



Soaring in Jesus: The Prize of the  
Upward Call

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## YOU BELONG TO JESUS

You have died with Christ and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. (Colossians 2:20). How has the Lord set you free? Please be specific.

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Ask God to give you complete knowledge of His Will and give you spiritual wisdom and understanding . . . all the while you will grow as you learn to know God better and better (Colossians 1:9-10). How are you growing in the knowledge of His will for your life?

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Know that you are God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10); be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you (Colossians 4:17). What ministries has the Lord given to you?

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Because of His calling and His gifts – Ignite the flames of the spiritual gift(s) God has given to you (2 Timothy 1:6). Rest in the confidence that God will use you and your gifts as you surrender into Him for He is faithful perform and accomplish He ways (1 Corinthians 1:9).

What tangible and practical ways is God demonstrating His faithfulness to you?

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## THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I pray that you will understand an incredible greatness of God's power (Ephesians 1:19). What does God's power in your life mean for your life?

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Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:3); and know that your purpose is to please God and not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts (1 Thessalonians 2:4). How are you relying on the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

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Pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy (Colossians 1:11) for the joy of the Lord is your strength (Psalm 28:7). How is the Strengthening you?

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For God has given you a sacred trust (1 Corinthians 9:17) therefore be strong immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless (1 Corinthians 15:58). How are you working enthusiastically for the Lord?

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## RELIANCE ON THE LORD

Be on guard; stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love. (1 Corinthians 16:13) Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). How are you standing firm in the faith and expressing your needs to God?

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May the Lord lead your heart into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ (2 Thessalonians 3:5) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart (Colossians 4:2) and know that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong (Ephesians 3:16-17). How are you trusting in Jesus as you grow in His love?

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Lead a life worthy of your calling for God has called you - Always be humble. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love (Ephesians 4:1-2) Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received - then the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:8-9) Do everything without complaining and arguing so that no one can criticize you (Philippians 2:14-15). How is your life practically reflecting Christ?

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Let your love overflow more and more and keep on growing in knowledge and understanding (Philippians 1:9) Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10) Always be full of joy in the Lord (Philippians 4:4) For God working in you, giving you the desire and the power to what pleases him (Philippians 2:13). Do you sense the desire to do what is pleasing to the Lord in all areas of your life?

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## ONE ANOTHER

Make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another and working together with one mind and purpose (Philippians 2:2). Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests but take an interest in others too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had (Philippians 2:3-5). How are you serving, as a member of the body of Christ, with one mind and one purpose?

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As you encourage one another and build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11) ask God to give you the right words (Ephesians 6:19). Do you ask God for the right words before you speak to one another?

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Please because you belong to the Lord settle your disagreement (Philippians 4:2). Do you have disagreements that need to be settled? If so, what action will you take?

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Write a Prayer of Thanksgiving to your King

## A TESTIMONY TO CHRIST

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives (Colossians 1:6) so please pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1). How are you facilitating the spreading of His Word?

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Let your roots grow down in Him and let your life be built on Him (Colossians 2:7). How are you building your life on Christ?

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Do not let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world (Colossians 2:8) Now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new life and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him (Colossians 3:8-10) Do not waste your time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead train yourselves to be godly (1 Timothy 4:7) A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the

devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants (2 Timothy 2:23-26). Are you falling into any of the enemies' traps?

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Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3:12-13) Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone (Colossians 4:5-6). How are you clothing yourself in Christ?

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Be prepared whether the time is favorable or not (2 Timothy 4:2). How are you preparing yourself in service to the Lord?

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Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil with evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ

Jesus. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Do not scoff at prophecies but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:14-19). How are you manifesting these exhortations in your life?

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As for human praise, do not seek it (1 Thessalonians 2:6) Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching (Titus 2:7). Are you walking in integrity and not seeking the praise of men?

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