress."

The book of Job describes a time in which bad things happened to a really good person. He did not suffer loss due to sin. Instead, Job suffered great loss in his family, finances and health due to his virtuous nature.

During his whole life, Job chose to live faithfully and uprightly, honoring the Lord in his heart, in his family and with his wealth. The accuser hated Job. He told God that Job would not serve God if he lost his possessions and health. So, God allowed a time of testing in which the enemy was permitted to steal Job's family, health and assets.

Justice is an attribute of God. He is righteousness. He is love. He is justice. While He allows trials to purify and to train us, He does not end the story there. He restores. I bless you with the joy of knowing and

trusting the justice of God. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

2. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 89:14-17: "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD. They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength."

After the time of testing, God's justice restored to Job a double portion of all the enemy stole. When we go through trials through no fault of our own, entrusting ourselves to God who judges righteously, He is free to restore much more than what was stolen originally.

I bless you with the joy of knowing that your Father is the God of justice. I bless you with encouragement from Scripture which records Job's life. I bless you with joy in knowing that there is purpose in trials. I bless you with the joy of understanding from Job's life that there is a beginning, a purpose and an end to each difficulty you may face. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I

bless you. Amen.

3. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Psalm 36:5-6: "Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep."

I bless you with the joy of freedom from fear of justice. Justice is not simply handing out a sentence of jail time to a criminal. Justice is the nature of God. His justice releases judgment on behalf of His beloved children. In fact, He keeps better records than we do. He knows the gifts, the callings, the blessings, the relationships, the health and the resources which were stolen from you and your family. When you respond to Him in trust and faith like Job, He is free to repay you and your family line in a greater measure than that which was stolen from you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

4. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Romans 15:4: "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

I bless you with encouragement from Job's life. We are blessed to see the full scope of Job's life while he could only gaze through a hole in the fence. We hear the adversary asking to harass him. We hear Job's response of trust through his pain: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." We understand how Job refused to bend to his friends' narrow-minded accusations in order to gain reprieve by those fair-weather friends' acceptance. And, we know the final outcome.

I bless you with the joy of assurance that the God of Job is your Father. He does not oppress. He is Justice. His throne and dominion are established on the foundation of righteousness and justice. He delights in the prosperity of His children. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

5. Child, I call your spirit to attention in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen as I read the Word of God to you. Isaiah 61:8: "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity."

When you encounter unjust treatment or outright persecution from others, in health, in your family and in your resources, I bless you with the joy of holding tightly to the God of justice. I bless you with the joy of the Lord who is your strength. I bless you with the

joy of knowing that your Father takes very careful inventory of what you're going through. Nothing escapes His notice. I bless you with turning to Him quickly for His presence and comfort. I bless you with being infused with joy, life and strength when you are unjustly treated because of your belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. Great is your reward in heaven. I bless you with knowing that He deeply values your faithfulness when you are unjustly treated for His sake. He fellowships with you during the times in which everyone turns against you, as Job's family and friends did. When you respond in trust and faith, the injustices are accruing blessings in greater measure for you. I bless you with the joy of knowing His justice, and extending it to others. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless you. Amen.

18 ~ Tips for New Moms

Becoming a new mom is a challenge, even if you did nurture your baby's spirit in the womb! In fact, since nurturing your baby's spirit in the womb creates a greater spiritual sensitivity in him or her, there are times when conventional tools won't work to calm the baby down. Following are some tips which can help you combine spiritual resources with the traditional tools for bringing comfort to the soul and the body.

Time

Is there a pattern to the times in which your baby gets extra fussy? If you have eliminated milk, food or teething as the culprit, it could be your baby has a time and/or timing calling.

In Genesis, God said, "the evening and the morning were the first day. . . ." The Hebrew day starts in the evening at sundown. Therefore, the firstfruits of time occur in the evening. An important principle in Scripture is that the firstfruits are holy to the Lord. When we offer the firstfruits to the Lord,

the rest is made holy.

All time is not created spiritually equal. Spiritually significant times can include the Sabbath, New Moon or days of intentional defilement like Halloween. In addition to these cyclical times, there can be particular days when for no reason we understand, the time is defiled.

Some children are designed by God to sense the spiritual dynamics of time or timing and they may well be cranky on those days. However, beginning a daily practice of “redeeming the time” by offering the firstfruits of the evening to the Lord can unlock waves of blessing into your time, thus calming your baby. Time is meant to be a blessing to families, not a source of frustration.

Sound

Does your child cry when the noise level in the room increases? Is he or she agitated when you are around large groups of people at the grocery store or other public places? Does he or she burst out into tears at your own house for no apparent reason?

When a child is quite sensitive to sounds that do not bother the rest of us, it sometimes indicates that

they have the capacity to hear sound in the spiritual realm. There is a demonic speech largely centered on mockery and hostility, which interrupts God's order, and creates a heightened sense of agitation. A child or an adult can hear the negative spiritual sounds with their spirit and become upset, even though their soul might be quite unaware of the sounds.

If your child has sensitive hearing, you will need to make some adjustments. First, check your home and/or surroundings. Children nurtured in the womb will tend to be offended by most secular music and TV programs. They may be hearing the spiritual "background noise." The solution is simple. Turn them off!

If a child is reacting in public places, speak to his or her spirit with blessings of peace and protection. Plead the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and call for angelic back-up. Sometimes, even though you resist the enemy and pray for your child's spirit, you may have to remove your child from the situation that is causing your child grief. Their ears hear at a different decibel level if they have a sound anointing. They need us, as parents, to act on their behalf. Other times, if a particular grocery store which you frequent upsets the child, consider doing your shopping when you are able to leave the baby with someone you can trust.

On the righteous side of sound, these children love praise and worship music as well as listening to the Bible or the baby blessing CDs. Peaceful, soothing and appropriate upbeat praise and worship music will minister to their need to hear righteous sounds. Some children prefer you to sing hymns or songs to them. It is also a good idea to alternate soft praise music, the Bible and the blessings as they sleep. See which combination works best for your child.

Supernatural Sight

Some children can see into the supernatural realm. Watch their eyes when they seem troubled. If they are staring intently at a spot on the wall that has nothing to attract them in the natural, they may be seeing spiritual entities. If this is the case, you need to learn to read your child's body language to know when there has been an intrusion.

Your first step is to ask the Lord to forgive anyone in your family line who intentionally used their spiritual eyesight for evil purposes. Then ask Him to cleanse your child from the generational consequences of that sin. Ask God to only allow your child to see what He intended him or her to see. Realizing that this visual discernment is a gift from God (although it is an inconvenience at times), bless

it, and ask God to use it for His intended purposes.

Then cleanse your home, asking the Lord to establish boundaries so that there could not be any visual intrusion that would torment your child. Ask the Lord to allow your child to see things of spiritual beauty, not of evil when you are out of the home.

Individuals

Does your child react negatively to certain family members or friends of the family? Do not worry about etiquette. Children have a keen sense of discernment. In fact, many adults should take a cue from the discernment of children. They do not judge based on exterior characteristics, they sense the heart of the person. Do not hand your baby to someone who evokes cries of distress from the child. Tell the person that your baby is shy and prefers you to hold him or her.

Motion

Does your child refuse to go to sleep unless he or she is being rocked, riding in the car or being pushed in a stroller? Does he or she awaken immediately once the motion has stopped? Do you feel that you will never be able to stop rocking the child?

Your baby has a motion calling. Over the course of life, some children exhibit the motion calling with an athletic prowess. Others dance with joy upon seeing or hearing something that excites them, but may not be a star athlete. Still others think better when riding a bike or moving in some way. In other words, to have the motion calling does not necessarily mean that a person is a gifted athlete.

If you detect that your child has a strong need for motion, realize that it came from God and strive to nurture it. You may wish to consider recording Scriptures concerning motion (Elijah doing his miracles, David in motion, God moving through the earth) to play for your baby. Conventional wisdom says that rocking will spoil a child. However, experience dictates that some children refuse to lay down quietly; for these, motion is the natural predecessor to sleep (and later, thinking!).

Stay tuned in to your baby. Keep a swing and a stroller close by. Don't be ashamed to drive around to get your baby to sleep if that's what it takes. Use that time for yourself to think and pray! And, be encouraged! This will pass. Once your baby is old enough to employ motion personally through crawling and walking, both of you will be much happier!

One family happened on an original solution. Their oldest son has a high intensity level and a motion anointing. One afternoon, he was particularly out of sorts. They decided to go hiking at his favorite state park. As they drove to the park, then hiked through the woods, his spirit brought peace to his soul. In fact, the distress he caused the family earlier that day completely dissolved and the day ended for the whole family in total peace. Find some place—a park, a zoo, grandparents' house, etc.—where you and your child can go, walk, play, be free and realign to joy.

On a final note, if your children cannot sit still during a Bible story and or time of celebrating “God sightings,” flow with it! Some families have their best praise times while driving or bouncing up and down. There is a time to learn to sit still, although Dr. James Dobson said that’s almost physically impossible for a boy to do until he’s seven or eight, but there is freedom, too. Maybe they could sit still for one part, and wiggle for another part! If children are allowed to express who they are (and some prefer to wiggle for joy!) while worshipping God, they will rejoice to worship Him.

Water

Does your baby calm down when he or she hears water running? While the baby is not old enough to tell you in words, his or her actions tell you that they have a significant attraction to water. Water brings joy, life and refreshment to them. Since your water bill dictates that every nap cannot drum to the sound of running water, try purchasing a CD which features the sound of water. Your baby will appreciate it!

Smell

Have you noticed that your child reacts unusually strongly to natural odors or fragrances? This may be an indicator of his or her ability to smell spiritual odors that you can't discern.

There is an actual scent that accompanies a defiled presence or place. When you note that your child is reacting to a smell, try to ascertain if it is physical such as the rotting vegetables in the trash or if it is from a spiritual source. It will be necessary to cleanse your home of any media, clothing, books, etc. which may carry the stench of witchcraft or anything else which would be offensive to the Lord. Ask for Him to reveal anything in your home or land which may have a defiled odor, then remove it. When these are removed, pray and dedicate your home to the Lord. Anoint the entrances to your home with oil, plead the

Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ask that angels be posted there and the fragrance of the Lord released.

A child with a fragrance anointing can smell the fragrances of the Presence of the Lord. These fragrances are occasionally released in times of worship. Other times they are associated with specific spots of land. One father blessed the fragrance of his home on a sustained basis, using every verse about flowers or spices from Song of Solomon and within a few days, his wife, who had a fragrance anointing, reported consistently smelling fields of fresh flowers indoors!

Land

Does your child love to visit certain places like Grandma's house in the country, a park or a church? Does your child cry at certain restaurants?

As with adults, children can have land callings. This means that they sense the defilement or blessing on land in heightened ways. Note those places where your baby responds positively and visit them often! Do not be afraid to leave a place to which your child violently reacts. Sometimes, this means one parent stays in the car with the child while the other one runs inside to do an errand.

Intercession

Children whose spirits are nurtured in the womb may be intercessors. Frequently, in the case of babies, when they lock eye contact on someone in a room, they are interceding with their spirit, even though their soul is too young to be involved or engaged.

One couple observed chaos in their doctors' office and realized they had left home without praying. At that point, their newborn began vigorously scrunching up his forehead. Then, he relaxed. Immediately, peace reigned in the room. It is probable that the baby's well nurtured spirit took dominion over the chaos and brought peace into the room.

Some children are intercessors who feel, react to, sense, see and/or perceive the pain (or burdens) of individuals, land, air, water, time or regions. These children may cry easily, sensing the pain of others. As they grow older, they are very compassionate. As parents, we need to recognize that if our children are very emotional and/or responsive, they may well be burden bearers.

Nurture

When ministering to a child's spirit, it is important to realize that there is a considerable difference

between their ability to understand and their ability to express. Verbal expression is a function of their soul and they will be two years old before they can begin to effectively communicate that way. Up until then, they have to communicate through body language and emotional expressions – which the parents then have to interpret.

However, the ability to understand you with their spirit far exceeds their ability to speak. It generally helps a lot when a parent explains to his or her child's spirit what is happening with their discernment. So using the most recent illustration, if you think your child is a burden bearer in their form of intercession, you can simply explain it to them.

Call your child's spirit to attention and explain that they will feel in their spirit, or their soul or their body, the pain someone else has. They should not be overwhelmed by this pain. Rather they should acknowledge that there is a need before them, and as an act of intercession, ask Jesus to carry that burden for them.

Whether it is a fragrance anointing, a need for motion, visual discernment or anything else, learn to speak directly to your child's spirit, even though his or her soul is not ready to comprehend or give you

feedback yet.

Grace

It can admittedly be a challenge to determine whether your child is misbehaving because of a spirit that is discerning evil, or a soul that needs discipline, or simply a body that is tired, hungry or uncomfortable. You will not always guess correctly, but do be alert to the damage to a child's spirit if you discipline him or her for having more accurate spiritual discernment than you do.

What if you are having a bad day and, to top it off, cannot discern why your baby is upset? There is grace! Amazing grace!

No mom can perfectly care for and perfectly calm her baby 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is unrealistic and it is not expected of you! Being a mom is a full-time task. In addition, being a new mom of a big-spirited child is especially challenging! So, ask God for grace to grace yourself. Receive that grace, you are worthy!

Then, consider scheduling help which you can look forward to each week. Some moms regularly schedule a trusted person to baby-sit their child while

they go shopping or attend a Bible study or even just schedule quiet time to benefit themselves. At least do not fault yourself when you have to leave the baby with your husband or parents or friend and run into your room to keep from losing your sanity! As one experienced grandmother said, “**Normal** is a setting on your washing machine. Find out what works for you.”

In addition to setting time apart for yourself and recognizing that there is no “supermom” who is keeping score, know that God is at work on your behalf. As parents, keep in tune with your children and make the appropriate adjustments. However, there are times when your best efforts do not make a dent in your personal stress. Knowing that children respond to your emotional outlook can keep you feeling stuck between a rock and a hard place. At those points when your anxiety is compounded because you fear the unresolved stress will damage your children, God covers them with His grace! In fact, some families have stood in awe as the children comforted *their parents* or sang for joy when the parents were at a low point! Why? Amazing grace!

God is your Father as well as your child’s. He wants you **all** to succeed. Don’t be afraid or overwhelmed. Start nurturing your child. Keep in

tune with him or her. Make sure your expectations of yourself and your spouse are realistic. Celebrate your child's callings. Make the appropriate adjustments. And, then, when you cannot even stabilize yourself, remember, God's grace is *for* you and *with* you. His amazing grace that is greater than all our failures!

Grace, peace, joy and hope to you and yours!

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