

# **ON ANGEL WINGS**

# A Devotional

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# Introduction

On July 5, 1976 I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. My life has never been the same since that day. I wouldn't trade a minute of it for all the treasures in this world!

During the years to follow, the Lord has given me many messages, insights and experiences...some, very unusual to say the least. Lessons learned along the way. These messages from the Lord, I truly believe, arrived...carried on the wings of angels (God's messengers).

I pray that they will also help others along on their journey in life.

## FIRE

Jesus said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE." Matthew 3:11

Indeed, the Holy Spirit comes upon us with fire...some fall under this power when it hits them. The Lord is Mighty, and at times we cannot stand in His presence. How long has it been since you experienced this? Have you grown cold in your walk with the Lord? Or have you simply never known of this other facet of knowing Jesus?

Now is not the time to forget the awesome power in the Lord that is available to you, as a believer. There is a lost and dying world out there, and time is short. Have you become wrapped up in the things of this world? Are you listening to music or TV shows that promote a world view in your mind? May you be reminded of what our Lord says about this...

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Romans 12:2

And He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

He is coming soon...the "Migration" (Rapture) may be about to happen. (Merriam Webster Dictionary definition: to move from one country or place to live or work in another).

I feel that He has impressed upon me that all of Heaven is now preparing for this event.

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is Holy, let him be Holy still.

Revelation 22:11

"AND HE SAID UNTO ME, IT IS DONE. I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END. I WILL GIVE UNTO HIM THAT IS ATHIRST OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY."

**REVELATION 21:6** 

# JESUS IN DISGUISE

So many people are in need these days. You see them everywhere, pushing shopping carts or on the streets.

I'm going to relate a story that was told to me, by a beautiful Christian who is not rich himself, but has a heart to help others for his Lord Jesus.

He said that one day he saw a man going down the street, pushing a shopping cart. He wondered how long this person had to work, going through garbage and trash, to find enough bottles and cans to recycle to buy his next meal?

He told his son to go and get the bags of plastic bottles they were saving in the backyard to take in for recycling. His son brought them out, and he gave them to this homeless man. The man stopped and looked at him closely. He said, "I know you...you are Mark!" He said that he had never met this man before in his life. He said that he got goosebumps from this, as he couldn't imagine how this man would have known his name.

I reminded him of a scripture...

And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:39-41

The next time you see a homeless person on the street...is it a homeless person, or is it Jesus, wondering what people will do with this outcast of society?

Will you help that person, or will you pass them by?

# WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME?

One day, I was making my usual trip to the dumpster to throw my trash away. This day however, the bag was extremely heavy.

As I approached the dumpster, I tried with all my might to lift it and throw it in, but it kept falling back on me. On my next try, there was a man at my shoulder, who took the bag and threw it in...no problem.

He looked at me and said, "Why didn't you call me?" I thought, "Call you? I don't know you and I didn't see you!" As I turned to thank him, he was gone! I looked in both directions of our building and he was no where to be seen.

I returned to my apartment, thinking of this strange encounter the whole time. As I sat down on the sofa, my eyes fell upon a ceramic that I had on my coffee table which said, "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:11

Had I just been helped with my trash by an angel? I can't prove it. But he came out of nowhere...and disappeared into thin air.

I learned that day, if I need help with it...don't forget to ask!

# O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING?

I lost a very dear friend.

He and his wife had been friends of mine since 2002. They were both beautiful Christians. He was severely disabled. He had a deterioration of the spine, COPD, fibromyalgia, and multiple sclerosis.

To top everything off, his wife also was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's a few years back. He insisted upon being her caregiver and took care of her every need. He cooked, did the laundry, cleaned the house, and took care of their pet dog, from his power wheelchair. He finally relented and allowed outside caregivers to come in and do the housework and such, as it became too much for him.

His wife worsened. She was hospitalized, and he went every chance he could get, in his wheelchair, through the streets to visit her...even though the wear and tear on his body at this point was taking its toll. The doctors announced that she would not be able to return home and would be placed in a Personal Care Facility.

He said to me, "This leaves me with that guilty feeling that maybe if I did just a little bit more..." I assured him that no one could have done more than he did. And no one could have expected more from him.

I had not heard from him in a month after this. He would usually send me updates weekly. I decided to email him to see if everything was ok. The email bounced back to me. I sent another...same thing. I then decided to call their home and got a signal on the phone that the line had been disconnected.

Thoughts went through my head...maybe he had decided to move closer to the facility that they had moved his wife to and did not have time to let me know? I wondered also if something had happened to him, as he was not in the best of health. I decided one day to search their local newspaper online...nothing. I thought, "well, at least I know he's ok." The worst part about it was not knowing for sure. I then decided to do an online search. I typed his name and city into the search engine, and there it was...his obituary. It was in another newspaper. He had passed away at the age of 53. I was in shock. I found out later that he was unable to breathe and died alone at his house. But then it came to me that we are never alone...as a mighty host of angels surround us, as believers!

The Lord reminded me that I will see him again someday...as he is safe in the arms of Jesus now. No more pain, no more sorrow.

He wrote a poem early on in our friendship, and I believe that he would love for me to share it with all of you now...

Snowflakes, just as with people, it is known that no two are quite alike. Each shall be of its own design but shall together serve a great purpose. All the trials that come before us are but snowflakes.

All the love that we share shall accumulate with them.

Together they are the snows that form our lives.

Through God, they are perfect and shall by design keep us warm. They shall protect us from the winds of change, or the storms of anger or frustration or hurtfulness.

Let God's snows be your blanket, and its pure white protect you from the darkness and the shadows.

They shall reflect the brilliance of God's Promise and hold the warmth of your heart.

### THE LION AND THE LAMB

Jesus is described in the Bible as being both a lamb and a lion. How can this be? What could be exact opposites more than these two animals?

When Jesus walked on this earth, He was what could be described as humble and lowly, except for the time that He lost His cool in the Temple, where people were selling things. This Temple was the most Holy place that one could imagine. The very Glory of God Almighty dwelled in this place, in the Holy of Holies, where no man could go except the Temple Priests...and people were using the Temple to make money! They were even selling live animals to be sacrificed.

When Jesus saw this, He turned their tables over and even chased them out with a whip! "It is written," He said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers."' (Matthew 21:12) Apparently, they may have even been charging top dollar for what they were selling and ripping people off. Aside from this, He was always forgiving, loving, and kind.

When He was betrayed by Judas and was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane as He was praying...He didn't even resist when they arrested Him. In John 18:4-7 we see the following scenario take place...Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to Him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am He," Jesus said.

When Jesus said, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. This shows that they were not able to take Him without His permission. He was as a lamb going to the slaughter, innocent and humble. He went to that cross willingly because He knew that this was the only way to save humanity from their sins. He had to take our place. The King of the Universe came down from Heaven and glory to take our place! "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood - to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand (by humanity) unpunished – He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." Romans 3:23-26

And now we will look at Jesus as a lion. In Revelation 5:5-14 it says,

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed, He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who sat on the Throne. And when He had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your Blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the Throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (And all of Heaven fell down and worshipped Him!)

The slain Lamb, Jesus, has now become the Mighty and Powerful 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah!!!' He is mighty and to be feared by the devil and his cohorts. Don't let the devil fool you into thinking he has any power over us, if we know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The devil is a defeated foe and his time is short.

Next time he attacks remind him of this and call for the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" to come forth to deliver you from your enemies. Amen and amen.

# SAY THE WORD

# Say the WORD...

- Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. Luke 21:33
- For we walk by faith, not by sight.2 Corinthians 5:7
- For the Word of GOD is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12
- Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6
- I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made Heaven and Earth...the LORD is thy Keeper...the LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. Psalm 121:1-8
- When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2
- No weapon made will prevail against you. Isaiah 54:17

- You, children, are from GOD and have overcome the false prophets, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4
- But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31
- But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes (39 lashes upon His back) we are healed. Isaiah 53:5
- But unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun (SON) of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth... Malachi 4:2
- When the enemy (the devil) shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard (*a rule or principle that is used as a basis for judgment*) against him. Isaiah 59:19
- For I am the LORD who heals you." Exodus 15:26

## YOU ARE INDISPENSABLE

If we make ourselves indispensable to the Lord, He will watch over us, even more than a mother watching her child...to make sure that he/she isn't in danger. And blessings will come down from Him, that you can't even imagine.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

Tithing is not only money, but your time and talents! He wants you to use them for Him and will even sometimes teach you Himself how to do things that you have never been trained for. He did this for me, by teaching me over the years how to build websites and to create and use graphics...which I now do on a professional basis!

The Lord is the best employer you will ever have, and the benefits are "out of this world!" And best of all, you will be furthering His Kingdom upon this Earth.

Don't quit your "day job" unless He tells you to. He may want you to work for Him at your regular job. Ask Him what He wants you to do and do it with all of your strength! You won't regret it.

Remember that praying for others is one of the most important jobs you can have with Him. He especially protects those who are working for Him. How else do you imagine that evangelists and ministers are able to function, with the enemy potentially being on their backs all the time? There is a blanket of protection over them. Yes, they may have incidents of trouble at times (we all do), but the Lord allows it for their ultimate good and to help them to mature in Him.

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12

#### **BE READY**

I read a couple of articles talking about mass bird and wildlife die-offs, due to the extreme heat, massive fires burning in multiple locations, and an unknown virus attacking the birds.

This is significant to me, as the Lord spoke in my spirit many years ago, that one of the signs of the end times and His return would be the mass die-off of the animals.

His return is imminent. These two scriptures are stand out to me, as they pertain not only to the lost and unsaved, but to Christians as well.

"Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's Holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person - such a person is an idolater - has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. ...and to present her (the church) to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but Holy and blameless." (Read the whole chapter of Ephesians 5)

Could it be possible that a Christian could miss the Rapture? According to these scriptures, it sure sounds like it to me. How are we living our lives? Do we have one foot on the Bible and the other foot in the world and its perversion?

If His coming is near, we should be examining our lives and getting rid of anything that is displeasing to Him, or we could find ourselves, "Left Behind," to live through the horrors that are coming. What we have seen and experienced so far is nothing, compared to what is about to come.

I pray in the Name of Jesus, that we all will be ready when He comes as a Thief in the night...at a time that we don't expect. Be Ready!

#### HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-8

Years ago my husband and I attended a funeral for the son of some very dear friends. He was killed as a result of a motorcycle accident. He was a young man and had his whole life in front of him. The family was devastated.

As we entered the church, we made our way to the seats for the guests. It started in the usual way, with the Pastor giving a few words at the beginning. He then called up the soloist to sing a song. She began singing the old favorite, "His Eye Is On the Sparrow... I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free! His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

As she sang, there was a sound coming from the ceiling of the church. I, and others looked up, and to our astonishment there was a sparrow, trapped in the large room and fluttering around the ceiling trying to land on something or find his way out! The soloist sang even louder, "I sing because I'm happy...I sing because I'm free, His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." I couldn't believe what I was seeing! We kept looking up as she sang. The boy's mother started crying. Later she told us that she believed that this was a sign from God to say that her son was with Him and was okay. She felt so much comfort and peace from this.

I kept thinking what a wonderful God we serve, that He would care enough to send a little sparrow into the church at that moment, to comfort those who were in need of peace.

Truly, His eye is on the sparrow...and I know He watches me!

# A GRATEFUL HEART

Life is difficult at times.

It seems to be a continuous stream of mountaintops and valleys. On the mountaintops we rejoice because of the wonderful things that are happening. But, just as the sun goes down each day, the mountaintops fade into valleys of depression, sadness, and hopelessness.

As these experiences play out over and over again in our lives, how can we handle them?

I promise you, that if you can learn, even in the valleys, to focus on the good and the blessings which are a part of your life...you can overcome, through our Lord. Joy will start welling up in you, as you face the dark and depressing times. You will look around and see joy in the midst of the valleys. They will not overcome you.

Always remember this scripture, when the valleys are in sight...

Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His Holy Name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning! Psalm 30:4, 5 (Read all of Psalm 30)

#### CELEBRATE!

After you accept Jesus, what does He require of you?

Some say that if you sin as a Christian, you are forgiven. Once saved, always saved. While this is true that our sins are forgiven, Jesus will not tolerate sin that is continually accepted by the person committing it. As Christians, we always should be striving to become more like Him. There is no excuse for unbridled sin.

Jesus said, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord! Lord!' but not do what I say?" Luke 6:46

He is saying that if we don't do what He says, He is not our Lord. For instance, when we say cuss words as we speak...if He were standing in front of you, would you speak to Him like this? Of course not. But do you realize that He hears every word you say? Even if it was just a 'byword' as you talked? You are His representative here on Earth, would He want His representative to talk like this?

Or if you take His Name in vain, He hears this also. You are not respecting the Holiness of the One Who gave His life for you, and is Himself, God and Creator of the Universe. We are either living by our own desires, or are continuing to follow what the devil tempts us to do. These are just two examples of the many sins that we may be dealing with. If you are saying that it's too hard to stop what you are doing, are you even trying? Take it little steps at a time. Most of our sins are bad habits, that we gave into and they became ingrained into our spirits over time.

First of all, ask Him for help with this. You can't do it alone. Then take it a step at a time. Celebrate even the small victories! If you keep working at it, it will go away...with His help. Keep trying. And if you fail again, ask for forgiveness and keep trying. He understands that it's hard. But the problem comes in when you stop trying and accept it. Bind the enemy in the Mighty Name of Jesus and by His Blood. You have the victory in Jesus, our Lord!

"The sting of death is sin; and sin draws its power from the Torah (law); but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory *through our Lord Yeshua* (Jesus), the Messiah!" 1 Chronicles 15:56-57

### REJOICE AND BE GLAD

Every morning, the Lord greets me with this scripture...

"This *is* the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

What's so good about it? I used to think, "Well, it remains to be seen how good it's going to be." The goodness of it was dependent on what, or what didn't happen that day for me, as to whether I would be happy or not.

I have been reading a book lately, on the importance of praising the Lord in all things. How can we do that, you may ask? I was asking that very same question myself. Even if "bad" things were happening, we are supposed to praise Him for it? I had my doubts. But as I read, I realized that the Lord has a perfect plan for all of us, and sometimes it may include what we feel are bad things happening. Could I praise Him for (and not in spite of) those things in my life? Not unless I came to realize that they are a part of the puzzle. They are important pieces that make up the whole picture of my life. Without them, the picture doesn't make any sense at all.

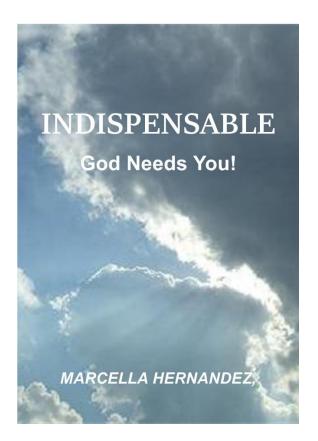
I have to say, that I am learning to smile at the bad things and believe that they are going to be ultimately used for my good by the Lord.

No matter how bad it gets, remember we have an enemy who is lying to us and wanting us to fail. He tries to place depression on us so heavy, that we may feel like we don't want to go on. To give into this, is to give into his lies and to give up on our God. We have much to live for as Christians...not the least of which is eternal life with the King and Creator of this Universe! Remember that suicide is never an option...one of His Ten Commandments states, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." This includes killing yourself!

The very fact that the enemy is coming against you and trying to depress you, means that you are very close to finding God's plan for your life. A plan that only you can fulfill! Marcella is also the author of:

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