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As we celebrate the anniversary of one year together, we reflect on the significance of the Plumbline, a powerful symbol of God's unwavering standard and compass for our daily living.

Just as a plumbline ensures that a building is straight and true, God's Word provides the perfect alignment for our lives, guiding us in righteousness and truth.

Then He showed me this: *Adonai* was standing by a wall made with a plumb line, and he had a plumb ling in His hand. *Adonai* asked me "Amos, what do you see? I answered, " A plumb line" Then *Adonai* said, "I am going to put a plumb line in among my people Israel.

Our journey with you and the podcast we share often is the discussion of what God wants for all of us to know and His righteousness and truth. It is amazing and we are honored for the Father God to chose us to share His truth and righteousness. We are forever grateful for this journey.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, where together we strive to live according to His divine principles, growing stronger in faith and purpose every day.



Where is home?

If in your heart of hearts you want to go home one day.

Should we not identify this at the onset? Jesus referred to it as paradise; I'm good with that definition.

Luke 23: 42-43 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

As my esteemed colleagues have stated, the Bible is full of scriptures that guide the disciplines needed to receive everlasting life in paradise.

The way home is simple, it's just not easy, easy as in how the world defines easy. Are you willing to deny yourself pick up your cross daily and follow Jesus?

I have spoken this message to many over the years, yet it is as true today as it ever was. You may read every book and watch every video on swimming, but until you get in the water and use what you have learned, you will not know how to swim. How then can we merely read about God and the Kingdom, apart from a deep relationship with our creator?

Matthew 7: 22-23 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

I am not advocating dismissing the scriptures, on the contrary. We must study to show ourselves approved. In our study of the scriptures, we can see the magnificent character of God unfold and through the Holy Spirit, we can begin to actually understand what we are reading, for much is hidden within the passages.

Religion has been teaching a false doctrine for far too long, we must have intimacy with our Father for us to enter into paradise.

1 Samuel 16: 7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because

I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord

looketh on the heart.

Matthew 15: 8-9 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their

heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

The way home is not with religious traditions. The thief on the cross merely recognized who Jesus was and was

told that he would be in paradise that very day. He did not say the sinner's prayer nor was he water baptized, yet he

was accepted by Christ.

The way home is simple like I said, but your flesh will war against you for doing what is required to enter in. The

cost of paradise is everything, denying yourself and following Jesus. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all you must

do. If you do belong to Jesus then you are bound to a blood covenant with the King, you are now His, and you are

required to behave and do as you are told. This requires you to engage in daily conversation with Him to know

what is required of you each day.

Ephesians 2: 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before

ordained that we should walk in them.

If in your heart of hearts you want to go home one day, the way is simple. You need only believe in your heart and

not doubt that Jesus is the only way home. It is by Him and through Him that we may one day enter into paradise.

The part of us that will enter into paradise is that part that became corrupted in the garden and has remained as

such until Christ came and gave us a new life and a way home.

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Hello Friends, it is an honor and a pleasure to write this for our one-year anniversary. Evelyn and Richard are two of my favorite people on the planet. Ms. Patricia, Richard's dear wife, is behind the scenes praying and interceding for our audience and us as we work together. Thank you, Patricia, for your sacrifice of time and labor in prayer.

I'm grateful to be part of the Plumbline.

I am a person of strategic prayer, seeking time with the Lord. There are few things in life that bring me such great joy. Time in His presence, studying the mysteries I discover in the bible and prayer. Though there are a lot of resources written by educated and informed people. But not every book gives you a diagram or blueprint on how to apply walking out and applying the promises of God. If I want to bake a cake or cook something I have not tried before I will use a recipe.

The first step in walking out a successful Christian life is salvation. This can be found in Romans 10:8-13 for the purpose of ease I am using the New American Standard Translation or NASB for each scripture reference.

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, ⁹ [all that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart *a person* believes, ^[b] resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, ^[c] resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be ^[d] put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"

The prayer of Salvation: Dear Lord Jesus I repent of my sins and ask you to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I believe and confess you died for me and paid the ultimate price, so I would not have to. I give you my life, my present and future. I am yours. As you pray this the word states that you will not be put to shame. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Now you are a son or daughter of God. He calls you His.

John 10:27-28

²⁷ My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

As a member of His family, you are promised that you will hear His voice, have eternal life with Him, and No one can snatch you from His hand. Simply turn to Him and ask Him to speak to you. I recommend doing this with the bible open, a pen and notebook next to you. Tea or coffee at hand, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal His purposes for you. Jeremiah 29:11 reveals He thinks good thoughts about us and has a future and hope planned for us.

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans that I ^[a]have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for ^[b]prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

I have only ever found and experienced a loving Father, a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is most holy and sovereign, though I fear Him in a reverential knowledge that I must give an account of myself before Him. Protocols of worship and praise are necessary. Yet He is very accessible and approachable.

He is inviting us into a relationship with Him. Revelation 3:19-21

¹⁹ Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ The one who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

My daily walk with Him is Reading the Bible, conversation and prayer, discussing life and circumstances. Its rare to bring a list of needs before Him these days. Though needs are important, my position of heart and prayer seems to engulf those moments. Seek His Spirit, Wisdom, Revelation, Council, Might, Knowledge and Fear of the Lord, His seven spirits. This is found in Isaiah 11:2 and Revelation 4:5.

Brian Guerin's book the Seven Spirits of God is a wonderful book that explains who they are. Brian Guerin is the founding President of Bridal Glory International in Conyers, Georgia. Billye Brim of Prayer Mountain in the Ozarks Kirbyville Missouri, Cindy Jacob of Generals International in Red Oak, Texas. Chuck Pierce President of Glory of Zion in Corinth Texas, Dutch and Tim Sheets brothers, ministers, apostles and teachers Oasis Church in Middleton Ohio are all excellent ministries to follow. Their books provide excellent, trustworthy teaching and mentorship.

As you come to abide in Him you will find you will as well. Little did I know that life was a marathon and not a brief relay race. I wish I had known this much sooner. But thankfully I do now, and no more time will be spent trying to please everyone. It is spent pleasing Him. I am His to command. Micah explains it best......

Micah 6:8

He has told you, mortal one, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love ^[a]kindness,
And to walk ^[b]humbly with your God?

I have completely left the things of the world. I don't watch television, its something I gave up along time ago. I watch mostly certain ministries and ministers and selective news. My focus is on Him my family and job and friends. To walk out the Lord's purposes in this time my circle has become very small indeed.

I ask Him to Tune and Open my spiritual ears to voice, as well as seeking His direction for every step.

Isaiah 50:4-6

⁴ The Lord ^[a] God has given Me the tongue of disciples,
So that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.
He awakens <i>Me</i> morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.
⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear,
And I was not disobedient,
Nor did I turn back.
Proverbs 3:5-6
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
In conclusion, this is how I walk out my life daily with the Lord. A step-by-step scriptural blueprint of walking with the Lord. I find scriptures that fit my assignments and needs, standing on them. I bless and encourage you in your race in the Lord. Don't stop, keep running!

Janis Cates,

Watchman for the Lord

It is interesting how I encourage our group to come up with a topic that we can share with you. My friend Richard Smart was away for a quick get away. I quickly text and pending for a reponse within a day or two. In the text I mention that I would like to share ebook with our listerners on spotify and watchers of our video on youtube. Pending on Richard Smart and Janis Cates responses I proceeded to clean off my desk.



I received a text message stating, "The way back home." I quickly responded, "What? Why? Is everything OK?"

Richard responded, "Everything is OK." The topic for our guests is "the way back home." I chuckled within me with relief that all is well. As I ponder on the topic and reflecting the transition of text and how I responded quickly, I place "the way back home" in a thoughtful playing field of how a person can interpret many thoughts to the topic. The way back home can lead to disappointment, concern, or safety. In a sense, the way back home can be sobering, depending on the circumstances. I, for one, would like to consider what "the way back home" would look like. Going home brings contentment and safety that I will revisit my pillow, there will be a roof over my head. I find safety to cover me, and my perspective of life is revealed within the walls of HOME.

My question to you is, do you know that is your home? Heaven, that is. Let's expect that you will find the safety, contentment, and joy of knowing that "the way back home" is a place where you belong!

This topic, "the way back home," is the foundation of our life. Understanding what is Home and where our thoughts reflects the place of knowing that is where you belong.

The spiritual relations of "the way back home" would lead you to understand that the only home you have is Heaven. "For where I am, you will also be," Jesus said (John 14:3). Heaven is the only foundation that will not be shaken.



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In the Word of God, specifically in the Old Testament, a plumb line is often used metaphorically to represent a standard of righteousness or a measure of alignment with God's moral and ethical principles.

One of the notable references to a plumb line can be found in the book of Amos, in the Old Testament.

In Amos 7:7-8 (NIV)

"This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord asked me, 'What do you see, Amos?' 'A plumb line,' I replied. Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer."

In this passage, the plumb line symbolizes *God's standard of justice and righteousness*. God is using it to measure the people of Israel and us. An we can understand that when we have deviated from His righteous path, it would lead to His decision to take action against our disobedience.

The concept of a plumb line serves as a powerful metaphor for the moral and spiritual alignment that God expects from His people. It highlights the importance of living in accordance with His divine standards.

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