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In a moment God spoke to Moses and said, “I AM who I am.” As the Great I AM, God titled Himself “to be” in Hebrew. He is a Living, breathing God that breaths life into this world and everything in it. He is I AM. He is Revelation. Each “être devotional” is a 31-day journal. Each Day is meant to bring revelation and, therefore, applicable guidance in your every day life. In French, être is translated “to be.” God calls you to be revelation. He is revelation. Let the I AM of Revelation open your eyes to freedom in Christ. Take this thirty-one day journey to be all that He has called you to be.

If you've opened to this page, you've embarked on an adventure of a lifetime. Not because of this book or what is written in ink that will sink into your conscious and subconscious for the next thirty-one days, rather the decision you have made to choose. To choose a life with Christ instead of without Him. One thing is for sure—you cannot add to what the apostle Paul proclaimed when He remembered Jesus' words: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.¹

Saved. Salvation. With your heart. With your mouth. Eternally. To grasp the finite mind around an eternal concept is one of the most trying yet altogether glorifying experiences ever. By your belief in the oneness of Jesus with the Father you have entered into a kingdom. A never-ending kingdom that reigns in a realm that you cannot see, but with faith can know eternally on this earth before passing into the next. And since you have been saved by His grace, to never again fear death, there are many other fears, doubts, and lies that must be relinquished in your mind to taste the freedom He has died for to give to you.

Jesus did not come to save you from the hardships of life and whisk you off your feet into nirvana. Nay, He came to this earth as the lowliest pauper to be raised up humbly to His kingship and release the best democracy that could ever be experienced: The kingdom of heaven.² He is the King of kings and wishes that you would rise up out of your soot to fight with Him as king/queen beside Him every day. He has redeemed you so that you can live a life that is not entrapped by this world, but free eternally. To do so though, you must declare His lordship over you.

Ask: Lord, you have captured my heart with your salvation. With the humility that you displayed when you came to this earth as the son of God and the suffering that you endured to save me from every last sin that I have ever committed and will commit.³ Thank you for your gift and bless me with revelation everyday of how to be more and more free in you. Amen.

That is really what it boils down to: Freedom in Christ. A willingness to do life alongside Him, regardless of what it may mean on this earth. How it is reflected, yet knowing full-well that you are free in Him. To stare at the attributes of the one who has saved you from eternal condemnation and judgment so that you may reflect Him in the life that you lead. At first, it may seem difficult. The desire to control what occurs between you and the triune [The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] will bubble up. Slowly but surely your desires will become a mirror of His. As you step more into the freedom in Christ by believing with your heart, soul, mind, and strength what He has done for you, it will begin to sink in.

Freedom in Him will not be a mere floating, vague idea in the atmospheres, but a life-giving desire that is lived out in what you think, feel, do, and say on a daily basis. Free-

dom in Christ will allow you to be who God has created you to be regardless of the world around you. As you align yourself with Him, you will understand this more and more. This gift He has given you will become a discipline, which will grow into a privilege, and turn into devotion in its fullest. Bless you on your journey. May it continue till your dying day.

Scriptures to Ponder

- Romans 10:8-13
- Acts 4:12
- Matthew 3:2, 4:17
- Matthew 5:1-20
- Romans 6-7
- Galatians 5:1
- Colossians 2:5-7

1 Throughout the thirty-one day journey you're about to embark on, you will find a myriad of footnotes. 93 to be exact. These are meant to add an additional conversation and awareness of specific topics within each day. It is your choice to read them or breeze over them until a later time. Some will give you a deep definition, more insight, or just greater understanding. Also: All verses given throughout this book are taken from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise mentioned. Verses are also labeled in day-to-day context at the bottom of the page under "Scriptures to Ponder" for further reflection and revelation.

2 Jesus was very much into granting those around Him the kingdom of heaven. In His infamous sermon on the mount, He proclaims there will be those who inherit the kingdom of heaven. It is important to note that He is not referring to a future time. In the original language He spoke of the "kingdom of heaven" as if it was right where He was standing and could be given to those who wanted it; those who were poor in spirit, persecuted for Him, and unlike the pharisees. Poor in a sense that you realize your own spirit isn't enough to bring the life that Christ can to you, persecuted in a way that you will suffer for what He would have you do instead of living selfishly, and unphariseical in that your righteousness comes from the kingdom of heaven, temporal heaven, and not a list of rules and regulations [713 levitical rules or any others that you have created for yourself as "should's" in your own mind].

3 Every last sin, Paul makes a very good argument in Romans 6 and 7 regarding grace and sin. Sin and the concept of sin will be discussed on a further day. Just to give you some insight though, whenever "sin" is referred to in this book, it is simply what you do to fulfill your needs and wants for yourself without the guidance of the Spirit. As you continue to press and push through the Truth found in Christ, this concept will become much clearer to you. Sin will no longer be a word that leaves a bad taste in your mouth and guilt or shame in your heart, but it will be a signal that you're not aligned with the best way to fulfill the God-given desires He has personally placed in your life. It will act as a stomach-turning ache in your gut to get you re-aligned with Christ, not a list of do's and don'ts.

To receive radical transformation of the heart, soul, mind, and spirit through Christ, you must realize the depth of your sinful nature and the magnitude of your wholeness in Christ. Right now as you stare at these pages, speak to God and ask Him for a revelation of grief. Grief is a deep distress for what you have done, something that has been done to you, your present state, and so on. The distress will come after the feelings of guilt.

Because you are part of this fallen world, there is no doubt that you have lived a life of shame, guilt, or with both for a very long time. Shame is simply a feeling of condemnation and has no repercussion. It is what Adam and Eve brought into the world and felt immediately after eating the forbidden fruit. That is, it's not from God. Guilt, however, is when you realize your offenses [conviction] and long to make them right by some course of change and action.

The word "sin" may leave a bad taste in your mouth, as it does for many. Truthfully though, sin is what every person does their whole lives. It is attempting to have your needs and wants met apart from the guidance of the Spirit. Jesus is the only human being who was ever able to accomplish this 24/7 throughout His entire life. By stepping into His freedom and likeness, you can be more free to hear the Spirit to do so. Grief is the process you must go through to recognize how you have attempted to fill yourself apart from God.

Ask: Lord, I come before you broken. Please speak to me with your loving words. Open the eyes of my heart and show me the grief that I have caused you. Give me the specifics and guide me with your Spirit that I might be led to fulfill my needs and wants in ways that align with who you are and what you have in store for me.

Take a moment now and allow God to speak to you.⁴ Grieving will take time. The more you know Christ and the more freedom you have, the more you are capable of grieving and becoming like Him. You may sense deep feelings of sorrow, mourning, grief, and even angst. Allow yourself as much as possible to feel your feelings. If you have specific things coming to mind that you must change then you will know it is conviction from the Spirit and not condemnation in a cloud from Satan.⁵ As you are grieving, know that He is grieving with you. You are not alone. Jesus Christ was forgotten on the cross so that you may not be forgotten for all eternity. Let that sink in. Never ever forgotten. Jesus will never leave your side.

Now write out on a piece of paper all of the sins that He brings to your attention in conviction. Remember, big or small, each of them affect Him in the same fashion...they all hurt tremendously. If you can, confess these sins aloud to someone you feel is safe. If there is no one in reach, you can do it over the phone or in an email, as well as aloud to yourself in the mirror. This will begin the healing process because it will sink into your

subconscious.⁶ And you can mourn more fully to become the new creation in Christ. Allow yourself to cry, even if you believe it is a sign of weakness. Do not forget, Jesus wept. And as our Savior wept, so can you. Repent [turn away from] of those sins by asking for His forgiveness of each one. Take the paper and rip it to shreds, symbolizing they are no more!

The amazing grace and mercy of God is that He does not see as you as dirty, defiled, or broken. He sees you in your perfection as He sees Christ. Through the renewing of your mind, you will begin to see this as Truth more and more. You are made whole by your belief in Jesus Christ as the son of God and the confession [knowledge, acceptance, and repentance] of your sin. As you continue this thirty-day journey, the pieces of the puzzle to your identity in Christ will become more clear and you will receive more freedom in Christ.

Scriptures to Ponder

- John 16
- Psalms 30
- Luke 12:6,7
- John 11:35
- Romans 5:12-19
- Romans 8:1-4
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-18

4 Yes, God does want to speak to you and He probably has spoken to you in the past. The more aware of Him you become, the more you will realize He has desired to guide you in this life all along. He is extremely creative, so His words may come in many forms. He may give you a vision/picture in your mind, a scripture, and/or you may hear a still, small voice inside of you. Perhaps He will speak to you through nature or even give you confirmation through a friend regarding something you've already heard. Whenever you see the mentioning of Him speaking to you, remember that He speaks to each of His children in ways that will make them the most vulnerable to listen.

5 Conviction vs. condemnation. There are numerous reasons as to why you may feel one more than the other. The lies that were spoken to you or in some way reinforced in your past can influence what you hear in your mind. Sometimes these statements are very specific, like "You're not worth anything!" or "You'll never make it!" You will know if it is actual conviction from the Lord because it aligns with His attributes. Obviously these statements are not all-loving or kind, thus they do not align with who Christ is and they cannot be from Him. His conviction will always, always push you closer to Him. Condemnation will pull you further and further away.

6 Getting it out and receiving forgiveness is a significant and pertinent part of the healing process. It's impossible to ask for forgiveness without forgiving others and yourself. Sometimes you may not even realize your harboring harsh feelings against those around you and what you have done in your past. If you can recognize and accept what has occurred to and by you, you can begin to move on. Your conscious mind will want to keep this on the back burner and continue to stuff it until you realize Christ's reality. You'll push down those feelings into your subconscious until you let them out and you can audibly hear them. Hence the fact it is suggested that you write down your convictions and read them aloud.

Day 3 | More Than This.

If you've ever thought, "There has to be more to life than this!" you're not alone. The perception that you repeat over and over to yourself is perhaps the truest words you can speak to your heart. There is more. Paul very well understood that in Romans 7:7–25. Take this time now to read romans 7 and ask God to speak to you about your own sinful nature. Ask Him to give you wisdom and understanding into what Paul was saying and how you can relate.⁷

In the passage, Paul argues that sin will always prevail in his sinful nature. How true is it when he exasperates in verse fifteen, "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate." This is not just in reference to the things that society may deem wrong, or even the things that those in Christian belief may exclude as such. On the contrary, it is a life living under principle rather than in the Spirit under the new law. It is to know all the rules and regulations [principle] and to choose not to do them because of the sinful nature.⁸

And you will continue to do so if you live under the submission of the law [principle]. Because of your sinful nature, you go against what the law says and sin. There is no way around it. If there were, there would be no need for a Savior. Now read Romans 8:1–15. Reflect especially on the second verse, "And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

Ask: Thank you, Lord, for your Spirit and my inability to live without you, for the grace and mercy to live a life with you and not under the law, and for your plan to live outside of mere principles that guide my ethics, morals, values, and beliefs, but a life to be with you in a pure, utter new-life relationship.

By the Spirit you have been freed from any power that your sinful nature has over you. You no longer have to live under the weight of sin or the un-forgiveness that you bestowed upon God, others, and yourself. You can now live through the justification you have in Jesus Christ. Yesterday as you confessed your sins, you threw away the old way you once lived. Today, invite the Spirit to dwell in you by asking aloud:

Spirit of the living God, please come into my being and penetrate my very life. Teach me where to go, what to do, and what to say so that I may please the Father today just as Christ pleased the Father. Give me a revelation of the Spirit today and the depth of my need for your power.

As you become more aware of His voice and break away from the lies of your flesh and the evil one, you will gain more clarity into what the Spirit is saying. You must die to yourself, your sinful nature, everyday and ask the Spirit to dwell in you.⁹ You can come back to this page every day for the rest of the revelation to allow it to seep into your heart, soul, mind, and spirit.

Scriptures to Ponder

- Romans 7
- Romans 8
- Galatians 5:4,5, 16-26
- Galatians 6:8
- Ephesians 2:1-5
- Colossians 2:13-15
- 2 Peter 2

7 Paul's words are just as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. Not because they're Paul's, but because they are the living word. The same word that resides inside of you. As you read what he felt and went through, allow yourself to relate. Set aside any thoughts that may hinder you from believing and/or write them down to be worked through later. It's important when you ponder on the word that you're willing to accept what it has to say and listen to what you yourself are saying. If they do not align, perhaps you may consider what lies are being spoken to yourself and how they are affecting your ability to believe.

8 Rules and regulations are definitely a good thing. Please don't assume, as Paul warned the first churches, that the Spirit and grace give you the "okay" to do whatever you want. Quite on the contrary, they place everything in the "not okay" category until they're directed by the Spirit. Phew, this is a difficult concept to wrap ones mind around. "So nothing I do is right until God tells me to do so?" You may have an extremist thought as such. Well, Jesus in His divinity was able to do everything that pleased the Father at all times His entire life. He's the example of a life with God from birth till death. He opened the gates to heaven, so you can also share in His Spirit. That is, your spirit can dwell with the Spirit and be guided by Him on a daily basis. The principles you may begin following [principles are a good thing, but not when they take the place of the Spirit] will become habits, those habits will become disciplines, and the disciplines will become a lifestyle as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The goal is transformation through revelation. The new law, not the old.

9 The Spirit is not into speaking over the crowd, that is, over everything else that is going on in your mind. He's not a dictator, giving you specific insights into your every move. But there is definitely something in the obedience of seeking God and His righteousness first before anything else [before looking to yourself, or others, to fulfill x, y, and z for the day, month or year]. Sometimes your very own issues, the lies that tie you to your past, hold you in your past. Making it more difficult to hear God. Rather than focusing on your issues and "fixing" them yourself, God is saying focus on Him. As the best teacher and counselor ever, He can help you hear the Spirit on a more regular, disciplined basis because He is guiding you more into Truth. And those "issues" that butt-up against hearing Him will be renewed and align with His reality in His time.

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