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Author's Preface

Life in Jesus Christ is an adventure. I have travelled up perilous mountains of poor judgment, through valleys of personal mistakes and ultimately I continuously discover that God is there, not only to understand my circumstances, but to see me through to victory, forgiveness and healing. What I write is birthed from these overcoming experiences in a real relationship with the Living God.

The sayings and other writings in this book are offered with the hope that you will be uplifted, encouraged, challenged and changed. Most importantly, allow this book to point you to the Word of God as your source of eternal Truth and Love.

God's Word: Accept No Substitutes!

"Challenges are simply the frame around the portrait of my miracle." Ryan Miguel

Prayer for Salvation

Do You Know Jesus?

To know Him pray this prayer and believe:

God, I admit I am not perfect. The Bible calls that sin, which is where I fall short of your perfection.

Thank you for sending Jesus Christ, God the Son, to die in my place, for my sin. Forgive me.

I thank you that Jesus rose from the dead & that I rose to be a new creation in Him. Here is my life now. Come into my spirit and make me entirely new.

I thank you that I am now destined for heaven. Fill me with yourself, God the Holy Spirit. Help me tell others about You, your dream and your gift of forever. In the Name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

What's Next?

- 1) Get a Bible and let God teach you
- 2) Talk to and listen to God
- 3) Let God lead you to a church that believes the Bible
- 4) Get baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit and fire
- 5) Tell other people about a new life in Jesus Christ

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We would like to help you in your bold choice to know God. We offer a free book, *New Start: Quick Reference Guide* to download, explore and experience:

<https://igonow.org/new-start>

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Quotes

Give each other
a second chance—
God has given you
thousands.

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It's time to live each day as if it could be someone else's last.

God's creativity is as
abundant and
extravagant as His Love.

Live Love. Give Grace.
Share Hope. Dare Faith.

There's no fool like an
eternal fool.

Faith believes what God
says despite what we
see.

Fear believes what we
see despite what God
says.

Vain imaginations believe
non-existent defeat
despite what God says.

My impossibilities set
the stage for miracles.
The obstacles I am
facing make it possible to
believe and see the
awesome power of God
revealed.

When you don't know
what to do: pray.
When you don't know
what to pray: pray in
the spirit.
When you don't know
what to pray in the
spirit: It's all right.
Praying in the spirit is
praying in a language you
don't know.
God the Holy Spirit
supernaturally supplies
the words.

Gospel begins with **Go**

Who am I to argue with
God? Whatever He says
in His word... He's
right!

What will **I** in Jesus do?

I would rather talk like
God talks,
I would rather speak
what God speaks,
I would rather express
what God expresses,
I would rather proclaim
what God proclaims
than words from any
other source.

When God gives a new
beginning, don't repeat
mistakes and achieve
the old ending.

Jesus Christ is my
pathway to citizenship –
in heaven!

Don't give up.
Don't give in.
Give praise.
Give thanks.

What's sometimes more
at issue than "from my
lips to God's ears" is
rather, from God's lips
to my ears.

Stop looking for a
handout and open up the
gift that is already
yours in Christ.

God will not let you down.
God will raise you up.

"The impossible is what
I do best!"

Jesus Messiah
(Paraphrased)

God to satan:
Go jump in the lake!

Giants are much shorter
when lying on their backs.

There is nothing temporary that compares
to everything eternal.

There's only one race: the human race.
There's only one blood that transforms and unites:
the blood of Jesus Christ.

Love takes a stand
where lies take a life.

Choice ends where
another life begins.

I support pre-born
women's rights.

Preborn lives matter.

Preborn babies are people
too.

When life is beginning it's
no time for its ending in
the name of choice.

Limited me +
limitless God =
unlimited results

Your heart is so big
that only God is big
enough to fill it.

Mankind:

I've fallen and I can't
get up.

Jesus Christ:

I've risen and in Me you
already have!

I will embrace my own
uniqueness.

I will encourage your own
special gifts.

I will celebrate our
connectivity as a family.

When we magnify
problems we see them as
bigger than they
actually are.

When we magnify God we
never can see Him as big
as He actually is.

It's in the Word, It is
written, And that's just
the way it is
It's in the Word, It is
written, And I stand
complete in Him
There's no enemy more
powerful, No thought, No
lie, No sin
It's in the Word, It is
written, And that's just
the way it is
Through the flood God
took the world by storm.
Can't squeeze in time to
pray? Just take your
typical worry time and
reallocate it. You'll find
you have time after all.

Firm or infirm;
Righteous or
unrighteous;
Healthy or unhealthy;
Prosperous or not
prosperous;
Loved or unloved;
Victor or victim;
Overcomer or overcome;
Light or blight;
Risen or prison;
Winning or whining;
Gains or chains;
Gift or rift;
Power or sour;
Fed or dead.

When facing adversity I
have a choice: will I run
from the problem or will
I run to my victory in
Jesus?

Life isn't fair... it's **ABUNDANT!**

Others needs are my opportunities.

To experience being more than a conqueror, first conquer yourself and then you'll see more.

At a time of social distancing, God is near to the broken hearted: in Him we live and move and have our being. In Jesus you are never alone.

Out of the pan (demic) and into the (Spirit's) fire.

When our dream conflicts with God's dream it's a nightmare.

Live forever. Laugh often. Love now.

Jesus Messiah is Lord of the universe.... Only you can make Him Lord of your life.

Tithing isn't living on less: tithing is giving on more.

Tithing isn't a legal obligation: tithing is a royal privilege.

Challenges are simply the frame around the portrait of my miracle.

If it feels like your life is nothing, remember that God took nothing and made everything. Trust Him with your circumstance and see what He will do. You will hear Him say that far from nothing you are priceless.

God is the **I AM**
The devil is a never was

Fear is anti-faith. Faith is anti-fear.

Fear is negative certainty. Faith is positive certainty.

Fear is a cringing victim.

Faith is a bold victor.

Fear is faith in the calamitous. Faith is fear in the Almighty.

When it comes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is better to be called intolerant for sharing than to actually be uncaring for withholding. Speak up in love. Don't shut up in fear.

Humility is God's power at work in you to do great acts of love and grace.

God's dream isn't to give us what we deserve. His dream is to give us what we need...a Savior, a fresh start, a new beginning...even though we don't deserve it.

As ambassadors of the King we speak love in the face of lies, power in the face of destruction and truth in the face of cowardice.

Humility is never the act of putting yourself down.

Humility is the act of lifting others up.

When my options seem to be at an end, I discover that God's supply is only beginning.

Jesus as God the Son created everything. He had an assignment to leave His glory in heaven, enter earth and save mankind from the ravages of sin. How successful was Jesus? Nailed it!

Church isn't something we watch. Church is something we are.

Believers are stirred not shaken.

I am Agent 7 Double 7

May the King of forever be the Lord of your present.

At times the best advice is the compassionate silence of a listening ear and a loving heart.

The word fortake does not exist: that's why it's spelled for **GIVE**.

Love is more than emotion or fulfillment. Love is people and giving. Ultimate Love is a Person giving eternally. God is Love.

If God has plans for snowflakes, making them beautiful, unique, yet temporal, how much more does God have plans for me, making me beautiful, unique and eternal.

A rainbow is invisible light made visible. Even so, our invisible God was made visible in Jesus the Light of the world.

The Know Corollaries:
I know
We know more than I
know
God knows more than we
know
God knows all there is to
know

When control
masquerades as
compassion and fear
displaces fact, mass
deception is mistakenly
seen as light. But not by
those who seek the
Truth. Not by those who
love the Light. Not by
you. Not by me

In Christ:
In my spirit I am
Complete in Him
In my soul I am in
transformation
In my body I am in
subjection

The language of faith -
Change your *ifs* into
when. Change your
maybes into *truly*.
Change your *somedays*
into *now*.
Change your *I will bes*
into *I am*.

When I come to the end
of me, I discover the
beginning of God in me.

Don't just live for now, live for **EVER**.

When You Give...

You express the heart of God your Father. His nature is to give. So is yours.

When You Give...

You help break a downward spiral of poverty in another's life. New believers are taught how to fish for a lifetime.

When You Give...

You start ripples in a pool of human salvations. Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ will take the light of God's love to others.

When You Give...

You help transform nations at the socio-economic and personal levels. As believers in Jesus become interwoven in society they help lift their nation to new heights.

When You Give...

You release faith in God's power to transform lives. You express God's love through your own life. You proclaim God's hope for the world: eternal life.

Let's change our thinking from simply 6 feet of distancing to 6 feet of witnessing. Do I encounter people within 6 feet of me? I will be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Jesus with them.

I may speak the language of kindness yet still say I do not care. If I don't tell people how to know Jesus, my life may be saying indifference, fear or distraction.

Location! Location! Location!
Location in Christ! Location
in the Spirit! Location in
heaven!

A single hallelujah does and says more than a million words of complaint.

"You remember all you have known and experienced in Me & you want it again. There is more. I have been patiently waiting, not to take from you. I have been patiently waiting your whole life to give you more"

With everyone I meet I will speak words and live a life which underscores the truth that Today is their Day of Salvation. When I believe this I will not hold back. The Gospel is the power of God for salvation.

People are priceless.
People are eternal.
People are waiting to hear the good news about Jesus from me!

My pivotal moment is now!
In Him I live...Now!
In Him I breathe...Now!
In Him I have my being...Now!
My pivotal moment is Now!

Ideas

When I face adversity I
have a choice—
Will I run from the
problem or will I run to
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What's the word? We need to ask and apply this in all circumstances.

What's the word: Thought

What's the word: Written

What's the word: Spoken

What's the word: Acted On

What's the word: Accomplishing

God's word will accomplish what He sent it forth to do.

By grace through faith the 10 Commandments have become for us the 10 Promises. Under the law the Commandments revealed that we were powerless to keep them perfectly. In Christ we are seen as perfect already, cleansed by His blood, and are given His power to walk after the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Through Jesus we have the promise of His power to be like He is on this earth.

Kingdom Employment Ad:

Leaders wanted. Seeking candidate who is the servant of all, with a giving heart that takes action in blessing others. Weakness is a plus when you make Christ your strength. On the job training provided. Benefits are out of this world.

When life hands you lemons - Politely refuse and continue to pursue your fruit of choice. You are never obligated to settle for less than your dreams.

When life hands you lemons - Remember, life has seasons and lemon season is ending soon. You are on the threshold of success season.

When life hands you lemons - Begin by planting a new tree. If in the past you sowed lemon seeds that might be the source of today's lemon. Plant a victory tree and you will reap its fruit.

When life hands you lemons - Lemons are not *all* bad: Moisture; Vitamin C; Fiber. Learn what you can from the experience and get stronger.

When life hands you lemons - Let your emotions out. Cry. Express frustration, anger and disappointment. Just don't build your house there. Negative emotions held inside are deadly. Negative emotions can become obsessive and destructive. Out with it and move on.

When life hands you lemons - Get creative. Find a new orchard or grove. Try vegetables this time. Or maybe peaches. Your options are extensive. Your instincts and God's Spirit are to be trusted. Your future harvest will be the result of your present choices guided by your goals.

The Six Foot Wall:

There was once a Six Foot Wall which encircled a group of villagers. Although life within the wall was bearable, they agreed that they must reach the other side of the wall.

Some of them tried digging under the wall but discovered that it went down indefinitely. Others tried going around the wall. But, since the wall was constructed in a circle, the result was they kept going around and around. They never accomplished their goal.

The group held meetings, tried variations on the themes of digging and getting around the wall, but to no avail. Their entire focus was on the wall. There was even a faction which wanted to embrace the wall lifestyle, attempting to change its appearance so it didn't look so wall-like. In the end, everyone felt frustrated, overwhelmed and victimized.

They finally asked a wise, old villager what to do. His advice: when dealing with walls, set-backs, defeats and obstacles, there is only one solution: Get over it.

Empty and Full:

When I empty myself of anger

I can be full of graciousness

When I empty myself of criticalness

I can be full of encouragement

When I empty myself of procrastination

I can be full of accomplishment

When I empty myself of selfishness

I can be full of selflessness

When I empty myself of deception

I can be full of direction

When I empty myself of fear

I can be full of destiny

When I empty myself of excuses

I can be full of victory

One Thing You Must Never Give:

You can give a bunch of flowers
You can mow a neighbor's lawn
You can give a ride to work
Watch a baby until dawn
You can suffer wrong and choose to love
And offer to forgive
But after all there still remains
One thing you must never give

You can loan someone some money
And relate that it's a gift
You can fight within your family
And share words that heal the rift
You can donate cash to charity
So the sick may somehow live
But after all there still remains
One thing you must never give

When the path becomes a challenge
You can pour out all your strength
When your options seem to be too few
And your obstacles too great
You can give the best of who you are
In energy and love
There remains one thing you must never give
My friend, you must never give up

Traits of a Winner:

Winners don't know it all. If you find you need to learn and grow that is a trait of a winner.

Winners never finish reaching goals. If you always have new dreams to attain and steps to reach them that is a trait of a winner.

Winners start small. Many of the most successful people began with few material resources. That is a trait of a winner.

Winners have ideas. Ideas are the vast treasure that secures victory against all odds. That is a trait of a winner.

Winners seek the input of others. We are exponentially more brilliant than I am alone. That is a trait of a winner.

Winners adjust. When sailing the sea of success it is important to adapt the sails to endure storms and enjoy breezes. That is a trait of a winner.

Winners never quit. The only way a blow can defeat you is if you fail to stand again. Get up. Go on. That is a trait of a winner.

He Is:

When you feel empty

He is your infilling

When you feel speechless

He is the word

When you feel lack

He is your provision

When you feel sick

He is your health

When you feel aimless

He is your purpose

When you feel alone

He is your intimate friend

When you feel afraid

He is your courage

When you feel dead

He is your resurrection and life

When you feel it's over

He is your new beginning

A Mother's Love

After creating the world, the universe, plants and animals and man, God made one more thing, fulfilling His powerful vision. God created Eve who would become the first mother. And in a mother's love we see a unique expression of the heart and love of God Himself.

A mother's love is boundless, exceeding the limits of the shortfalls of her children, and in so doing helping them to overcome them.

A mother's love is forgiving, looking beyond the present failing to what her child will become.

A mother's love is power, enduring every storm, emerging, energizing, shining beauty forth like light.

A mother's love is joyous, dispersing cobwebs of care and concern, replacing them with hope.

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Our Boss did all the work

We get all the benefits

God is never demanding, only commanding. If you are holding on to something, He will not rip it out of your hands.

He will tell you to let it go, and as you decide to turn to Him with empty hands, He will fill them with gifts beyond imagination.

New Testament Christians lived each day with an intensity of faith and love that superseded the cultures around them. Their passion helped them reach and transform the known world at that time. Why? They lived each day as if Jesus was coming back today. When we realize that we may not have years to witness to our neighbors, co-workers, family and acquaintances but that today may be their last chance, when supernatural love and miracle power rises up and compels us to be daring, we will see results not only like the New Testament believers, but even greater than what they saw since we are living in the end times. We are definitely closer to the return of Jesus Christ today than any time in the past. That's exciting! That's purposeful! That's our opportunity today!

The Discomfort Zone:

Each of us has limits where we begin to feel uncomfortable witnessing. The first zone is your friends and family you interact with daily. Confront that zone in faith with love and you will see victory there. Once you are comfortable witnessing in that zone go on to the next zone: Co-workers and retailers you get occasional opportunities to speak to. Confront that zone in faith with love and you will see victory there. The next zone for you may be total strangers on the street, at the store, at a bus stop. Confront that zone in faith with love and you will see victory there. The way to overcome is not to shy away from the challenge, but to depend on God's power and anointing to operate in each zone in faith and love.

What Matters Is What Matters In The Long Run:

Family: I will remember to make my family a priority in balance with my career. My career is a tool to benefit my family. I can always make more money: I can never replace time with my family.

Friends: I will treat each person I meet as a potential friend and look for ways to make their lives better. I will invest time and care in their lives, knowing that true friendship is a treasure that is first discovered and then maintained and cultivated.

People: I will constantly remind myself that people are one of the few things that last forever. As such I will treat everybody with respect and consideration. I will recognize the potential within each heart and life and encourage that potential by example.

God's Word: I acknowledge God's Word as inspired and eternal. I will spend time reading God's Word daily and allow Him to speak to me through His Word. God knows more than I know. I just need to listen.

God: I know that God surpasses time and created time itself. He is eternal and is the source of eternal life. Without Him is eternal death. I will make my relationship with Him my number one priority. I will love Him, enjoy His love for me and share His love with people around me.

Myself: I will see myself as a unique, inspired person. My existence is a direct result of God's creativity. I too am an eternal being. It is therefore imperative that I focus my energies on things that last. I will take care of myself physically, but never in excess. I will develop myself mentally, ready to excel in life's challenges. I will daily improve emotionally, seeing myself as a winner. I will love intensely, placing others ahead of me even when it costs a lot. I will grow spiritually, knowing God in an intimate relationship.

Teamwork Alphabet Style:

i m I

u r u

i c u

u c I

i n u

u n i

The Abundance Quotient: $Abundance = (Provision \times Creativity)$

Faith/ Shared with as many others as possible

(Faith is an exponent: to the power of faith)

I'm thinking of writing a book about Not Writing a Book: that way if I don't finish it I've accomplished my subject matter.

Opportunity is a bar of chocolate: when the heat is on, act fast and enjoy yourself or procrastinate and get a melted mess.

There's foot pain, leg pain, stomach pain, tooth pain, neck pain, back pain and worst of all...campaign.

How much ground would a groundhog hog if a groundhog could hog ground?

How many flies would a butterfly butter, if a butterfly could butter flies?

If the husband married the wife in a shotgun wedding, does that make their baby boy a son of a gun?

In Babel they were revealing a tower of man attempting to reach heaven. In Christ we are revealing the power of God reaching man. God said that those fallen people being of one mind, speaking the same language could accomplish their goal, and for that reason God separated them and confused their language. How much more will we, the blood-bought, reborn body of Christ being in one accord, speaking God's divine language accomplish Christ's goal to reach earth's people with heaven and the miracle of knowing God in person.

Sometimes, instead of treating God's Word as final, powerful and unstoppable we seem to act like this: Proverbs has become Prob-erbs. Having an attitude that God's Word "probably" may sometimes work is doomed for disappointment. We must see God's Word as the final and effectual authority.

Provision

It is not no-vision: God wants to supply abundance and prosperity that overflows in my life and impacts others around me. I have God-spoken-sized vision that requires His abundant provision. God gives me vision that is big and embraces others.

It is not anti-vision: God's provision in my life is always to be seen as positive, never negative. My actions and my spoken words will agree with God's declaration that His provision is wonderful and something to always be thankful for. I am pro God being my abundant, perpetual source of all I need and more, to fulfill His vision for my life.

Perspectives on Productivity

Begin 90 Days of Wild Activity: Decide to put forth extravagant effort for a short period of time and you will see extravagant results.

The Fundamentals: Every Day Every Time - Take all the practical, proven life training you have received and repeat, repeat, win, win.

Show Up and Go Up: Don't miss engaging and be on time all the time. Put on your positive clothes and dancing shoes when it comes to your outlook and expectations.

Why Not Me? Believe that you are the person destined for success. The more you help someone else find what they need, the more you will find success.

Sleep and Celebrate: Getting your rest will recharge you daily for the challenge. Focus on wins moment by moment. Quickly move on from anything negative. View your goals as promises to receive and experience.

Course Corrections Are Essential To Reach Your

Destination: Embrace coaching and input as welcome friends. The higher your destination the more critical course corrections become. If you want to reach the moon even a slight deviation will cause you to miss your target.

Success Action Steps:

Do What You Do Well: Keep going. Do Not Stop At A Green Light!

Do More of What You Do Well: Always look for opportunities that you might have overlooked in the past and capitalize on strategies on to seize those opportunities in the present.

Do Something Bold: Each of us has a comfort zone in different areas of our lives. Boldly stepping out is fun. You will discover new ways to get more results.

Do Something Unselfish: Let's find ways to generate more positive synergy. Pay a genuine compliment to three people every day. Help the people around you be more successful. Complete a task before you are asked if you got it done. If someone had an exceptional day, congratulate them. If someone has had low performance days, encourage them.

Exponential increase: Each and every one of you has within you the capacity to be a winner and dominate the challenges you encounter. You decide at each instant to be a winner or a whiner, an under achiever or an overcomer, a taker or a giver. When you're at the end of your rope, climb higher. Remember: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Deception is subtle; conflating acceptance with endorsement, tolerance with enabling, victimhood with heroism and sin with virtue.

Reach for the stars and you may get the sun
Reach for the sun and you may get the moon
Reach for the moon and you may get an ocean
Reach for the ocean and you may get a river
Reach for the river and you may get a city
Reach for the city and you may get a village
Reach for the village and you may get one person
Reach for one person you may get yourself
But sometimes you reach for the stars and you get the universe
And ultimately when you reach for God you get everything

Vote platform not personality
Vote results not rhetoric
Vote life not death
Vote overachievement not offense
Vote Constitution not collapse
Vote America not anger
Vote marketplace not Marxism
Vote love not lies

He was living in a ditch of his own making, dug by walking around in circles.

Astounding Perspective:
man to earth...earth to universe...
universe to God...Limitless God in me

If I had it all to do over again...

I would hold everyone I hug at least ten seconds longer

If I had it all to do over again...

I would spend more time watching sunsets and less time watching the clock

If I had it all to do over again...

I would spend more time smiling and less time complaining

If I had it all to do over again...

I would spend more time with people and less time with machines

Treasures...

Fireflies, darting as the night begins...

A hummingbird hovering over a flower...

A double rainbow following you...

The sound and smell of the ocean...

The silence and solitude of the desert...

A butterfly landing briefly on your shoulder...

A springtime meadow in full bloom...

A cloud kingdom adorned by a sunset...

A waterfall spraying mist on your smile...

A shooting star two nights in a row...

You, my true and wonderful friend...

Litter Along the Path

The path to achievement never ends. It passes through difficult revelations and surpasses amazing expectations. Whatever obstacles confront you while on your path, be excited that you at least are still on the path.

To either side of the path are those who veered off course. Discarding themselves like human litter, they found a more compelling reason to believe circumstances over certainty, obstacles over opportunity and poverty over potential. Together they raise a chorus of excuses, explaining why they gave up their dreams:

"I am litter along the path. I was fifteen yards from success yet I stopped after three steps. I was tired of working toward the goal so I forfeited fulfillment. I listened to other voices that convinced me that quitting was better than winning."

Never veer off the path. Keep going even if it hurts. You are not meant to be litter along the path. You are created to be a victor that follows the path that never ends.

At times, truth lies in what seems to be a forest of uncertainty. Truth is found by looking beyond emotional conformity, reasonable deceit or circumstantial distraction. Truth is ultimately found in perfect Love. Truth is found in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus is Love.

Tithing is not parting with 10% that is mine. Tithing is God sharing with me 100% of what is His, me giving back 10% and I retain His gift of 90%. What follows is an ever expanding 90% as I tithe, that far exceeds what I could ever have had with the 100% that was God's in the first place.

Imagine a friend who sits down with you with a bag of quarters. He hands you the bag of His quarters and tells you that He wants to share them with you. 1 for Him: 9 for you. And so on... That's a fantastic friend!

My TNT: Temporary Necessary Tent
Dynamic... Explosive... Powerful...
(my earthly body)

My LED: Living Eternal Dwelling
Living in the Light (LED is a light)... LED by the Lamb...
(my incorruptible forever body)

A passive mind-set is the biggest enemy of change. The best thing that can happen to me is to get sick and tired of the way things are going in my life.

Peter's shadow brought healing to people. Jesus can make me so full of Light that even my shadow brings healing. Jesus said, "If the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness." MT 6:23. The reverse reality is now true in Christ. If the shadow I cast is Light, how great is that Light!

Imagine a new disease that is a 100% death sentence. There is one cure available and it is available for free. Some victims are in denial insisting that they are fine just as they are, but they will die. Others have their own ineffectual "cures" through herbs or meditation or shots or pills or crystals or exercise. If I don't tell them about the only cure that works, the remedy that is free for the receiving, I am not compassionate but uncompassionate. I may be called intolerant of their various misguided approaches. However, I know that they will die unless they receive the cure. The only way to love them is to enthusiastically encourage them to make the only choice there is to be saved.

Happy Godgiving!

God loves you so much that He gave Jesus so you could know Him and live forever.

(This greeting may be used year round as a conversation starter to witness)

Merry Christians!

(This greeting may be used year round as a conversation starter to witness)

The 5 Smile x 3 Project:

Smile today at 5 people

Smile today at 5 challenges

Smile today for 5 blessings

John 19 not Covid 19

My Faith Confession:

I choose John 19 not Covid 19.

John 19 is where Jesus suffers for me. Covid 19 is where I suffer for myself. Jesus was crucified and buried. He bled from stripes on His back. He bled from a crown of thorns and nails and a wound in His side. He died on my behalf. When He was buried the old me was buried with Him.

I choose John 19 because I am healed by His stripes not doomed by a virus. I am cleansed by His blood not destroyed by disease. I have no fear of death and live forever with John 19, but apart from Jesus I am ruled by fear facing eternal death with Covid 19.

I choose John 19 not Covid 19. I choose faith in God's love and miracles not fear of disease and death.

I was sitting on a bench beside water fountains at night looking at the stars and praying. I realized that focus on need limits provision to a spoon or thimble full. Focus on our immense God and the need is swallowed up in God sized measurements of provision. This is the arena of great faith: seeing God as bigger than everything, answering my request in accordance with His own measureless Being and Love.

In light of current challenging circumstances we assuredly have valid questions. Nevertheless there is hope. Hope that we will navigate treacherous waters of fear into a harbor of faith. Hope that we will each discover that our rights and liberties are not meted out by government but are given to each person by God Himself. Hope that through medicine & science partnered with faith & prayer, we will see God heal our bodies, calm our souls and renew our spirits. In Jesus mighty Name may this hour be a catalyst for our hearts to turn to God, witness His presence in revival and celebrate victory over fear and death. Yes there is hope!

Jesus Christ's resurrection is not a myth or allegory. It is not merely the most pivotal event in history. Jesus Christ's resurrection means nothing to you until His resurrection becomes your resurrection in Him. Receive His gift and become a new creation. Then you can truly celebrate the resurrection. He is risen. He is risen indeed. He is risen in me.

I will embrace the morning with a New Day Resolution: to live spirit, soul and body knowing God intimately, flowing in His love and power to others I encounter, and growing in my relationship with Him. From His presence health, blessings and joy will flow out and touch all aspects of my life. That's my Daily Resolution.

Moon: Without me the nights would be darker.

Sun: Without me all day would be darker.

Moon: But you need me to reflect your light.

Sun: And you need my light to reflect.

Both: Let's team up and work together.

Moral: Life isn't about getting credit.

Life is about sharing light.

The haves and the have nots are not nearly as important as the ams and am nots. I must separate who I am from what I have. Who I am impacts what I have. It's not the other way around. I am a new creation. I am an overcomer. I am more than a conqueror. I am seated with Christ in heavenly places.

Jesus is the reason for the season... Jesus is the reason for all seasons...He is the Creator...He is the Healer... He is the Sacrificial Lamb...He is the Resurrection... He is the King. .. I still weep as I remember what He has done, experience who He is and embrace Love in person...Jesus I love You and worship You my God! I am crying tears of gratitude right now I am so overwhelmed by Your presence in my life!

Prayer for Healing

Almighty God and Father:

Thank You for making Yourself known to me as Love in Person. Your Word tells me that we've all been separated from You because of sin. But You sent Jesus to take my sin upon Himself, to die in my place, and You raised Him from the dead to live Your Life through me. Forgive me of my sins. I acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord and I believe that all your promises are yes in Him.

Lord, thank You for revealing Your thoughts and plans for my life in Your Word. It says that after making mankind You just had to say it was good! You wouldn't have said that if Your creation had been sick in any way. You created mankind in Your image and You have no infirmities. This was Your plan for us from the beginning. I know that sickness was a result of Adam and Eve's transgression and that it originates from Satan. But even in that state You loved us and revealed Yourself as Lord Healer. And when Jesus came, He continued to show us that our God is a God, not of cruelty, but of compassion; a God who heals them all.

I thank You for Jesus becoming a curse for me, so that the curse of the Law, including sickness, was abolished by His sacrifice, and that every legal right Satan had to destroy me was done away with.

Jesus said that as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, that He too must be lifted up on the cross. The Israelites were forgiven of their sins and healed of the deadly snake bites when they looked to the brazen serpent. I believe that as I look to Jesus, I too am both forgiven of my sins and healed of my diseases.

Prayer for Healing (continued)

By His stripes I'm healed: spirit, soul and body. I believe that if Jesus paid the penalty once for my sickness, it is pointless for me to pay the penalty again.

Father, I thank You that as I pray Your word faith comes, and that now...right now...I have what I declare in agreement with Your word.

With long life will You satisfy me and show me Your Salvation, forgiving all my sins and healing all my diseases. You send forth Your word and heal me and rescue me from the grave. You will restore me to health and heal my wounds.

You told me that if I have faith and do not doubt, I can tell the mountains in my life to be cast into the sea and it will be done. I now speak to you mountain of sickness and command you to leave my body in Jesus Name! I now speak to you mountains of poverty, hurting emotions, bad circumstances, failing relationships – be healed in Jesus Name!

Sickness you have no right to exist where God lives – get out! Satan you have no authority where Jesus is Lord – get out! In Jesus Name I'm healed, I'm forgiven, I'm free! Thank You God! Praise Your Name! Healing Belongs To Me!

For audio version of the Prayer for Healing:

<https://igonow.org/healing-prayer-narration>

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The Tree

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Time was meaningless. Minutes had mutated into forever. Decades were permanently blended into one moment suspended in limbo. He walked towards the same landmark; a large tree with deep, grooved carvings in the bark. He remembered now. The tree was smaller when he had first cut into the wood. Somehow he found himself returning to the tree over and over again. It did not matter how far he traveled; which new path of hope he ran upon. He found himself in front of the tree. Each visit he would chisel the message deeper into the wounded trunk. He remembered. The tree was his heart. The message was his life. He could never escape. He closed his eyes and read the words as if they were emblazoned on his eyelids.

When the cold wind blows
Ice drives outward like desert sand
Blinding fury
Sheets of frigid existence
White death gripping the landscape
Choking the atmosphere with a power that defies the sun
When the cold wind blows
It blows warm
When compared to my hopeless heart

Always the hurt advances
Like a frozen sword plunged deep into awareness
It penetrates the core of my being

The Tree (continued)

I do not dare to feel
My soul is overcome by failure like an arctic wasteland
Numbing me to the pain of prescience
I am encased in solitude like icy armor

Snow crashes around me, a blizzard of the mind
A heavy blanket enfolding me in sleep
Sleep forever
When the cold wind blows

This elevator always goes down. Entering the metal cubicle he scanned his options once more. Each number flashed her smile at him. But like a game show choice, he never really knew where the prize lay. "It doesn't matter," he sighed, as he made his selection. He chose floor twelve. The doors opened three floors below his starting point.

He was blind. Everything he saw was an illusion leading to disappointment. What is more tragic: a blind man who has never seen, or a man who remembers a world of vision that he torturously will never know again. He breathed his mantra: it doesn't matter. His blindness was the playground of despondency.

Attendants led him to a corridor of exquisite beauty. It welcomed him like a grandmother's embrace. It called to him like a forgotten friend. It pierced his defenses and stripped his resistance like winds and sand carve rock. He emptied himself into this pool of potential, becoming one with the water. He walked down the hallway and through a door of final hope. Perhaps this is real. He slowly forgot the numberless times he had passed the same doorway.

The Tree (continued)

Inside he saw a massive stained glass window. He could not distinguish the image depicted in such overstated terms. The glass seemed to move; it undulated in light and color like a reflection in a rippling pond. Words were inscribed on a plaque beneath the window: break the glass and you will see.

He heaved a stone with colossal strength and watched the glass fragments cascade around him. Within each small fragment he could see parts of his journey. Here was a time when he thought that her love would sustain him, but in the end he was broken beyond recognition. There was a time when success seemed possible, but he ultimately failed and lost everything. Over and over he witnessed atrocities impinged upon his soul. Each glass shard was a monster behind a smile. Each one promised salvation and delivered damnation. He recoiled from the gift of sight he had been given: he could see bits and pieces of his own demise. Sometimes it feels better to be blind.

The tree stood before him: a forgotten gallows, a monument to horror. He pictured himself cradling the tree as a sapling in his arms. How had such innocence become a towering growth of self-deprecation? As he brutally carved the runes into the tree he marveled at the flowing tears that poured from the gashes. The tree was crying. He remembered: he was the tree.

He crawled around the trunk to the other side. He began gnawing the blank, wooden canvas; in frenzied rhythm he dissected the layers of wood. His soul regurgitated as he read the gashed evidence of his condition:

The Tree (continued)

Like an ominous sunrise
Whose blood red fingers plunge awareness
Into a baptism of despair
I awaken each day
Surrounded by the light of darkest sorrow
Step by step I balance on a wire of razor sharp defeat
Walking is pain
Living is pain
Falling is death
Falling ends pain

Choice

My thoughts like maddened birds of prey swoop at my head
Talons extended they gouge out the eyes of my hope
Unmercifully, they cut and carve my desperate heart
Into a mound of wounded flesh devoid of dreams
Failure is my reality

Choice

Continue on
Balance on the knife's edge of survival

Alone

Always alone
Always hating my own company
I despise the failure that is me
Behind my feet I leave a trail of emotional blood

Fall

End the ritual of empty existence

Choice

What will I choose today?

The Tree (continued)

Down. He stepped off the elevator and didn't notice when she closed her metal mouth. He discovered no one to guide him; no magic halls of deception. He felt alone. Hope, however small, is the sole companion of the crippled heart. His companion had vanished. Deformed emotions refused to release him. He moved through life like a carnival sideshow. He was blind. He was one step away from the precipice.

Someone was already in the room. "When the cuttings of pain touched you they touched Me." Realization began to overwhelm him. The ashes of brokenness were all he had left; everything else had burned in a crucible of despair.

"Now look at My Tree." His vision was filled with a tree that defied possibility. It seemed to stretch beyond the horizon. Its outstretched branches seemed to fill the universe. Carvings tattooed The Tree wherever he looked. He recognized his own designs but there were infinitely more. He read the secret thoughts of genocidal tyrants. He saw the murderous butchery of countless generations. Here were the horrors of mankind: babies malformed from drug abuse, empty bank accounts because of fraud, broken, mangled hearts because of hatred and lust. How can there exist so much cruelty, so much ruin, so much sorrow? The Tree was completely covered with the chiseled corruption of humanity.

His eyes like twin moons stared at a vision of terror. He saw himself impaled upon The Tree, his arms extended out as if to embrace his punishment. Images crushed his mind and refused to release his thoughts. A cascading waterfall of past choices and actions beat down upon his awareness, each droplet reflecting his daily crimes. It was as if his veins pulsed with poison; he inhaled treason, he exhaled hatred. His soul was consumed with cancer. His ears heard the anguish of a million voices; each voice was his own.

The Tree (continued)

He found revelation in the gashes. He discovered that he was both victim and criminal; murdered and murderer; deceived and deceiver. Like a symphony of stars the light of truth confronted his soul and the music left him staggering. Again he saw the words he had carved on The Tree. They clung to his awareness and cried out, "you are guilty!" And yet he was powerless to alter his state.

The carvings wept in blood. A river of red poured forth as if the ocean had been imprisoned in a bottle and was now free to flow over the entire earth. The torrent flooded and filled every cut on The Tree; his cuts; his prison. The Power that defies death is the Power that uses death to destroy darkness. The Power that supersedes death is the Power that walks away from death in Resurrection and Life.

His epiphany unleashed powerful undercurrents. Countless individuals run from the truth, pretending that they are self-sufficient. They hide behind their feelings of goodness and accomplishment. He now knew better. The insanity of despair cried out in unrelenting certainty: you don't deserve to live; you deserve to die. These were the thoughts that had formerly captured his soul. But this was only part of the truth which made it a clever lie. He teetered on the edge of decision. Reality: we are helpless to save ourselves; empowered to kill; we need a power beyond our impotence.

Choice. Receive the gift of forgiveness and cancelled debt. Begin a new existence embracing total transformation. He chose the Sacrifice already made on his behalf. He chose Redemption and Resurrection. He was no longer alone. Together they would now walk a fresh way of Truth and Life.

All because of Substitution.

All because of Love.

All because of The Tree.

Commentary on *The Tree*

The Tree was written as a picture of the human condition before salvation, the need for a Savior and the decision to receive God's free gift of salvation in Christ.

Most of the content reflects the unregenerate person at his core. Doubts, fears, disappointments and weaknesses on the inside: anger, hatred, envy and destructive decisions expressed outwardly.

The ultimate revelation is that we are guilty of sin and are incapable of saving ourselves. That is why Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for my sin by becoming sin and dying on the tree. He paid the incalculable price that I could never pay myself.

Ultimately the decision lies with each individual: Death or Life; an ending or a New Beginning.

*"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law,
having become a curse for us - for it is written,
"Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"
Galatians 3:13*

Uncommon Sense

Challenges are simply
the frame around the
portrait of my miracle.

RYAN MIGUEL

Do not allow your past to make you miss your future as it steals your present.

I'd rather be a blooming cactus than a shrinking violet.

Hope is not a straw that I am grasping for but the wind that I am soaring on.

Survival is a goal.
Fulfillment is a higher goal.
Love is the highest goal.

The river ends where the ocean begins. That is the power of hope.

A good decision tomorrow is a better decision today.

It's imperative that U are a part of US. The most impactful U occurs when you are connected to US.

My favorite letter in the alphabet is U.

It is extremely important to create good memories when you are young because they may be the things you treasure most when you are old.

The virus ends with US.

Where tolerance falls short...

Love never fails.

Actions speak louder
than teleprompters.

Usual is the destroyer of
creativity. I am one idea
away from amazing
results.

When I withhold the
good I know, I diminish
the good I know.

Generosity is the
magnet of personal
growth.

The last time I
checked... Gentleman
begins with gentle, and
that's not weakness but
it's strength.

Truth begins in what we
think.

Truth grows in what we
say.

Truth blossoms in what
we do.

What you do is not who
you are. Know who you
are and apply it to what
you can do.

It's easier to be a stick
in the mud than a boat
on a river, and a lot less
exciting.

Purpose precedes passion.
Passion precedes action.
Action precedes
accomplishment.

What matters most is not how you begin or
how you end, but how you love.

The only thing more challenging than succeeding... is quitting.

Never settle for what you can try when you can do. Never settle for what you can do when you can be.

All of our tomorrows are wrapped up in today: the future is found in the present.

Life's race is not won by those who finish first, but by those who help others run their race.

Waves of love and perseverance transform mountains into beaches we may walk on.

There are countless ways to succeed, yet only one way to fail - Stop... stop dreaming, stop doing, stop becoming. Don't stop and you will find a way to succeed.

Complacency: A man sat on his hands and then wondered why he had a hard time feeding himself...

What you keep before your eyes will keep you.

Directions: Open mind. Pour out ideas. Add action. Stir and repeat as necessary.

Unbridled worldly power
leads to unreasonable
arbitrary control.

I sit enthroned, a
solitary maker: only I
have the power to
create excuses.

Fulfillment is an
invitation which is signed
by love.

Compromise is the
marriage of structure
and chaos.

When you're at your ideal
weight, you have nothing
to lose and everything to
gain.

You put the I in WIN

You put the U in US

The thing about family
reunions is that it's all
relative.

There is no us in iPhone

Valise Navy Dad

He obtained a reputation
of being slow on the
uptake; not quite
getting the point. His
nickname: the creature
from the blank lagoon.

Eggs **are** what they are
cracked up to be

You can only work with what's put into your hands:
it's hard to dig a ditch with no dirt.

What did resume say to resumé ?

IF you want to be like me, lose the accent.

The Chihuahua was so cranky that they said he had irritable growl syndrome.

A waist is a terrible thing to mind.

Waste is a terrible thing to mind.

Get your mind out of the cloud (in the context of having *less tech* in my life)

Why was Little Orphan Annie unable to be a teacher? Because she has no pupils.

What did the crumbs say to the sink? I'm at your disposal.

Where truth lies: a would-be oxymoron.

Creatively creative creatures creatively create creatively creative creations creatively.

Gourmet taxi food: cabiar

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