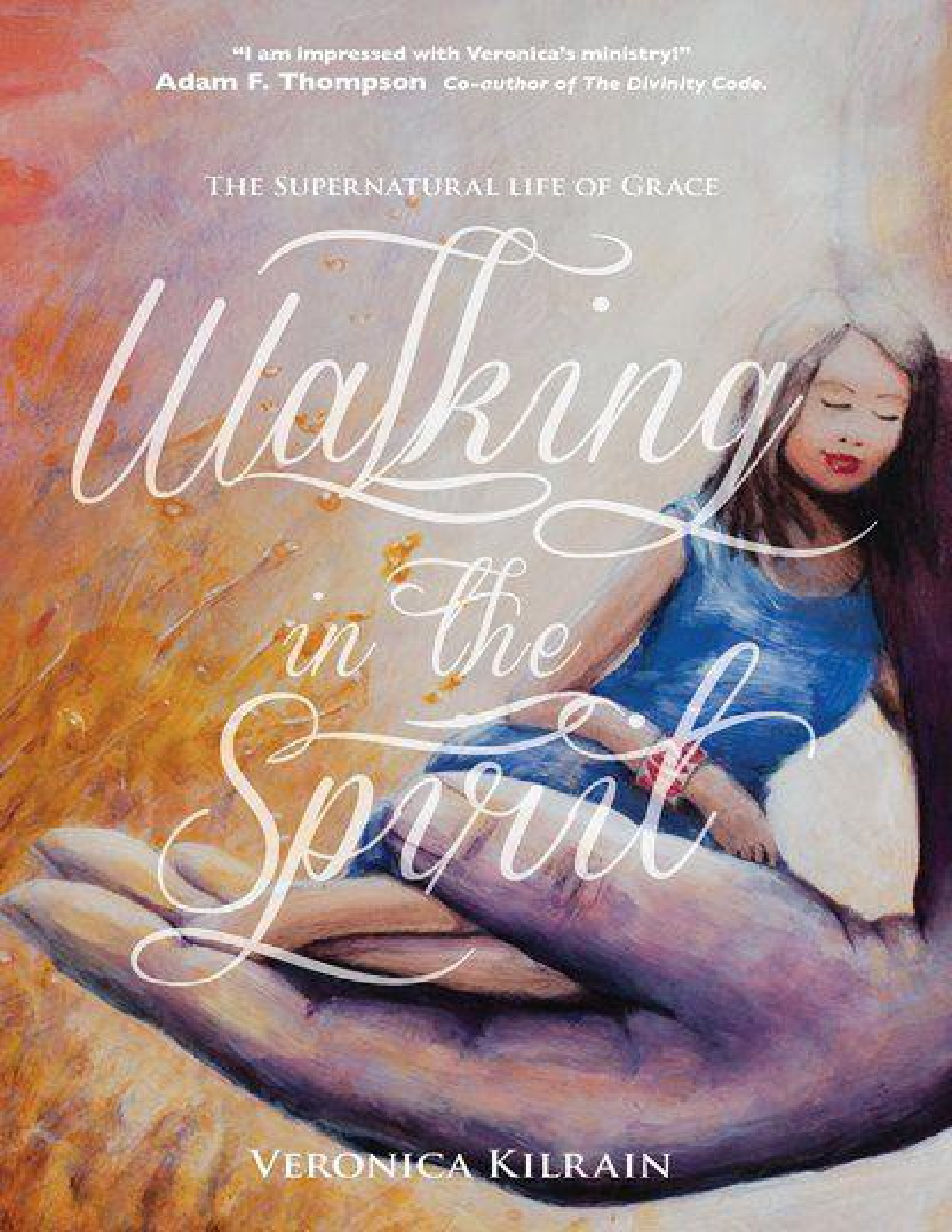


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What an adventure! To hear the voice of God and seek His face-- nothing can compare to this! Veronica Kilrain's book is a beautiful treasure chest yielding wonderful truths to those who will read it. She is a woman that heard from God and is filled with grace. Every paragraph is fresh and vibrant, giving the reader a front row seat into the prophetic journey of listening to God. She recounts many of her experiences that add so much to the book. Walking in the Spirit will take you deep into the ways of God. Practical and powerful, you can expect to be launched into the wonderful experience of drawing closer to God. Read it! Share with friends! Encounter God for yourself as you begin Walking in the Spirit!

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Walking in the Spirit is a refreshing and joyous read. Veronica brings out powerful truths with delightful candor and the transparency with which she shares about her experiences is both liberating and inspiring. The message of freedom and grace is brought with wisdom and humility and will be a great encouragement to many seeking to step out in their prophetic call.

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I have known Veronica for about 10 years & she is my closest & dearest friend! I have seen her walk through many of the stories that she shares in

this book - these are stories of faith in action! Veronica's journey testifies of someone who has dared to dream, silenced the voices that said it couldn't be done and instead chose to believe in a God with whom all things are possible! I believe she has accomplished with her life what Romans 12 verse 1 encourages us with: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: take your everyday, ordinary life-your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life, and place it before God as an offering" (The Message Bible). This book will inspire you to believe that you can make a difference with your seemingly ordinary life if you will allow God to be a part of it. Simply choose to believe who you already are in Christ because of the finished work of the Cross and you will be astounded at what God will do through you! As you read this book, you will have a supernatural encounter with the liberating Grace of God and discover that walking in the spirit can be a natural part of your every- day life! Enjoy the journey!

FLAVIA MANDERSON

As you read this book, you will experience a divine collision with the genuine, loving and compassionate heart of God that Veronica so clearly demonstrates through her anointed writing. Her transparency in sharing her life journey and experiences will impact you in a very profound way, as I experienced while uncovering the precious treasures within the pages of this priceless book.

You will learn and be activated to live in the supernatural as God has intended you - to manifest His grace, to move accurately in the prophetic and to walk in the unfailing love of God. This book will catapult you into a new dimension of walking in the Spirit! You need this timely book!

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Preface

This book was birthed from a vision I had upon returning from Glory and Grace Conference in Hong Kong 2010. The heart of the message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the freedom we have through the finished work of the Cross. It is written for Christian women as an encouragement to stand tall in every area of our lives. When we know who and whose we are the sky is the limit as the Gospel has empowered us to live supernatural lives.

Foreword

Veronica's book was a joy to read for both my wife Paula and myself. I first met Veronica when she attended a "Divinity Code" conference I was speaking at in Western Australia. At the end of the three day conference she boldly approached me asking to pray for Paula and I. We were blessed with the presence of God she brought and the accuracy of the prophetic word she gave to us. Since then it has been a pleasure seeing her grow in the things of God.

God has given us spiritual gifts which we can access and exercise. I believe that prophetic gifting is not a major strength in the body of Christ today, especially amongst leadership. Many are not allowing themselves to be guided by the voice of God. Jesus says in Mark 12:30-31, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this. You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Then the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14:1, "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." It is almost as if he is saying spiritual gifts, especially prophecy is the third commandment. Veronica has provided us with some keys to tap into and operate these gifts. She teaches us how to position ourselves for a fruitful life by creating a heavenly atmosphere in our homes.

In her book, Veronica has made herself transparent and vulnerable, revealing parts of her life which most of us would keep secret. She teaches us to walk in the Spirit, rest in Him and position ourselves to hear the voice of God.

It is inspirational to see a housewife and mother making pursuing the things of the Spirit a part of her everyday life, amidst all the challenges that rise from running a busy household.

I pray this book will inspire the reader to dig deeper, seek His face, and pursue the things of God.

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Introduction

Living a supernaturally natural life is God's plan for each and every one of us. He wants us to hear his voice and live fruitful lives as we release Heaven on earth. Daily encounters with God happen effortlessly as we rest in his love. In this book I want to encourage you to take hold of God's gift of prophecy and live a prophetic life.

Recently the Lord took me in a vision into a vibrant field full of flowers. Holding hands we walked together into the centre of a field. We knew each other's thoughts before we spoke them. We were in tune with each other.

In this field I could see two types of flowers and they were moving together with the presence of God. The peace and harmony made me want to lie down and go to sleep resting in the atmosphere. It was intoxicating and beautiful.

The flowers felt alive. They sparkled with beauty. There was a sweet aroma in the field too and my face tingled as my back and shoulders felt the warmth and love that surrounded me.

Together we sat in the field and Jesus picked one of each of the two flowers that were represented, placing them into my hand. Sitting together, he asked me to look up into the sky and as I did, I saw a picture painting that stretched across the sky as far as my eyes could see. Painted across the sky were millions of human hearts, all beating. The tenderness and love I felt for these hearts was overwhelming. A short time later, the Lord spoke the following words to me.

“Veronica, you are set apart. I have chosen you as my daughter. Do you see the flowers I have placed in your hand? They represent my goodness and my kindness. I want you to tell every person that you meet that I am good and that I am kind. Just like these beautiful flowers give pleasure to your senses, I want you to tell the world about my goodness and kindness. This is who I am. I have created each and every one with a desire to know me. I have paid the price for every bad and unkind thing in the world. When the world hears of my love, I will draw them by my Spirit into love. They will meet the Father in this place as I have paved the way for this to happen and they will experience freedom when they enter into this relationship.”

Walking in the Spirit – How you can experience the supernatural life of Grace is an invitation to partner with God through the spiritual gift of prophecy. Through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we have access to life in the spirit with God. New Testament prophecy forth-tells the Word of God in a declarative style proclaiming the Good News.

Prophecy awakens believers to their destiny in God and encourages a life of significance and effectiveness as we partner with Heaven on earth. Prophecy is a spiritual gift that all can access and exercise and it benefits believers in their ministry to God and strengthens the Church. Because Christ first loved us, we've been established in love and empowered and enabled to encounter the presence of God in our lives. We are ambassadors of love and as encouragers we can partner with God releasing Heaven on earth.

The Nature of God

MARRIED TO THE LAW

In the early days of my marriage things were very tough. I was fiercely independent due to my difficult background and my husband was like a policeman. Peter values health and exercise very much and at one point he said he would never marry me because I talked too much and was too fat! He also said that he felt like a father figure to me, as I had so much emotional and financial baggage when we first met.

In spite of all of this, when I first saw Peter in a pub, across a smoke-filled room, the Lord spoke to me and said, “You will marry that man and he will finish strong.”

God gave me a promise that night and, in a dream that followed, he also showed me events that would unfold way into the future. I love that about God. He is faithful to speak to us wherever we are and whatever stage in life we’re at.

The Holy Spirit told me that my past did not define me, but that he was making all things new in my life. The dreams and desires he had placed into my heart to have a large, loving, and godly family would come to pass. I would also have opportunities to share his love with the world. Little did I know the scale of that dream, or the influence that God would give me! God planted big dreams in my heart and promised that I will see them fulfilled in my life. Those desires have become goals in my life. How these goals are being achieved is the plan that’s written in sand. This is the journey with God and all the twists and turns that happen along the way.

Some months into our marriage, Peter decided we needed to be exercising on a daily basis. Well, he decided *I* needed to exercise. So off he went and bought a pair of second hand bicycles. Every afternoon, he would insist I get on the bicycle and ride with him. Like a donkey being pulled along with a bit in my mouth, I would reluctantly get on the bike, murmuring under my breath, feeling annoyed and childlike as we pedaled off down the street.

The problem was we were not connecting on a heart level. He didn't know how to love me and I had no idea how to trust him! I felt judged and I resented him trying to make me change. When I returned from food shopping he would ask me to hand over the receipts and he would check off what I had bought. It was his way of trying to help me in order to keep me healthy. All this did was stir up a lot of rejection in me. So much in fact that I would sneak off to McDonald's, eat two Big Mac meals and then go and buy a packet of chocolate biscuits at the supermarket and eat the whole packet in one sitting! As you can imagine, in the first few years of our marriage I ballooned to 100 kilos. That's what living with the law does. It stirs up sin. It condemns and it has no power to bring about change.

We carried on in our early years of marriage like this, battling out our differences, tearing shreds off each other and arguing ourselves to sleep many nights. The first five years were tough. Through it all, we stayed in fellowship with other Christians and remained in our local church where we spent many hundreds of hours attending meetings, listening to the visiting and local speakers and soaking in the Word of God. God did many miracles in our hearts over a period of years as he changed the way we thought and related to each other and brought healing and restoration to our marriage.

Grace found a way and through the difficulties God has faithfully revealed his goodness and kindness towards us. A significant turning point came upon returning from a mission trip to Malawi in central Africa. Peter went ahead in the fifth year of our marriage and had a vasectomy reversal after nine years. He was 38 and reluctantly fulfilled his part of the marriage vow to have children. Twelve months to the day, our first child Hannah was born. This was a significant turning point in our marriage. The layers of the onion were being removed and the soft sweet and tender heart that resided inside Peter came to the fore. God healed his heart and emotionally he began to understand me and connect with me. I learnt to trust him and his good intentions towards me. We now celebrate each other, instead of trying to change each other.

When I look at Peter, I see Paul in the Bible, a man who was formerly called Saul, a man who was transformed from the inside out when he met the living God. Paul, previously the biggest Pharisee of all, became the most influential and powerful man in the Bible. That is the transforming power of the Gospel!

What is the Gospel? It's good news!

Good News is that we've inherited everything that leads to a life of godliness, through God's free gift of righteousness. Our efforts fail to impress God as we cannot attain to perfection in our fallen state. Jesus' perfect life was the sacrifice for all mankind that tore the veil of separation. Because of this we now have free access to the Father. Our part is to receive what has been freely given and this way no man can boast. God is glorified and we get to partner with God through a personal relationship and experience the supernatural life of grace releasing Heaven on earth.

God has given us spiritual gifts that we can access and exercise. Prophecy is dear to the heart of God. We can hear God and see His face as we tune our spirit into God's Spirit. Speaking forth his purposes, promises and plans with clarity, authority and conviction becomes a natural part of life when walking in the spirit with God. Through prophecy, the world gets to encounter God and the Church is strengthened and encouraged. Prophecy is a gift that releases words of life that have the power to transform lives!

At the age of nine, I travelled to Australia from New Zealand as an unaccompanied minor on a 747 airplane. Together with my younger sister, we were visiting our mother over the Christmas school holidays. This was the first time my sister and I had seen our mother in years as our parents separated when I was two and my sister was born. Our parents had divorced and both re-married in this time.

This trip to Australia was a defining moment in my young life. While in my mother's care, I was taken to a Christian church meeting. Driving along as passengers in the back seat of our stepfather's Kingswood wagon, we pulled into the church car park. My eyes were filled with awe and wonder as I stared at the large building, wondering what all the excitement I felt was about. The car was parked and we were ushered into an auditorium. It was standing room only as the seats were taken as we walked in. Extra chairs were being brought out from downstairs and the building was buzzing with laughter and life. The atmosphere was electric!

I remember a pianist playing on the stage and a beautiful fragrance in the room. The love in this place was like nothing I had ever felt or experienced. I knew I was in a good place and I wanted what I saw in the eyes of the people. Being my very first time in church, I was unaware of what was going on there. Years later, I figured out that God had placed me in the middle of a church that was experiencing full blown revival! The presence of God in that place was out of this world!

In the church meeting, I encountered my first supernatural experience. Two enormous angels appeared in front of me and I was completely overwhelmed by their beauty. They were made up of light and so pure and clean and glorious. The whole time they were with me, they pointed me to Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Instantly I believed, and accepted Jesus into my heart. That was the beginning of my journey in the supernatural as a nine year old girl.

I returned home to New Zealand some time later with my sister and all hell broke loose! After sharing my new found faith with my Dad, he became very angry and said that my mother had brainwashed me with religion. I had a very close relationship with my Dad and always felt his love and still do to this day, but we were now on a different page spiritually. He based his world view on atheism and was an outspoken advocate for socialism which was his religion. Dad just couldn't get his head around what had happened to me. With sincerity, he tried to reason with me, dismissing my experiences as mumbo-jumbo.

On my visit to Australia, I became alive in Christ. My spirit was born again and from this moment in time my life changed from the inside out. I call it awakening. It's a bit like how you activate your credit card when it arrives in the mail. It has your name on it, but you need to activate it to make it work. My spiritual re-birth had activated the spirit of God within me. I could see things through spiritual lenses now, with God's view of life and eternity.

A war had begun in the second heaven over my life, and I had to learn how to stand in my faith as a spiritual warrior. I was nine years old, and living in an environment where the word "Jesus" was a swear word! There was a tormenting spirit of fear that lived in our home. I remember the ability it had to paralyze me physically, emotionally and mentally.

At night I had three recurring nightmares. In one of them, the walls would be closing in around me and I would scream out in fear, trying to escape and not get crushed. This happened every night for four years.

Then the tunnel dream would start. I would be flying at hurtling speed in a long dark tunnel with a demonic force trying to take me away and put me in a dungeon. There was no way out and I was terrified. Each night the evil force would torment me as I tried to sleep.

The third dream would follow. In this one, I was underneath a blade of grass, my physical body like an ant in comparison to the grass. Surrounded

by hundreds of huge grass blades, I would try and wake myself up, to come to my senses and to get away. I would be paralyzed by fear which held me captive like a prisoner on my bed. Dad would come to my bedside and reassure me and the hall light had to remain on most nights.

One summer my stepmother decided to send me to one of her sister's places for a visit. There was a lot of tension between my stepmum and I. In a genuine commitment to give each other some space, I was packed off to my aunt and uncle's place. While on this holiday, we did many lovely things. We stenciled some material, making a skirt from the fabric and also went bush walking in the surrounding mountains. The evenings were spent at home, cooking, knitting and enjoying the warmth of the lounge room wood fire with Scruffy the dog nearby.

On this holiday, I shared some of my night terrors with my aunty. She listened with compassion and then gave me some simple but profound advice. She said that when the dreams start, that I should wake myself up by putting my hand in front of my face and tell them to "Stop!"

The holiday ended and I returned home soon after. The dreams started straight away and the first night I remember trying so hard to physically get myself to sit up in the bed, to lift my hand up to say Stop! It was not easy. The second and third nights, I continued to force myself to wake up and on the third night, I actually sat right up in my bed, put my hand up and said, "Stop!" I was able to then lie back down and successfully get myself back to sleep.

After several weeks of waking up and saying, "Stop," the nightmares began to diminish and not come back. The physical pain that lived in my gut from fear began to leave and the knots that tied my emotions up with anger and frustration started to untie. My mind began to relax a little more too, as I had been so tightly wound up by this tormenting spiritual experience.

That simple act of saying Stop set me free! Without realizing it, I had exercised the authority Jesus had given me when I received him into my heart. The tormenter was an illegal imposter in my life and had no authority. I was in a spiritual war zone, not knowing that I had the authority I needed in Jesus name to deal with the opposition I faced. A divine transfer had taken place back at the church back in Australia. The delegated authority of God's Kingdom was given to me to rule and reign in life and fear had no place in my life!

At 14, my Dad let me live in Australia with my mother. It was 1989 and from this point on I had many opportunities to learn about life in the Spirit through a variety of prophetic and apostolic teaching ministries through the local churches I attended in my teenage years and young adult life.

LOVE

One with God, we have been empowered to be love. Love is who God is. Belonging to us is the supernatural ability to love the unlovely and to see others as God sees them. The message we carry is intimacy. Jesus has paid for every sin at the Cross so that the world could be one with him, never to be separated from love again. We've been set free by grace through faith. Our part is to abide in love through acceptance grace.

FREEDOM

Walking in the Spirit and living the supernatural life of Grace is a life of freedom! There's no fear in love, as perfect love has cast out all fear. The way we think, act and behave (our condition) begins to align with our position (in Christ) as we align our thinking with the Good News. The goodness of God brings refreshment and life. The Gospel has the power to transform our lives, setting us free from fear, failure and anything that hinders us from living fruitful and fulfilling lives.

Walking in the Spirit and living the supernatural life of grace is an adventurous journey. It's a life of intrigue, fun and many incredible supernatural encounters with the person of love. Partnering with God with the spiritual gift of prophecy releases the sound of Heaven on earth. Our words have the power to release the supernatural presence and power of God into our lives and create atmospheres for God's glorious presence.

Twenty eight years ago I embarked on this spiritual journey of walking in the Spirit and living the supernatural life of grace. God has made each and every one of us in his image, his plan for our lives is good and the Spirit of God invites us to partner with him living supernatural natural lives!

Hearing His Voice

My Nana persuaded me to enroll in cooking school as a teenager. She wanted me to be able to stand on my own two feet in life and cooking school provided a good starting platform teaching me many valuable life skills. When I was 20, I found my first job in a hotel kitchen brigade in Perth. The position was a commis chef and I worked on the larder section preparing the cold entrées and desserts for the restaurant.

My boss at the time was from Switzerland. His wife was a psychologist. He noted the type of questions I would ask the wait staff while they collected the customer's meals from my section. Standing in his office one afternoon he said, "You should be a psychologist not a chef!"

Those words went deep into my heart and over a period of time, God began to speak to me about changing my vocation to human services. At the time I had very little confidence, yet a desire to do so much with my life.

God's voice can be heard from a variety of sources. In my case he planted seeds in my heart through a boss that I worked for. I knew it was God speaking to me through the words of my boss as the inner peace and lingering thoughts had my attention. God's ability to fulfill the desires of my heart became evident in the years ahead.

The audible voice of God is loud and clear and I've heard God speak to me this way once before. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was out on an afternoon jog and was praying and chatting to God, sharing my thoughts and heart with him.

About halfway through the round God spoke to me in a loud and clear voice. I saw the words written out in front of my face like they were on a piece of paper. He said, "You are pregnant with a girl and her name is Grace."

The very next thought that came to my mind was the story in the Bible of Hannah. The voice of God confirmed and instructed me on the name of our first born child Hannah, his first gift of grace to us.

The Spirit of God loves to reveal more of Jesus to us. Spending time with God pays dividends. The Spirit of God loves it when we draw near to Him. God meets us in this place of solitude and intimacy. The spirit of God loves expectancy! The fullness of Christ dwells in us and an eager expectation to have a lifestyle of experiencing God on a daily basis is rewarded with measures of the tangible presence of God.

While there are no conditions to accessing God's presence, a heart that's devoted to God experiences him as he pursues us, desiring to spend time together. God speaks in uncomplicated ways. When he has our attention, he can reveal the mysteries of Heaven to us.

Amidst the sometimes frenetic pace of life, I've learnt to posture my heart towards God. The Holy Spirit loves to share his heart with ours. I believe God is continually speaking to us. We're just not tuned in or we're distracted by the issues of life and complacent in our expectancy to hear his voice.

A radio needs to tune into the station to be heard clearly. It's the same with tuning into the spirit of God. A lot of it has to do with our thoughts and the environment with which we surround ourselves. For me personally, I find that having grace-based Bible teaching, accompanied by spontaneous worship music playing in our home, provides a conducive environment for my mind to be tuned into God. Through the business of life, I can keep my mind focused with an atmosphere of faith and praise in our home and car. The Holy Spirit that resides within is honored and welcomed in an environment of faith.

No matter what distractions or interruptions cross my path, I know I can access the presence of God at any time of the day or the night. God is with me always and the precious Holy Spirit reminds me of this. This is my secret weapon and the source of my strength.

The Holy Spirit loves to reveal the many facets of God to us. Each day is an opportunity to discover more of God. With de-cluttered minds that rest on God's goodness in spite of difficulties, and with a healthy expectation, the voice of God can be heard and the supernatural life of grace enjoyed. Walking with God, accessing the realm of the Spirit and exercising prophecy is achieved from a place of rest and confidence. God loves to share his heart with devoted hearts that desire to know him.

For many years I carried an orphan mindset around which was deeply engrained in my thinking from my formative years. I believed that many of the good and well-meaning Christian families that God had placed around me never really loved me. I believed that in their eyes, I was a victim, a young woman who would give them a sense of contribution towards the purposes of God in their lives, but not really a valued and respected part of the family. They would return to their comfortable homes and families, shut the door and I was left to tough it out on my own. In my mind, I became fiercely independent to survive in life.

What came from this mindset was a lack of trust. I did not trust anyone and carried a cynical view of the world at the back of my mind. On the outside, I presented well and played the religious game with people, saying the right thing and keeping up appearances, but deep down in my heart I was alone and feared trusting people.

It was only after saturating myself in the Word of God and the Scripture that says that “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus,” that I was set free from this orphan mindset.

The breakthrough came gradually. I started to see myself as God sees me, accepted in the Beloved, a daughter and family member of God’s house. The trauma of my early years was being replaced by a supernatural peace that overlayed any anxiety, mistrust and fear that I had in relationships.

I learned to lean into the loving and tender arms of God when I felt insecure or scared of being rejected by people. This truth has set me up for success in life. No longer am I stuck in a rut in my thinking, but I can freely accept God’s love and give it to others in return.

It’s a wonderful thing to know that you are accepted in the Beloved. That is grace, God’s unmerited favor in our lives, not based on our efforts, but based on his efforts on our behalf. My part is to release the life of God that resides within, to enjoy him and continually get to know the presence of God in deeper measures on a daily basis. Life in the Spirit is effortless. It’s one big party and there is no fear in love, as the perfect love of God casts out all fear.

Another turning point came in my life when I was introduced to a couple who were passionate about families. This couple spent several years in my local church ministering to us as a church community and pouring out decades of their experience, wisdom and understanding. Through our commitment to stay anchored in this ministry, many of the blind spots,

deception and wrong thinking I had was replaced with trust in what God and his Word says about family. My heart began to soften and trust people.

This season of my life was a time of significant preparation as well. Many of the past hurts that I had been carrying around had been dealt with, but there was a practical application that was necessary. I needed to learn and embrace the Biblical model of living as a family member, with a sense of worth and valued contribution. The message this couple carried helped my restoration process. The foundations that were laid in my life and heart have set me up in my marriage as a mother and wife, and also as a minister of the Good News. The soil of my heart was prepared in this previous season and this has been a solid foundation to build upon as the fruits and gifts of the Spirit flow effortlessly.

From this foundation of trust and an identity founded on acceptance grace, the Holy Spirit's voice penetrated my heart because I believed God was interested in speaking to me. Realizing that my past does not define me but that I am a new creation in Christ has set me on a path of success in life and given me the confidence to trust the voice of God.

HOW GOD SPEAKS

Here are some of the many ways the voice of God speaks in our lives.

- Through Scripture
- Numbers, words and promptings
- Everyday life
- Divine coincidences
- Internal promptings
- Repetition
- Dreams and visions
- Books, media and music
- Creation and animals
- Godly human counsel
- Audible voice
- Prophecy

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The spiritual gift of prophecy is experienced in a variety of ways. Walking with the presence of God gives us the confidence to expect to hear the voice

of God. Considering God's thoughts towards us allows the voice of God to intersect our natural minds with the life of the Spirit. God loves to give us divine revelation into situations. Through the spiritual gift of prophecy, the voice of God is released and an atmosphere of faith creates an environment for supernatural transactions to take place.

Life in the Spirit is not found in logical reasoning, although God does use logic to speak to us and what he speaks makes sense as the Holy Spirit shows us the meaning behind what is being said. Spiritual things are discerned by our spirits. Instructions sometimes come from God and learning to listen to these is most important too. Then we will know what to do with what he is saying to us. Much of the time, he brings encouragement, comfort and showers us with his perfect love.

We are the apple of his eye and our company brings him great delight. His first priority is to spend time with us. He is more interested in getting our attention, so we can experience his love and enjoy spending time in his presence. His love completes us.

The action part is where we get to partner with him. From the overflow of our loving relationship we can exercise the gift of prophecy and speak life over ourselves and other precious people.

One evening while I was working on the writing of this book, I was worshipping God as I was typing and I heard him say, "Run with the fire I have placed within you! I will burn up all spiritual opposition that comes against you. Run with the fire!" With those words came a deposit of fire that I felt on the inside. Courage, perseverance and passion to run! There was a promise that God would protect my family as we share the Good News amidst spiritual opposition in the world too. I was strengthened to carry on and keep going with sense of peace and trust from these words.

E_XPECTATION

The voice of God flows from the throne where an endless supply of life and provision comes from. Imagine a crystal clear river in full flow with colors of light dancing on the rapids and water flowing towards you and through you. The presence of God is like this, as the voice of God brings clarity to our minds, refreshing our bodies. My heart is postured towards his from a place of connectedness and expectation, waiting to hear his voice. God is speaking to us all the time. The question is: are we listening?

D_ISCERNMENT

Discernment is a wonderful gift. Prophecy and discernment operate together just like salt and pepper season a good steak. Hearing the voice of God is one thing but knowing how to administrate the words is another. Timing is important with prophecy and discernment helps to define what and when to speak into a person's life. If ever in doubt, err on the side of caution and wait for the right time to share what God has shown you.

Discernment is an excellent spiritual tool, particularly when it is sharpened. It gives you the edge needed when dealing with spiritual matters. A bit like the saying, to be fore-warned is to be fore-armed. Discernment gives you a head start and puts you on the front foot in any given situation. Distractions come to deter and derail us from the higher purposes of God for our lives, and this spiritual gift is a very helpful tool.

I recently had to use some discernment myself. A business opportunity was presented to me at the time of writing this book. I could see some benefits from marketing some skin care products while out and about on my travels. I use the products myself and somehow I thought it would be okay to participate in selling this stuff on the side of my writing and family responsibilities.

As I embarked on setting up this business on the side, I had no end of hassles beginning with the bank charging me ridiculous foreign transaction fees for each purchase. My computer nearly blew up when I lost my email server when a heavy email came in from the skin care company one evening. I even went to a business meeting, baby and toddler in arms in the middle of a freak storm! The list went on. It was a big distraction.

After weeks of wasted energy and time, I packed up my small bag of business materials and products, apologized to my husband (who was ever so gracious and just smiled with an "I told you so" look on his face) and let the consultant know that I had bitten off more than I could chew! God had been trying to get my attention through a series of divine coincidences, internal promptings and godly human counsel. Eventually, I woke up and smelt the coffee!

What had happened was I had been diverted off my course through fear of man and people pleasing. I learnt a big lesson through this process. In order to achieve the things God has set aside for me to partner with him, I needed to listen and obey his voice and not allow myself to be distracted from the plans of God by other people's plans.

R_{EST}

Rest is an important factor in hearing God's voice. It's easy to get caught up in the hurry and worry of the world and the daily business of life. Walking in the Spirit is as simple as placing your trust in God and casting your cares upon him. Thoughts spent on God's goodness provide an excellent return. God gets a chance to connect with our thoughts when we rest in His goodness. Supernatural advantages come from being postured in rest.

Life with four young children keeps me very busy. Writing this book while raising a young family has been a journey with God as he has given me clear thoughts and helped me organize my days, enabling me to write while the toddler and baby sleep. The voice of God has kept me anchored during the writing process and he has been my strength. The presence of God rests upon my body too and this physical sense reminds me he's always with me. Positioned in rest through the free gift we're enabled through God's unmerited favor to hear his voice on a daily basis. Resting in the presence of God amidst the busyness of life creates an environment for encounter as the supernatural realm of God's presence meets us in the place we're at.

S_{PEAK} L_{IFE}

A word of encouragement or a prophetic word that declares the Good News releases hope and points people towards God. When we step out and take faith steps in obedience, the gift of prophecy is exercised and we grow in our ability to hear the voice of God and share his words with the supernatural presence on them. Heaven meets earth as words of life are released with glory on them. Prophecy has the potential to bring a great deal of comfort, healing and hope as God's intentions are shared.

P_RACTICAL T_IPS

By praying out loud we build ourselves up in the faith and create momentum in our lives as we partner with the supernatural realm of Heaven. Through our voices our communities are positively impacted by the presence of God that we carry within. Speaking in the gift of tongues is a great way to connect spirit to spirit with God. It's the language of Heaven and has power associated with it. The gift of prophecy is a tool that connects us and others with the heart of God. It points us back to him as our first love.

Some tips to assist in partnering with God and releasing prophecy.

- Act promptly—don't dismiss what you are sensing.
- Respect boundaries and always ask the person if they would like to you share the words you have first.
- Be prepared to be interrupted in your schedule, as God speaks at all times of day and night.
- Be flexible. Sometimes the time and place at which you want to share isn't suitable, so make a plan to arrange a mutually suitable time to speak with the person involved.
- Trust yourself. Listen to the inner voice of the Spirit. God is your qualification and you have his delegated authority to speak words of life.
- God is in the small things as much as he's in the large. For example, you may only have two words to share with someone. They may be spot on so share them anyway.
- Listen to your five spiritual senses—see, hear, smell, touch, taste.
- Don't become needs-focused, rather share prophecy when you know God is prompting you to and not based upon manipulation or coercion from man.

Seeing His Face

In the Old Testament people that saw the face of God were called seers. Nothing separates us from God anymore as Jesus' work on the Cross has enabled each and every one of us to experience seeing his face. This is how the seer anointing operates in our lives. Heart to heart we can experience the love of God through the spiritual gift of prophecy in pictures, vision and dreams. He shares his heart with us and his love for others through this spiritual gift and we can exercise the seer anointing and partner with God in releasing Heaven on earth in the lives of others.

God is love and is able to restore and make whole totally broken people. Life without God is broken. I was once one of these people. Plagued with insecurity and brokenness, I have seen first-hand how God's transforming love changes lives. Through the brokenness I experienced as a child and young woman, God has given me a great capacity to love and reach other people. I know that nothing is impossible with God, as he lifted me up out of the gutter and literally turned my life up the right way and has shared so much of his heart with me. What was intended for evil, God has turned around for good! That's the transforming nature of a loving God. We are no longer orphans when God's love gets hold of us! Because he first loved me, I can love myself and love in return. A significant part of walking in the Spirit is resting in God's favor on our lives. It's a gift and his face is shining on ours. This is the Good News.

T_{RUST}

Trust is essential as we learn to walk with God in the Spirit. Trust is the bridge, when we don't understand the hows and whys and the questions that come to undermine our faith or our desire to go deeper and further in the presence and heart of God. When we let go and let God, there comes an ease, as the Holy Spirit meets us in our place of need. God loves to share his heart with his sons and daughters! We are made in his image and are one with him.

A poverty mindset blocks the provisions of God in our lives at times. When we walk around with a lesser knowledge of our identity in Christ, then we fall short of living in the fullness of God's provisions and blessings. One of the most beautiful gifts is the gift of seeing his face, which is access to him 24/7. Nothing compares and it's God's desire for each and every one of us to walk face to face with him.

For many years, I never felt worthy to enter into God's presence. It felt like a whole lot of hard work to try and experience his presence. I was laboring under a poverty mindset of survival of the fittest and had become very independent in life.

Independent and in control of my own life, I was limited in my ability to make genuine connections with other people through a lack of trust. This created blockages in my walk with God too. Desperate to get my attention, God would send people into my life at intervals and they would try to get through the fortress I had built around my heart.

Sadly, I was missing out on so much of what God had in store relationally for me. But he was persistent and never gave up and eventually I cracked after a decade of wandering through life unable to make genuine heart connections. I have learnt to let God be the centre of my life, because he is for me, no matter who is against me! Through his goodness, his love has cracked open my heart and given me an enormous love for the people of the world! Your capacity increases as God gives you the supernatural ability to love the unlovely in life. His love has covered every sin in the world and from this platform of freedom, we are enabled to walk in the Spirit and see his face on a daily basis.

HOW WE CAN SEE HIS FACE

- Scriptures—direct promptings to passages or numbers and words that point to the scriptures.
- Creation and creatures great and small
- Dreams
- Visions
- Supernatural visitation and angelic hosts
- Personal encounters and experiences
- Prophecy
- In worship

- The nine spiritual gifts—wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:8-11)
- Anointing and mantles
- Through people

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Three of the nine spiritual gifts spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:1-14 are:

- Knowledge
- Discerning of Spirits
- Prophecy

The gifts of the Spirit help us as we walk with God. Walking in the Spirit is about a very real and personal relationship with him. The gifts of the Spirit enable us to release the life of God through our lives here on earth. When I see the face of God, three of the gifts that flow in my life regularly are knowledge, prophecy and discernment.

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

This gift is helpful in showing you the heart of the matter in a given situation and you are able to ask the Holy Spirit what is the next step. It may be to share an encouraging scripture or to offer to pray with a person. A faith filled prayer can bring such warmth and peace to a person who is struggling. You know what to say, when to say it and how to say it with this gift. It's a very helpful tool.

There have been countless times when I have exercised this gift and I have clearly seen the heart of the situation. It helps to communicate with people in a sensitive and non-patronizing way as well, not coming from a place of superiority. You may be shown the root of the issue in the spirit, but it is so you can see the person set free by the power of God through your prayers. There is a responsibility that comes with this gift to honor and cover the person with love.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

God loves to encourage us with words of life and show us his face through the written Word, as well as through visions and dreams which fore-tell

(predict future events) and forth-tell (proclaim his divine will). We must ensure that we teach Scripture with the lenses of grace and read the Word through the finished work of the Cross.

New Testament prophecy is aligned with Jesus' finished work and declares and proclaims this good news. Prophecy can be useful in many varying ways. It may be used to lift up a weary soul with a word of encouragement that contains the fragrance of Heaven on it, as well as to contribute to decision making. You can also prophesy into a situation as a declaration of faith. Scripture can be read out and spoken, bringing life. Prophecy has the Father's best interest for you at heart. It is a wonderful tool that reveals greater measures of God that lay inside of us.

THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

The gift of discernment is a great tool as it reveals the spirit that operates behind issues in life. Sometimes there is a demonic force at work and the gift of discernment gives you clear insight into what is operating in a situation. As you sharpen this gift together with the seer anointing in your life, you'll find that walking in the Spirit and bringing healing and restoration into people's lives is effortless.

Over the years I have witnessed many people being delivered from demonic powers that have held them captive like prisoners inside their minds. The spiritual gift of discernment is a great gift.

How do we discern with God's Spirit and not with our emotions or preconceived ideas? Firstly I would say that you have to listen first and foremost to the inner witness of your spirit. If I am in doubt at any point, I do not participate in something that I can't quite put a finger on, or where I do not know why I am sensing what I am, but I have learnt to trust the Lord with his leading in understanding this gift of the Spirit.

There is no fear in love, because perfect love casts out all fear, so we do not need to be frightened or wary of people or look for the negative. The gift of discernment aids us in revealing the heart of the matter. There is no need to go around questioning people's motives with a skeptical, holier than thou attitude either. It's more of a sense of walking through life and being attentive and tuned into the Holy Spirit as he is speaking to us all the time. An alarm bell may be going off in our heads, and there may be a caution to not get involved in that business situation, friendship, purchase or occasion.

Many times along my journey as a Christian, I have been able to see the spirit behind something that is not good. Sometimes there is spiritual opposition that we need to address. At other times there may be a need to speak face to face about a matter with the person involved. When we can acknowledge the spirit operating in a particular situation, we may see the need to extricate ourselves from a potentially damaging relationship, although without rejecting the person involved.

Fear paralyzes and causes all sorts of confusion and misrepresents truth. With the discerning of spirits we can live a quiet and peaceful life as we are able to see what is right. Never judge a book by its cover. A person's life and credibility are not determined by how much money, charisma, anointing, gifting, talent and personality they have. We must not look into a situation with pre-conceptions, but come with open hearts and minds to hear what God has to say. The Spirit of God releases life.

Stand firm, being meek and not weak, and be open minded to hear what the Spirit is saying. Don't be afraid to stick to what you are sensing even if it's not that popular at the time with other people. Align your mind to the mind of Christ in prayer. The discerning of spirits is like a scalpel in your tool box. I access it regularly in a spirit of humility and love.

W_{HAT} H_E L_OO_KS L_IK_E

God is exquisitely beautiful. Everything about him is perfection and peace. He is like a rushing river. He is the most powerful force in the Universe and only good things come from him. He loves mankind with an everlasting love and everything about him takes your breath away as he draws you into his presence. Be still before him for he loves to share his heart with his beloved.

Through life's challenges and difficulties, we have access to the throne of God and life in the Spirit is a place of perfect peace and fulfillment. It's found in intimacy with God. Heaven is transferable and can be deposited here on earth through our lives. The Kingdom of God is reflected in every heart that carries God's glory, one with him on the earth.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are depicted as a groom in the Song of Songs. The bride is his Church — radiant, beautiful and adored by her groom. Heaven truly is a place of celebration. Life in its fullness is expressed through Christ's love towards us. He is deeply passionate and committed to each and every one of us.

The face of God is seen and experienced through heart to heart connections in our daily lives. His presence is released into the earth through our lives. Our actions and deeds overflow from the goodness and kindness of God. We have been supernaturally empowered to live godly lives.

God's Heart for People

Even though each one of us is created in such a diverse way, we each reflect the creative beauty of God. He works in varying ways to get our attention. Just as a loving father wants to connect with his child, God wants to show us many wonderful things in picture form, giving us greater insight into the heavenly realm. He desires us to see his face and share his heart towards us and one another.

Mental pictures will often intercept my natural thought process and I know it is God. How do I know it is God and not just my natural mind? Well usually it's because he will put something or someone on my mind that I have not been thinking of or have had any contact with at that time.

He gives me insight about people regularly. I've been in the supermarket selecting fruit and vegetables, with the children in the trolley and the smell of a fruit in the vegetable section will trigger a thought of a person and their house and then a whole sentence will start to unfold in my mind.

Often a Scripture will come to mind and I will start to sing in the Spirit under my breath and pray and most often I will send a message to that person straight away with an uplifting word or a sensitive enquiry if needed.

I get insight into people of influence and God shows me things to pray for all the time too. If God gives me a word for a person in politics, I will email the politician's office with the word of encouragement I have for them and let them know we are praying as a family for their decision making. These words are usually received with thanks. With kingdom values such as honor, respect and dignity we can administrate God's heart to others, no matter what their station is in life. The Holy Spirit is always a gentleman and our source of strength is found in him.

Sometimes I will be lying on my bed or standing in my shower and I will see a literal word. Just one word and then a person's name will come to mind, or I will find myself pondering on some random memory of a conversation with a person—it could be as simple as the bill payment to the paper lady—and then I will start to get a word of knowledge for that person, so I will start praying and singing in the Spirit and often ask God if he

wants me to do anything practically to meet a need. It might be appropriate to make contact that day with the person to encourage them in some form. Photos also are a tool that God uses to communicate with us. I can look at a person's picture and see the potential in them and God will reveal events that involve them in the future. I cover them in prayer and incubate the future promises of God over their lives. I do often see Scriptures and as I worship God, singing and rejoicing, more download will often come.

Worship, the Word of God and the gifts of the Spirit are all inter—connected and flow in synchronized harmony. Seeing his face flows from a heart of love and adoration from and to my loving Father. I ponder and reflect on him throughout my day and listen to the Word on MP3s and CDs. Most days I have Christian messages and worship playing in the kitchen, so there is a constant focus on God in our home for the most part. It is not a ritual—there are times when it is total silence—but for the most part I immerse myself in the Word of God. Seeing his face is about developing sensitivity to God's Spirit, referring to his Word and keeping the focus of our hearts on Kingdom and eternal purposes.

PEACE

Peace is like an anchor. It brings great stability to our daily lives and refreshes us as we rest in the knowledge of the One who knows our very thoughts and hearts. He is ever faithful to stick with us and work through issues in our lives. Quietness and the peace of God are ours and no matter what storms are raging around us in life (family issues, finances or lack of faith in God through a trial). The Father never changes and we have access to this peace which surpasses all understanding 100 percent of the time.

It is not something we have to strive for or beg God for. We have it as a promise at the Cross. He is the Prince of Peace and peace is ours. Distractions come to me and problems come to rob my peace. As I stand my ground, exercising the authority I have received, my heart remains settled. We all face challenges here on earth. It is how we work through these issues that matters. Resting in our new creation identity is key to walking in the Spirit and seeing his face as we are no longer striving to see him with methods or principles or lists of good ideas. We are no longer trying to attain or maintain our rest. Righteousness, peace and joy are ours in Jesus.

God's goodness and promises are revealed to us through creation. The Lord often reminds me of his promises through creation. As I look at trees and flowers, he often speaks to me. For example I will hear the name of a flower in my spirit and then start to smell it with my natural senses, or I will see the color of it but won't know its name but can see it. After some internet research quite often a whole picture will start to unfold and there will be a word of encouragement that will flow in picture form and I will see through the picture a word of encouragement for a person.

God can also reveal himself to us through creatures large and small. I often see the simple beauty of God in the birds in the trees on our property and whilst out walking through our suburb. Each one is so unique and with its own song. Carefree, they feed amongst the trees and fly from branch to branch. By just watching the birds I am reminded of how much God loves us. Jesus said in Matthew 6: 26, "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

I believe that Jesus was speaking of rest and trusting in him. The message is simple: "do not worry, but seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you." In other words live according to the Spirit and not the flesh and all these promises will be fulfilled in your life! It is not conditional love— but unconditional. We have the choice to embrace it and walk in it by faith! The Good News of the New Covenant is all about the promises of God.

W_{HAT} H_{AS} G_{OD} C_{ALLED} Y_{OU} T_O D_O?

God is the desire of all nations and yet many do not even know it! We've been set apart and chosen to pass the baton on to the next generation. We've been given permission to take hold of our destiny, no longer sitting on the sidelines comfortable and predictable, just knowing spiritual concepts in our minds without having practical experiences that demonstrate the power of God's kingdom here on earth.

The prophet Jeremiah was called by God to be prophetic to the nations in the Old Testament and I believe the same call is relevant to our lives as New Testament believers. We are all called to stand up and to make our lives count. We have been given the boldness and courage to speak out the Good News to the world. We are the light in the world and our lives can make such a difference as each one does their part.

As a wife and mother, my mountain in this season is family. The various tasks that come with this role are innumerable as any mum knows, yet there are many ways to connect and reach others. As a homemaker it's a wonderful privilege to host other women, praying with them and speaking life into one another's lives. This book was written amidst raising a young family and a big part of it is attributed to my husband, an amazing man who found fun and creative ways of taking care of our young children when I needed quality time to sit and type in silence. We work as a team, with one heart and one vision, laying our lives down for each other and, I must add, I make lots of hot dinners to make up for his part!

A House Made of Thoughts

I used to read my Bible with the mindset that God related to me based upon my performance. If I had behaved in a way that I thought pleased God then I felt adequate to enter into his presence through worship or reading my Bible. I certainly experienced a measure of God's presence in my life and the gifts of the Spirit operated in fits and starts. But I was laboring under a false mindset. Hiding amidst my passion and zeal for God and his Kingdom was a lie that told me if I did more for God or worked harder at becoming a better person, then God would love me and share more of his heart with me. I was deceived and laboring in a performance-based mindset that had many conditions associated with it, blocking a pure flow of the river of God's grace.

The story of the prodigal son is a good example of the Father's love for mankind. This parable is a perfect picture of acceptance grace. The Father has given us all an inheritance based upon his unconditional love. Whether we are the older brother in the story who has been faithful with what God has given to us, or whether we have wandered off in disobedience like the younger brother did, God's arms are wide open towards us. His mercy endures forever as we are recipients of the New Covenant. The parable of the prodigal son used to irritate me. In fact it never made any sense to me at all. The reason was that I never understood it in context. I tried to understand the story through the lenses of my own family experience but because my family didn't operate with a Kingdom mindset, they weren't able to represent the Father accurately.

This was true in some of the Christian circles I was a part of too. The people with the older brother (worker) mindset like I had, never seemed to do enough, and the people who were disobedient were harshly judged and put aside. It just made no sense at all. I was reading the story through a religious mindset. While there were certainly some benefits from applying myself and trying harder, I couldn't maintain things in my natural strength. I was on my own, trying to work out my salvation with fear and trembling, with the idea that I had to do more to get more!

On the days when I messed up I would be conscious of my shortfalls and frustrated with myself as I struggled to keep it all together. I felt like God was not pleased with me on these days. So I would get into problem solving mode and try and work it all out so that I would be in the good books with God again. The whole process was exhausting and drained the life of God out of me even more.

It was only after having had what I would call a Damascus road experience, where God seemed so far away and I was spiritually and emotionally dry that I came to my senses. The lights came on and I began to see myself as God sees me; through the Son, positioned in Christ once and for all by the free gift. God has not only made a way for me to enter into his presence with fullness of joy, but he has made my spirit complete in him, therefore he relates to me based upon my position and not my fluctuating condition!

Wow! Nothing I have done or can do, can make God love me any more than he already does. This is Good News! When I realized this, the river of God began to flow through my life once again, without all the obstacles of a religious mindset and my life has started to align with my new nature identity. The plans and purposes of God have begun to flow in my life freely again.

Confident people act as if they have not a care in the world! They know what they want out of life and this is how God intends it to be. The Good News is that God relates to us through Jesus' perfect sacrifice on our behalf. With boldness we can enter into God's presence expecting to hear his voice and enjoy his presence.

A girlfriend gifted me a beautiful necklace this year. She called it the pearl of great price. She told me that the necklace represented all the colors that are on the inside of me, deposited there by God.

"Jesus is the merchant," she said. "You are the pearl of great price." Her words penetrated deeply into my heart. I had never seen that story that way. Jesus has done all the work and now we get to rest and receive life in abundance through the finished work on the Cross!

Through our declarations, proclamations and decrees, the sound of Heaven is released in the earth and lives are transformed by the awesome power and wonder of Almighty God. We get to partner with him, participating in eternal matters as carriers of light, love and truth.

Having a renewed mind means changing the way we think about God and seeing ourselves as God sees us. We are perfectly accepted in the

Beloved and are the apple of His eye. Every gift that God gives us is based upon his goodness and unconditional love. We receive the gifts by faith. The faith deposit we need has already been placed in our heart by God. Godly thoughts create palaces in our minds—palaces fit for the King and his Kingdom. From here, we rule and reign in life on earth.

You Are Anointed

God anoints us to do his work, and the anointing helps us to pray with discernment, getting right to the heart of the problem, so we can speak out the solution with the power of God's healing.

In my late teens I lived in a small country town. During these years, I never walked away from God, but I did not live a holy life and I was confused with many of the things I saw in Christianity. However, I still had God's anointing. During this time I would sit on the floor of the local pub with lots of the girls after the bands had finished playing and talk to them about God's love. I would tell them that Jesus was real and that he had a plan for their lives. One particular girl was tormented in her mind and struggled to sleep at night. She lived in the spare room of my flat for some time and would ask me to talk to her so she could fall asleep at night. She said my voice made her feel peaceful.

As believers and children of God, we are anointed in the Holy Spirit. The Vines dictionary describes the word anoint as follows, "To anoint— smear, consecrate." God has smeared upon us the presence of the Holy Spirit—the honey of Heaven. Because of the Cross we have forgiveness of sins and the Spirit of God lives in and upon us. We are anointed people who have been cleansed by God and filled with the Holy Spirit. God has enabled, entrusted and empowered us to do his will through the anointing in and on our lives. This anointing:

- Enables us to discern truth. 1 John 2: 27 says, "But the anointing which you have received from him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in him."
- Helps us to pray. Ephesians 6:18 says, "And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

- Allows us to be strengthened with power in our inner being. (Ephesians 3:16)
- Allows us to be led by God. (Romans 8:9)
- Allows us to live in joy. (Romans 14:17)
- Allows us to live in hope. (Romans 15:13)
- Allows us to bear spiritual fruit. Galatians 5:22-23 says, “but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

The anointing he has given you upon receiving the gift of righteousness is as fresh as the day it was bestowed upon you in salvation! You are free to receive all that he has for you! It is no longer a matter of if or when he speaks to you, but how he speaks to you. It’s a journey of discovery as we get to know the lover of our souls. So be open-minded and expect to see the rainbow colors of God in your daily life.

This is the anointing that God gave me when I received him into my heart. From the freshness of his face the treasures of Heaven are revealed to us as we flow in harmony with the Holy Spirit, engaging in the heavenly realm. The Father has enabled us to see his face through Jesus’ perfect sacrifice on our behalf! We have been given all things through Christ who strengthens us and in order to translate that reality into our lives we need to accept this spiritual truth as we access the kingdom by faith. Each and every day we make choices from the freedom we have been given. We choose whether we engage in carnal-minded thought processes or whether we live in the Spirit, agreeing in our minds with what God says about us!

When we see through our spiritual eyes, the person of grace becomes relevant in our daily lives. We engage in open ended dialogue enjoying face to face fellowship with God. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” The Spirit longs for us to open our minds and hearts each day to drink from the fountain of life that dwells within us and to live in the fullness that we have been given in Jesus.

This partnership requires our participation and it’s by faith that we take up our inheritance. Each one of us is writing our own story and the pages of our lives are being documented as we reach out our hand in response to the Prince of Peace, drawing near by trusting in his goodness. The light and love of God is revealed in and on our lives in ever-increasing measure as we step out in faith continually taking his hand and it’s along the journey that

we encounter the face of God, being transformed into the image of God with his glory.

Our Spirit is complete and full of God in its entirety, so there is nothing more that needs to be added as we are positioned completely in Christ! By keeping our eyes on the truth and not our circumstances, with thankful hearts we help ourselves walk in the Spirit each day, as opposed to walking in the flesh as we face the trials of life. Our face to face relationship continues to grow and develops as we celebrate who we are in Jesus and we can eagerly expect all the benefits that come from knowing him, accessing them with faith.

Once we come to realize that there is nothing that can separate us from his love, then freely our minds and hearts can receive of him. This is an important aspect of walking in the Spirit as we can truly rest and live from our identity as sons and daughters. As we focus our hearts on God, then we will be richly rewarded with greater measures of his presence.

There are days when trials face me and I am overcome with feelings of frustration and anxiety, it's mostly because I know this is not what God intended and it's certainly not how I want to live my life. However, when faced with the reaction of my flesh, I remind myself that I'm precious in God's sight. This gives me the confidence to pick myself up and keep on going in life. This thought process is important to continually walking in the Spirit. It means abiding in rest and letting the face of God be revealed to me by thoughts that align with truth and not lies that block the goodness of God.

We are in right standing with God and he sees us through the Son. From this position we are empowered to walk in perfect harmony with God. We simply have to choose to live from our position in Christ reflecting the true us, or to live from our carnal minds and live in the flesh. When the Spirit is in operation there is freedom!

Family and Prophecy

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

I've always wanted a large family. This was birthed out of a vision I had as a young child. Now I see a picture of my children all grown up and their spouses sitting in the back garden around a huge wooden table as I serve my family food, eating and drinking, laughter in the air, celebrating life and each other.

Every single one will impact nations with their lives. I believe that, and prophetically speak life over our children each day, declaring destiny over their life partners to be and expecting God to have His way in their lives. Exponentially, the promises and provisions of God will follow them all the days of their long lives as men and women of God!

In the fourth year of our marriage, Peter and I returned home from a mission trip through the heart of Africa. On this trip we spent time in local villages in Malawi connecting with orphans and other families. When we first married, Peter promised me children. However, there were some serious blockages in his heart as he struggled to find the desire to fulfill his promise to me. I was desperate to have a child of our own and I felt incomplete without one. It grieved me deeply that we had no children of our own. This was a difficult time in our marriage as Peter had to make the decision to have a vasectomy reversal without the real desire in his heart to do so. We had many heated arguments and I became very depressed.

One night after work I was standing in the kitchen and the topic of family came up between Peter and me. Things were pretty tense as I felt unheard, misunderstood and let down in the marriage. I don't know how the wind-up happened, but essentially the conversation was a total disaster and the steak and vegetables ended up on the other side of the room, thrown at him with every bit of strength I could muster. Luckily for Peter he ducked in time, missing the second plate that came his way too. Our marriage was at breaking point!

Totally broken and frustrated, I slid down the side of the kitchen cupboard and sat on the floor sobbing my heart out. There was nothing more I could do. I was at the end of myself— only God could find a way.

Some days later while things were still pretty tense between us, Peter woke up one morning and announced in an unimpressed voice, “you can leave your job and we’ll start a family.” I’ll never forget that moment. It wasn’t all bells and whistles and some romantic occasion. Not at all. He had simply chosen our marriage over his own needs and made a quality choice to honor me and his word. In that moment, hope flickered in my heart and I knew it was all going to be okay.

Peter had the operation and the surgeon told us it would take up to two years to conceive. He said we had a 30 percent chance of conception. Exactly four months after the operation I was pregnant with our first child! Nine months later Hannah was born, our first gift of grace.

God continued doing his work on Peter’s heart and peeling the layers back like an onion skin, so that the soft and tender heart that was always on the inside came to the fore. On the day Hannah was born, God did something supernatural in Peter’s life. He was able to feel and give love to this child and his capacity to love has grown enormously from this point in his life.

Those were tough days. You can be lonely in a marriage. I learnt to lean on God and to trust him with my whole heart. The up side is that I have seen so many miracles in our lives as God has given us more than we could have asked or imagined. The man I am married to today is not the man I married all those years ago! Every year gets better as we learn to enjoy the presence of God, trusting in him and letting faith do its work. God is the God of the impossible! There is always hope with God, even when your marriage seems hopeless and love always finds a way.

MARRIAGE

Peter and I have a vibrant relationship. We’ve always had heated discussions when we talk, on every topic from the garden to the books of the Bible. Communication is the key to success in our marriage. After a decade and a half, there are no longer nights when we go to bed mad, twisted up with frustration and hurt. If there are, they are far and few between. We’ve learnt to be kind to one another and accept each other. It’s not always been this way.

For years, I prayed and prayed for God to change my man, always with a tone in my prayers of 'woe is me'. It's ridiculous when I look back really. When I started to see Peter through the lenses of God's love, it changed the way I saw him and also the way I related to God on his behalf! Instead of praying to God to change Peter, I began to declare the truth of who we are in Christ over our marriage. My prayers went from being requests in the tone of a victim, to being declarations of truth that released the life of God!

Things soon changed, as we both adjusted the way we related to each other, now on a heart to heart level, extending kindness, mercy and grace to one another. It's easy to let each other off the hook when we view one another as God's Prince and Princess. One of the challenges of living under the same roof as two rushing rivers is dealing with each other's idiosyncrasies. These differences used to drive me crazy. I would get very mad and upset and lose my sense of peace very quickly.

I'm a stickler for being on time and am usually keen to get to our destination early. Pete's a whole lot more relaxed than I am. We view time differently, and I get myself worked up into a tizz if we are running late.

A typical outing will start like this. The van will be loaded with the children and bags and Peter will be in the lounge on his back doing his pre-outing stretches while I'm sitting in the passenger seat, starting to boil. At the point when I'm almost ready to let off some steam, he'll casually get into the driver's seat, meticulously adjusting his sash and positioning it to prevent it pulling tight on his neck. Setting his shoulders back into the driver's chair his hand moves forward as he puts the key in the ignition. The van starts and I breathe a sigh of relief. We're on our way! The sequence is the same every time.

I've learnt to rest and not react over the years and we get to our destination in one piece. Ironically, as I have let go of trying to micro-manage the whole family, we have learnt to walk together as a team and we actually get to places on time for the most part these days!

THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR HOMES

Homes become sanctuaries and places of rest, as opposed to war zones, when we learn to receive from God. His tangible presence permeates the rooms, reminding us that God is good and that he is the source of everything good in life. Our children are raised in an environment of acceptance and freedom, each one able to breathe and be themselves.

Encountering God in our family homes is a matter of resting in his goodness. Out of this place of rest, his peace flows and sustains us through the storms of life. Even though our behavior doesn't always line up with the truth of who we are, thankfully God doesn't relate to us based upon our performance. He relates to us based upon his performance on our behalf. This is Good News! Not only does it ease our minds, but we've been set up for success in our interpersonal relationships when we remind each other and ourselves who we truly are in Christ. From this platform, our condition starts to align with our position.

P_{EACE}

With grace lenses on our eyes, we see as God sees! It's much easier to let one another off the hook when we remember that Christ has forgiven us. With unity in the home, the environment is peaceful and conducive for you to hear God as you are tuned into the spirit of God with clarity. Words of life release the supernatural presence of Jesus too. When we speak to the gold that resides in each and every one of us, then it eventually has to come out of us! Words have power and there is great sense of peace in our homes as we encourage and celebrate the unique individuals we are.

Peace is essential to partnering with God as families. When we get caught up in the hurry and worry of the world, it's easy to lose our peace and then our focus is diminished by looking at the situation instead of trusting God amidst the challenges.

On the days when I keep my eyes on Jesus I tend to flow with the rhythms of Heaven, having supernatural encounters seeing his face and hearing his voice. These occur while I am doing my chores such as cooking meals, hanging washing and showering. I've learnt that receiving from God is not complicated. When we know we are his favorite, then we expect to receive good things.

God has chosen us before the foundation of the world to walk with him in a real and meaningful way. To understand his peace that we have inherited so we can exercise it, we must have correct Biblical thinking about acceptance grace. In grace, we find rest even when we face challenges and spiritual opposition. The peace of God is a guiding light in life. In marriage, peace is an essential ingredient. Keep your peace!

As a busy young mother, I hear the voice of God and have supernatural encounters when I am sleeping. In fact, I've come to expect God will speak to me this way. It's the most convenient time for me and also He has my full attention as I am resting. There is no effort on my behalf, trying to conjure up something. The Holy Spirit reveals the heart of God to me about many things when I sleep.

Often I will be informed of a situation in someone's life, or will have a sense of a future world event or something of that nature. It's not at all complicated. We are the children of God. He is our Dad, and a good Dad loves to talk with his kids! Mostly I pray life and the Word into situations that God reveals to me. It's very exciting walking in the Spirit. There is never a dull moment and it is such a privilege to partner with God releasing His Kingdom here on earth while raising a young family.

DECLARATIONS

Words of encouragement attract the supernatural provisions and promotions of God to come into our lives. When we stand in agreement with the promises of God for our lives, the transfer takes place as they come into our lives.

This year, Peter stepped into a new role as a project manager in his engineering field. For months I had been talking with the Holy Spirit about the income that I believed to be suitable for us in this season. In faith, I had been speaking out a figure that would cover all our costs and give us more room to move financially. The figure I gave to God was much bigger than what we had earned to date.

With confidence, I had a real sense of God's abundance ready to be poured out and all we had to do was rest in the provision, positioned to receive. I waited and I waited for our increase. After several jobs that were not ideal, finally the breakthrough has come and Peter has been offered an excellent salary with lots of extras and on a 40 hour week! Life in the Spirit is accessed through faith and God is in the business of promotion!

HONOR

My mother and I were separated from the time I was 22 months of age. I was raised by my father after my parent's divorce and Mum and I lived in different countries. From the beginning, I carried a deep sense of rejection and anger towards my mother. At the age of five, my father told me that she didn't love me but only really loved my sister. I was confused, broken and

very resentful growing up. Those words left me independent and untrusting as a teenager and in my early adult years. I never really trusted older women.

Through the years there have been many times when I've tried to shelve the pain and take the step of faith to reach out to my mother to feel her love. Fear always held me back from going any further than a surface connection. I had been able to forgive her, through the love God had given to me, but there was still a big blockage between us. Years of lost memories, lack of trust, and different values kept us separate from each other. Idealistic expectations that I had in my mind of a relationship between us had to be dropped too and I had to be realistic about our relationship all these years later.

It was in my early thirties when the restoration took place. At this time, my grandmother, my mother's mum had passed away. As Mum and I prepared to lay Nan to rest, a restoration took place between us. I began to trust God and not be afraid of opening my heart up towards my mum. I had a changed mindset and was willing to take a risk with the relationship.

Most of all, it's been a tremendous opportunity to honor my Mum with kind words, gifts and cards and to remind her that I love her. Even though we are very different and don't see much of each other, I am grateful to God that I can give love as a daughter. That is supernatural! Healed and whole hearts can release the life of God, partnering with Heaven on earth. There is always hope with God in family relationships.

Generosity as a Lifestyle

Generosity as a lifestyle is not based upon a bank balance. It's an inner conviction that comes from the overflow of a life that is immersed in its identity in Christ. God is ever-increasing and abundantly generous towards us despite our shortfalls in life. He lacks nothing and does not withhold his provisions or resources based upon our performance. It's only natural to live a lifestyle of generosity when walking with God. It's who he is and it is a privilege to share his love and provisions with the world through tangible actions.

What we give our time, talent and treasure to is a reflection of our hearts. There is no lack in God. As we pour out, he pours back in. Walking with God and living generously is a very rewarding way to live. When we partner with God in faith, the results are out of this world! He takes us places we can only ever imagine in this world as we get to be his hands and feet, connecting with people from all walks of life. It's an exciting journey. There is no fear in love and therefore no lack! The Holy Spirit is attracted to expectation and confidence.

THE RING

As a little girl I recall having a conversation with God and sharing my heart's desire with Him. I told the Lord that one day when I grew up I wanted a rock on my hand from a Prince who would take good care of me and treat me like a Princess. Fast forward 15 years and at the age of 23 I was engaged to Peter.

When Peter asked me to marry him, he took me to a local jeweler's shop to choose a ring. The moment we looked in the front window I saw the perfect ring. It was a princess cut solitaire diamond and I excitedly pointed it out.

"That's the one!" I said. Peter's eyes caught the price tag and his face dropped as he looked at me. "We better move into the shop and look further," he said. The tag read \$10,000.

While in the store we saw another beautiful band with seven good-sized diamonds in it.

“That would complement the solitaire,” I thought, after trying both on together. After some time looking around the jeweler’s store we set off and Peter started to think.

“Leave it with me” he said.

Peter returned the following day to the jeweler’s store on his own. He spoke with the owner who rang a supplier in Sydney who said there was a similar stone that had arrived in the country. It had been set in gold and had the paperwork ready, and it was half the price. Would Peter be interested in purchasing without viewing it? Once Peter heard the specifications of the ring in Sydney, he signed a contract and bought the ring sight unseen. The deposit was paid and the ring was set to be sent to the store in the week.

Upon making the final payment and collecting the ring, the jeweler was quite flustered and said to Peter, “Would you like to take the ring in the store window?”

The one that had arrived from Sydney was of higher grade than the ring in the window and the jeweler was keen to make the swap! Peter had paid 50 percent less than the ring in the window and, without knowing it, had bought a ring that was worth far more than he paid for! He declined the jeweler’s offer and took the rock home with the other gorgeous band for his bride to be. He proposed with the band of seven diamonds and gave me the eighth and big one on the wedding day. You can imagine my surprise when he put that rock on my hand! God loves to give us our hearts’ desires and he’s more than able to fulfill them!

Creativity and the ability to create wealth come from God. The supernatural provisions of God are not based upon our own merit, but based upon God’s unconditional love for us. They flow into our lives when we place our trust and expectation in him and when we connect with God in the supernatural realm of the Spirit. With confidence we can receive all that God has for us, accessing his resources for our lives as we walk with him.

MONEY AS SEED

God gives us money as seed. Some of that seed is to be eaten for ourselves and some of that seed is to be sown. You can never lose sowing seeds (money) into other people’s lives. God supernaturally grows that seed as we

sow it into the lives of others that he places on our hearts. The process of multiplication is supernatural.

Five years ago, Peter and I sold our family home, which we almost owned outright. We were financially set up for retirement, yet we wanted more children and to move into a more coastal suburb where our circle of friends were living. Both of us were feeling quite stale in our faith journey at this time. We felt the Holy Spirit nudging us to get out of our self-made comfort zones. A greater desire to trust God and believe for increase in our finances intrigued us. With this in mind, we took a huge leap of faith!

Riding on the back of a financial boom in 2007, we sold our home later in that year. It was modern and the last coat of paint had just gone on after a recent renovation. We moved into a rental property in a more coastal suburb amidst the tight rental market. With our money deposited in the bank we were earning enough interest to pay the rent and more. Within weeks of moving into our rental home I became pregnant with our third child.

During this time we paid cash for a 22-seater bus and converted it into a home on wheels for weekend getaways and opportunities to connect with families. With a bed, table and fridge on board, the bus has been a great tool and has provided many adventurous outings! We also contributed financially towards some overseas ministries at this time.

This was an exciting and challenging time for us both. Peter was changing the way he had viewed money for most of his adult life and was learning to trust God's provisions without the safety net of a 10 year plan and I was going through my own personal journey. My security had become our financial stability. I was learning to let go and truly trust God, as the poverty mindset that was set in from my childhood was being challenged. Through it all, the presence of God was strong. I kept feeling the tug of the Holy Spirit on my heart to share what we had financially, to release it into good soil and to not hold on with a poverty mentality.

During this time of transition in our thinking, Peter felt led to apply for a middle management position as a project manager. He succeeded after a short time, found the promotion fulfilling and thrived in his new role. God has given him the confidence to think bigger and influence the mining industry in Western Australia with his leadership. After some time this job came to an end as the company had financial and integrity issues. He applied for several more positions and remained in a few more middle management roles for short periods. This was a testing time for Peter.

Everything he had known in the area of his work was being challenged and was changing.

He decided to put our money on the stock market and over the next 18 months, lost a year's wages! Our faith muscles grew exponentially at this time. We had no debt, the savings were going down and yet we were having supernatural provisions come in from so many varying sources.

Peter decided to sow over and above the amount we lost on the stock market into Kingdom purposes and we sent a check to some friends overseas to assist them in their ministry. This was one of the most exciting things I have ever done financially. You cannot out-give God, neither can you give to get blessed! It is because we are blessed that we give. Partnering with God is wild, it's exciting and it sometimes tests you to the core!

Around this time, God began speaking to me in dreams. I had a significant shift in my thinking as well. It was like day and night. No longer bound in my mind, worried about trying to manage finances, and hoarding everything I own, I opened my hands up and was able to entrust my life to God in this area.

I actually believe that God will entrust us with millions of dollars to steward and pour out into the nations. He's given me dreams to write books and to pursue a Christian media ministry. He has brought people of influence to me supernaturally. It's very exciting walking in the Spirit. A lifestyle of generosity is about letting go and letting God!

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Partnering with God financially is a supernatural journey. The natural mind thinks naturally. But when we walk in the Spirit, we learn how to listen to our spirit and be led by the Spirit of God within us. Entering into the supernatural, we see things as God sees them. There is endless provision in the supernatural realm. God's ways are much higher than ours. He has a plan to partner with us through the area of finances and as we go we are releasing the provisions of God through our lives into the earth. When we walk by faith and take his hand, the fear that has gripped us has to go. Fear holds us back from taking risks.

I received an email from a friend recently who had been through a terrible divorce. As a single parent, things were tough financially. On a couple of occasions we sowed money into this woman's life and in the

email she testified that the financial support we had given her gave her a head start on getting out of debt. For years she had dreamed of buying her own home and, being out of debt, was able to save for a deposit and had finally bought her first home!

GIFTS THAT MAKE WAY FOR THE GIVER

A kind word, an act of kindness or a financial gift can soften the hardest of heart and provide a soft landing for a person in need. God's timing is always perfect and so listen and obey the still small promptings you feel at times. When we understand that money is seed and we actively seek God as to how we can bless others, then the seed that we sow grows as we sow it into the soil of people's lives. What you are sensing in God doesn't always make perfect sense, but just go ahead and do it anyway. With God, all things are possible!

Recently I gifted a lady a voucher to have her hands and feet pampered. I sat on the thought for a day and then decided to go ahead with it. The money came out of my food shopping for the week. The very day I sent the gift, I had a phone call to say that my husband had been offered an extra work shift on the weekend! What I'd given in faith came back to us 10 times! God's ways are so much higher than ours. He is looking for vessels that he can pour through. Money is a tool and it's a practical way of being his hands and feet in this world.

REST IN HIS SUPERNATURAL PROVISION

Partnering with God in the area of finances can sometimes be a real challenge. When it seems that there is not enough, the natural mind wants to hold onto what we have, riding through the tight time until things fatten up a bit. At such times, God tells me to sow even more! As I have done so, the money comes back double, triple and more! You cannot out-give God. He increases everything in our lives. The essence of this is an identity on the inside that that says, "I am rich." Our bank balance doesn't define our inner thoughts. Poverty is an attitude of lack, usually rooted in an identity that is not founded in God.

Some examples of the supernatural provisions of God that we have experienced include a phone company that put a credit of \$1000 on our account. I rang and rang trying to rectify the situation but they insisted that the account was in credit. There have been countless times when items have not scanned at the supermarket. I've come home and unpacked the food

shopping to later look at the list and see items which didn't get listed but which are clearly there in my cupboard and which I know got scanned!

Dividends that we did not know existed on our shares have turned up in our bank accounts in credit! Companies that have employed us have deposited bonus amounts into our accounts at times for no apparent reason. We have been gifted quality furniture, bags and designer label clothing and many other personal items over the years. The list is endless!

TIME AND TALENT

When our hearts are tender towards God they are soft towards people. The glory of God that resides on our lives is released into the community practically through our actions and words. In today's busy society an act of kindness can speak volumes to an individual. Basic manners are a big deal and a smile in a shopping centre at a fellow shopper or a kind word reflects God's nature. We have the power to release the life of God as we partner with Heaven and honor those who cross our paths. The rich deposit of Heaven residing within each one of us is bursting to get out and touch lives. The storehouses of Heaven are full to the brim with supernatural provisions and God wants us to partner with him as his voice pointing people to him as the precious Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to the world through us.

With our spiritual eyes open and an expectation for an opportunity to present we are more than likely to find an opportunity to release Heaven on earth. When our minds are on God and life in the Spirit, it's a natural consequence that supernatural opportunities will present to share the love of God with others.

I love to cook. It's practical and creative and brings great pleasure to my family and many others. Meals are a great way to connect with people. Sometimes I've made a huge effort and the meal has been a real treat, other times it has been basic, always made with the same amount of love! The opportunity to bless is a privilege and such practical things can make such a difference in another person's life.

We live in a community with a mix of young families and retirees. Through basic acts of kindness such as cooking meals and treats, we've built up genuine connections with our neighbors and some have become our friends. Some have allowed us to pray with them. One family just comes to the front door with their prayer requests when in need and I speak the life of God over the situations at hand. There have been many physical healings

which have taken place in this family through these faith-filled prayers and the peace of God has been released on many occasions.

Dreams and Angels

DREAMS

Dreams and visions point our attention towards God revealing the mysteries of Heaven. Being visual, dreams and visions are powerful tools as the Holy Spirit is able to share the heart of God with us in a way that we can remember the message and be reminded of the promise of God in our lives.

Many of my dreams have revealed the purposes of God for our family as promises for the future. Sometimes they are like riddles that need to be worked out. Quite often the dream is a metaphor and not literal. People and places can represent different things and so it takes time to sit with the Holy Spirit and ask Him what He is saying. This is God's way of getting our attention.

God loves to speak to us through dreams. Acts 2:17 says, "And it shall come to pass in the last days says God, That I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old man shall dream dreams."

I can testify to this in no uncertain terms and I dream 'God dreams' regularly. Dreams can reveal the heart of a situation to us and can warn us of potential danger ahead of us in our decision-making or warn us of opposition that may be trying to thwart us. Dreams reveal to us the loving nature of God and they can be beneficial in bringing much encouragement to us. God speaks in so many ways through dreams and they help to bring clarity and hope as well as build our faith in the goodness of God.

God has brought healing to my emotions through dreams and has affirmed me with visual demonstrations of his lavish love reminding me of his glory on my life. The Lord speaks through dreams to edify and encourage us as well as to remind us of the hope we have in him. He confirms and affirms the promises he has in store for us in the here and now and for the future.

One such dream I had recently was of my husband and I, in our yard doing gardening. In the dream my husband was pruning back a well-

established grape vine. The soil was very dry and I commented how we needed the rain. The sun shone brightly and the sky was blue. The next minute I looked into the sky to see clouds shaped like orbs floating above our house only. They were oval shaped and looked like they had fluffy transparent cotton wool inside them. Then a fine refreshing mist descended upon our property and I looked over to the vine which was pruned completely back to the stems. All over it were thousands of shoots beginning to burst forth. I believe this dream spoke of the promises of God and showers of blessing God has in store for us in the area of finances. The vine spoke of fruit in the Spirit and not laboring in the flesh. That very week my husband came home announcing a pay rise and travel allowance bonus!

Quite often I will be working through a certain issue and the Lord will speak life into my heart about the situation, revealing his plans. I will wake up from the dream with a fresh sense of hope, spurred on amidst opposition I may be facing. At the beginning of this writing project I faced a lot of negativity in my mind. For months thoughts came to undermine me and tell me that I was not qualified to do such a thing as write a book!

I recall having a vivid dream on New Year's Day as I lay on my bed having a morning sleep after a late night with our neighbors that live over the back fence. I dreamt of a fireman who came and hosed down the roads that my husband and I were walking on. As he did, we were confronted with several hissing snakes and gutter rats that were writhing and running about our feet. This fireman remained with us and sprayed the roads down with his hose and the snakes and gutter rats melted away. I believe the fireman represented Jesus and the water was the Holy Spirit. The Lord was washing away any insecurities and lies from the enemy that would say that I am not worthy to do such a project. I woke up with such boldness and confidence, believing that no-one and nothing can stop me as God is with me the whole way!

There are so many wonderful ways the Lord speaks to us through dreams.

ANGELS

One of the first encounters I had with the supernatural realm of God was as a young girl. It was during a worship service in the 1980s that I was attending with my mother's family when I sensed Jesus in the room with

me and then saw two huge mighty big angels in front of me. They were about nine feet tall and covered in the glory of God. They shone so brightly and were pure white, with glorious big feathered wings that were soft to touch and felt like silk. The kindness in their eyes was overwhelming. I felt enveloped from the inside with love. My mind was changed forever in that instant. I had met the living God as these ministering beings pointed me to Jesus. God showed me that I am his beloved and his banner over me is love. No one and nothing can ever separate me from His love.

This was the beginning of my journey in God. Years later I became increasingly aware of God's ministering angels around me, protecting me and watching over me. I used to own a very small car when I lived in a country town. I traveled a lot for work and study in my little car, up and down hills amidst the trucks that would haul goods back and forth to the city. One day I was travelling between towns and I saw two angels on either side of the exterior of the vehicle. Their wings were smooth and gliding in the wind as they travelled alongside me. It brought great comfort to me that God's ministering angels were watching over me.

I recall coming out of a Youth Alive concert once and was again driving off in my little car with the CD blaring when I saw all these angels squished into the back trunk section of my car. They were giggling and laughing and rolling around all squashed up and having the time of their lives. Around the same time, I was at a Saturday night revival meeting, sitting with the youth group, when all of a sudden the Holy Spirit came upon my sister and I and we fell to the floor in fits of laughter.

I recall angels tickling me and both of us laughed for hours, completely drunk with joy in the Holy Spirit. Joy is infectious and comes from God. It strengthens us. It's not happiness or a feeling, even though it is expressed through our emotions and bubbles out of us onto others. With joy we can share God's love with unbelievers. It gives us spiritual strength and enables us to share the love of God.

D_{AVID}

When we create an atmosphere of Heaven in our homes, our children pick up on what we model. I regularly see angels and sense their presence in our home. Often they are in my van or standing next to me. Sometimes I see them as a flash of light and other times they appear in human form or as the angelic looking types with wings that you read about in the Bible. They are

very diverse. One thing that is similar is their eyes—they shine with such depth and beauty, holy and glorious. They carry the presence of Jesus and you are always aware of the glory of God and the kingdom of light when they visit. Sometimes they talk to me in dreams sharing messages.

David, our three year old, is very aware of angels. He will mention them while playing and often goes into a trance-like state listening to worship music. He is captivated by the sweet presence of Jesus. Some months back, we were at the lunch table and David casually made the statement, “Mummy, the angel came and put a sticker on my shirt.” When I asked him what the angel looked like, he said, “Big wings Mummy,” flapping his arms as he spoke.

Character and Gifting

GOOD NEWS

The Gospel is such Good News! It's cause for a celebration! We don't have to try and achieve a life of fruitfulness through standards and performance. Spiritual fruit flows from the true vine who is Christ. As believers we are *in* Christ and therefore recipients of all Christ has for us through the free gift of salvation!

The personal relationship we share with Jesus equips us to partner with Him as the Spirit of God teaches us how to release the fragrance of Heaven here on earth through our lives. We don't have to try and maintain God's favor or pretend to be something we are not. God has literally made us new creations in Him. Our part is to renew our minds to the truth of whose we are. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—lives inside of us! We are fruitful people, as spiritual fruit flows from our identity. Galatians 5:22 is a description of who we are.

Character has to do with who we are and how we live our lives based upon our identity in Christ. As we abide in Christ, spending time in his presence and staying close to him, our lives reflect the fruit of righteousness that dwells within. When we see ourselves as Christ sees us, we begin to think, act and behave according to the truth. Then the areas of our lives that don't currently reflect the truth of who we are start to align with our position in Christ. Renewed minds aligning with truth freely demonstrate the supernatural power of Jesus.

Like many well-meaning folk, I have been caught up in the religious cycle of performance-based thinking. I somehow believed the lie that if I tried harder to be a better person then God would give me more spiritual insight and special assignments to do for his glory. In my eagerness to please God and apply his principles in my life to achieve success and fulfillment, I ended up on the treadmill of performance-based Christianity! I tried so hard to be a better person that I ended up entirely frustrated,

exhausted and angry. I felt like I was a nameless, faceless person who had a head on my shoulders but whose spiritual senses—sight, smell, hear, taste, touch—were all dead. It was like God was a million miles away and I was covered in dust, dull of hearing and out of touch with anything spiritual.

My confidence was at rock bottom at this point in my Christian walk some years back. I had a form of godliness, but denied his power, I'd become religious, aligning my thinking with performance-based theology. I believed that if I did good things, God would love me more and if I was a better Christian then God give me more opportunities in life. This self-righteous way of thinking did nothing to bring me closer to God. In fact it took me further away from his presence. He remained there with open arms, but my thought processes caused a blockage in the flow of the Spirit.

At the end of my rope, and having a crisis of faith, God literally rescued me from myself! My own self-righteousness and the deception that I was laboring in was ridiculous! The Spirit of God began to speak to me through a series of dreams, revealing to me that I am accepted in the Beloved and that nothing and nobody can separate me from this love or make God love me any more than He does already.

Desperate to get out of the pit I was in, I began listening to a Christian website in Hong Kong that were a grace-based ministry offering free online media archives that spoke of the Good News. I began to listen to hundreds of hours of messages that shed light on what it truly means to be saved by grace and the powerful truth of our new nature identity as sons and daughters of God.

The lights went on for me after a short period of time. My husband and I knew we had to make a transition out of our local church. This was a very challenging time as over a decade of friendships were at stake. But we knew we had to move forward in God and our future was elsewhere. So we shook hands with our leadership and began our journey back to freedom. Once we made this move, we were dislodged from the reeds in the river where we had been bobbing up and down with a lot of works and self-effort, but no supernatural flow, and were catapulted back into the flow of the river of grace. In the river, we began effortlessly floating with the tide of the Spirit. It was fun, refreshing and easy and our lives have taken on a whole new meaning!

Walking in the Spirit on a daily basis is essentially about rest. When we cease from performance-based thinking to maintain our spiritual walk and enter into the rest of Jesus, the supernatural life of grace flows with ease. Life in the Spirit is an effortless walk! It's based upon resting in who God says we are and from this position, receiving all He has for us to partake of and participate in.

Walking with God is not a burdensome activity. God becomes your strength when we rest and trust in Him!

The voice of God that reveals his purposes for our lives and others is heard as we abide in him. From this place of intimacy and rest, the heart of God is understood and seen. We can release the spiritual gift of prophecy through our lives as carriers of Good News from the overflow of experiencing God as ambassadors of godly character through the free gift.

The vine dresser grafts our lives as he sees fit, always for our benefit and out of love. He prunes what needs pruning and our part is to trust. The law of love has been written on our hearts. As we abide in Jesus and keep our spiritual eyes on him, our behavior begins to reflect our true nature. We will never be barren or unfruitful when we walk in the knowledge and understanding of the goodness of God. He's paid for it all!

GIFTING

The gifts of the Spirit equip us to administrate the Kingdom of God here on earth. They are received by faith and assist us to live supernaturally natural lives. They are:

Manifestation Gifts—these gifts say something.

- Prophecy (or forth-telling). Tongues and Interpretation of tongues.

Power Gifts—these gifts do something.

- Faith, Healing and Miracles.

Revelation Gifts—these gifts reveal something.

- Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits.

Romans 12:6-8 says, “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

The spiritual gift of prophecy becomes second nature to us as we talk to God in our daily lives and exercise our spiritual muscles by stepping out in faith and obedience to the promptings he gives us. The words that God puts in our mouths have the power to change the atmosphere that surrounds us, releasing healing and wholeness as we share with others. Because God is light, we are in the light. Good overcomes evil in the world and we have the goodness of God dwelling inside!

I worked in a children’s home when we first moved to Perth. In this government-run home a couple lived onsite as cottage parents. From the time I began working in this place, I had a sense of unease in my stomach. I knew something bad was going on in this place.

The head of the house used a lot of control and was aggressive and sarcastic towards the children at times. This guy made it his duty to publically berate me in front of other staff members while on shift. He would mock me at times (because of my faith) and made crude references to my body while we worked.

His behavior was disgusting but I was not at all afraid of him. In fact, I made it my priority to pray up a storm shining light in the darkness! Driving to work each day, I would pray that the light of God in me would reveal the darkness in the place and that this guy would repent for the filthy way he spoke to the children and others. I felt sorry for his wife who was in a difficult situation too, co-dependent and probably too frightened to leave.

Two months in the job and the man was on charges for neglect as one of the children had the courage to speak up and testify about what he was doing to them when the staff went home at night. I shared the Gospel with this man and prayed that he would come to his senses and changed the way he thought!

GIFTS BY FAITH

Spiritual gifts are received by faith and that is why gifted people fail morally sometimes. Nothing is too hard for God! His nature is restorative and he can work amidst the most impossible situations, mending the most

broken hearts and completely turning lives around. It is never too late to allow God's love to change us and he comes with healing to those who are weary and broken.

I have seen how God can do much healing in a short period of time first hand in my own life. He has changed my heart and brought people along my path that have helped me grow in wisdom and understanding, developing my character. I've learnt how to exercise self-control as a fruit of the spirit in my eating, exercising and emotional life too. Character and gifting work hand in hand and the Holy Spirit is the compass that keeps us on course. He sustains us and the gifts enable us to do the work of God as we walk in the spirit.

We're on a journey with God raising our families, earning a living and bringing Heaven to earth through the everyday things in our lives. It's a marathon we're running and not a sprint, and consistency and stability play a big part as we journey as families and communities. Ultimately our source of strength and guidance comes from our relationship with Jesus. This foundation benefits our earthly relationships immensely.

Prophetic Etiquette

The words we speak and the way we speak those words has power. Through people I've met along my travels, I've learnt some hard lessons in life in terms of tempering my passion with meekness and how to speak the truth in love. One such incident happened soon after I was married. I had done an exam to be accepted into University as a mature age student and to my surprise I got into the social work course. While I studied, I needed to work, and every morning before going to Uni I worked in a lunch bar preparing sandwiches.

Chit chat was a normal part of the morning routine as we prepared the jiffy vans with hot and cold food to be delivered to the factories in the area. One morning while working, the owner was telling the kitchen team about her busy schedule. She was quite tense a lot of the time, and the stress of running her business weighed heavily on her mind.

My boss was half apologizing to the team for her aloofness and distracted mind as well as sharing the frustrations she was feeling. The conversation was open for discussion and there was a real vibe in the place. In a light hearted way, I told her she was a bit neurotic at times. The room went deathly silent and moments later the conversation started again, but with a different topic.

Like a ton of bricks, it hit me that I had actually insulted the woman in a very serious and personal way. The problem was her mother. I remembered the conversation we had had at Christmas time immediately. She had told me of her sick mother, living in an elderly people's home and suffering from dementia, memory loss and mental health issues. It seemed that her greatest fear in life was of ending up like her mother. I came to work the next day to be told that my services were no longer required.

There are consequences in our earthly relationships when we say things that we shouldn't, even if we think they are light hearted. In that moment, I learnt a lesson to be mindful of what I say and when I say something.

The same principle applies to exercising the gift of prophecy. Both timing and the way we speak the message we carry are important parts of

releasing the Spirit of God in our sphere of influence.

THE BASICS

Common sense is a godly gift! When exercising the spiritual gift of prophecy, it's vital to always keep good manners in mind. I would suggest that if you have a word for someone of the opposite sex, ask a third party to be a witness when you are ministering the word to them. Always ask a person if they would like you to pray with them. Don't ever think too highly of your gift or yourself. Respect each individual with tenderness and kindness. Use your please and thank you and remind yourselves that the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve.

Sometimes, as we step out and become established and confident in our gifting, we can think more highly of ourselves than we should. This is not a good look. People are important and no matter what station in life each one is at, remind yourself that you are no better than anyone else. It is God who gets the glory as we exercise his voice on the earth through prophecy, edification and encouragement.

WHY PROPHESY?

Prophecy is partnering with God through the spoken word, releasing Heaven on earth. New Testament prophecy is forth-telling. It's about declaring the Word of God and his purposes and plans for our lives. It is a ministry to help Christians become more effective in their lives and ministries and it can awaken us to our potential and destiny in God.

I believe prophecy can lead people to Christ as we can discern the hearts of man with the gifts of the Spirit. As we pray with love, God gives us keys to people's hearts that open doors so the light can go in, setting many free. We are carriers of Good News. The message we carry is transferred through our actions as well as our words.

HOW TO PROPHESY TO BELIEVERS AND

'NOT-YET BELIEVERS'

The way we share the message we have been given depends on whether the person has an understanding of spiritual things. Until a person's spiritual eyes are opened, it's difficult trying to explain spiritual concepts.

A couple of years ago, I came home from a Friday night church meeting in our city. During the worship I was taken in a vision into the third Heaven and encountered the presence of God there. I remember a lot of laughter

going on as I was taken away in this vision. I think I spent the most part of the evening laying on the floor while away in the spirit with God.

During this encounter, I saw many things in the throne room of God. I also danced before Jesus in my own garden in Heaven and the Lord refreshed my soul and shared his heart with me. It was a wonderful time in his presence.

The following morning I bumped into my neighbor at the local shopping centre. Still overwhelmed from the previous night's experience and in a state of happiness, I blurted out the words, "You should have seen us last night! We were so drunk at the well!" The man looked at me like I was cuckoo and got in his car and drove away.

I learnt a hard lesson that day. If you want to reach your unsaved neighbors, use common sense and don't share spiritual things that the natural mind can't process! The poor guy had no personal experience or understanding of what I was saying. God only knows what went through his mind at that moment.

CONFIRMATION OF A DREAM

A prophetic picture that God gives you for another person quite often confirms what is going on in their hearts and lives. A friend and I were having a cup of tea together recently. I'd been praying for my friend as I knew she was going to relocate overseas to support her husband in his new job. While we were chatting I shared what the Lord had shown me was going to take place in her life as she embarked on this adventure. As I shared the picture, tears began rolling down my friend's face.

In my time of prayer earlier, God had shown me a vision in which this lady was running up the face of a lush green mountain. In the vision I saw how beautiful the surrounds were. There was steam coming up from the earth and many of the plants were budding around her as she was running up and over this mountain. The beauty of it all took my breath away. I saw my friend having a special connection with God in this posting. She would see the face of God and hear his voice daily through creation.

Wiping away her tears, my friend began to tell me the very conversation she had been having with God. She had a deep sense of knowing and yearning to encounter God through nature. We laughed as we knew the vision was from God.

My friend left with an extra bounce in her step that day, knowing that the desires in her heart were about to be fulfilled in the coming months. Shortly after relocating, photographs were posted online from my friend. She is living in the midst of that vision and encountering God exactly as he had promised her she would!

STEP OUT!

God will sometimes only show us a part of the picture. As we step out in faith with what we see, the rest often flows. This is often the case when I begin to pray for a person. When I begin to pray and release words of life over an individual, the Spirit of God gets stirred up and comes bubbling out with the words of life in that moment in time. Sometimes, it's a single word that God gives me for a person and that word is exactly what they needed to hear. Other times, I may have a picture to share and that picture may be a metaphor representing a specific need in the person's life. The Spirit of God loves to encourage and comfort His loved ones. Step out with what you have, trusting God to fill up the pieces in the puzzle as you exercise prophecy, partnering with God with this spiritual gift.

WORDS OF LOVE

Many times as I have shared the words God has placed on my heart for others, the life of God has been released. There is supernatural power that brings change in our lives when we release the word of God with the anointing on our lives that is to bless others. I remember going up to a middle aged indigenous lady at a soup kitchen one night. This woman was in a bad state emotionally. She was yelling and screaming at the people in the room. She was very intimidating and frightening.

Instantly I felt the tug of the Holy Spirit upon my heart to approach her. I walked over to her amidst the rage and stood in front of her and looked deeply into her eyes. I said with deep conviction, "You are a good woman." Instantly she stopped ranting, calmed down and left the building.

It was clear to me there were significant spiritual issues going on there. In the midst of all that mess, the Holy Spirit had the upper hand and, as his eyes and mouth, I 'kissed' her with his love! That kiss brought peace to her in that moment.

Our words have power. As we step out and release the kindness of God in faith, we see lives changed for the better.

DECLARE THE WORD!

While in Mexico on a mission trip in my early twenties, I was part of a street team, connecting with many young homeless people who had no hope for their lives. During this time we spoke with many people and had the opportunity to pray for people and see the transforming power of Jesus blood set them free from addictions and other debilitating illnesses.

One guy was sitting on a park bench with his eyes glazed over and nearly shut. With tears rolling down his cheeks, he begged me to help him. He told me how he went each morning to the government medical centre to receive a shot of drugs that sedated him. He wandered around like a zombie, drugged out, shut down, dismissed and forgotten, a mere waste of space to the surrounding busy world.

I sat there, sobbing my heart out with him and, holding his filthy hand, prayed life over him. Seeing the chains in the spirit that were over him snap was amazing! The other member of the team and I continued to pray for some time, and the Holy Spirit comforted the man after he was set free from the demonic forces that were tormenting him.

From there, we took him back to the local church that we were supporting in the outreach, bought him some chicken and introduced him to the couple leading the ministry to follow him up and keep in touch.

WORDS THAT HEAL

A picture came to my mind for a person overseas sometime back. I was doing my household chores at the time. I had never met this person although I knew of him through a friend. At this time, I had an overwhelming sense of the Father's love for this man. It brought me to tears; I felt the heart of God beating with such passionate love for this man. I did know the man had faced some terrible issues in his personal life and had fought a few demons.

I went to my computer and typed out the words the Lord had given me for this person. I then emailed them through Facebook in a private message. I sent a short note introducing myself and then shared the words. Sometime later I received a message back from the person. He received the words with thanks and was immediately encouraged.

I felt a deposit of healing on those words. There was an identity issue God was dealing with and he wanted to remind this son how precious he was in

God's sight, in spite of the difficulties and past sins this man had committed.

TIMING

With wisdom and understanding we can discern when and how to reveal what God has shown us. Often keeping the person in prayer is important too. Timing is important when prophesying. If I sense any caution in my spirit with a word, then I don't share it, simple as that. Anything that is directional or correctional, I share with the local eldership and ask their perspective on the issue (as often they know more about people's situations because of their role). At times God will show me something for someone, but the timing is not yet to share the word. God is often working on our hearts and preparing us to receive the next portion he has for us!

Gathering Together

THE LOCAL CHURCH

We have benefited greatly as a couple for always being a part of a local church community where there is order and godly government operating through servant-hearted leaders. There is a difference between being covered by a perceived spiritual authority and the Scriptural instruction to submit ourselves to God's delegated authorities. New Testament authority is demonstrated by Jesus and by the leadership of local churches. Leaders should uphold, strengthen, reinforce and oversee the body from beneath, not domineer, control or rule from above.

True accountability is about how we express Christ in us—our lifestyle, our character and our integrity in families, jobs and church community. Godly leadership reflects the Kingdom of God and where there is order in a home and a local church the peace of God reigns. We need each other and God puts the broken and the lonely into families. The Kingdom of God is a family!

GATHERING TOGETHER

Many times I see pictures as I worship God in a corporate meeting. There is something very special about coming together and celebrating God and his goodness, encountering him with freshness and declaring into the heavens his great love. Countless times I will see a picture in my head and then the words will follow as I pick up the heart of what the Father is saying. Whether I share the picture or not depends on the flow of the particular meeting that I am in and sometimes the Father just meets us in that place and speaks so beautifully to me personally.

God is the one who orchestrates the work of the Spirit and as we join with him in releasing the fragrance of Heaven through the God-given visions and dreams we have, then we give glory to him bringing life wherever we go! Having confidence to speak out involves having an expectation that God wants to show us things. He does not speak to us based upon our performance but based upon our position in Christ.

We are one with him, regardless of our shortfalls.

There is no point in prophesying life, healing and wholeness and then teaching with a mixture of law and grace as this just undermines the whole process of the finished work of Jesus and brings condemnation with it. People only ever truly change in an environment of acceptance and love. We can only change ourselves with God's help and each person is responsible to make their own choices before God and man in how they live their lives. Because he loves us we can love ourselves.

The Cross has equipped and empowered us and even though we see through a glass dimly and no one has perfect theology, let's do our best to continue the work of Jesus, working in team and letting his love rule and reign in our lives. As we do, the glory of God that covers the earth will be revealed through each and every one of us—his sons and daughters!

I N A C O R P O R A T E C H U R C H M E E T I N G

One part of the role of elders is to lead corporate meetings or to delegate this role to other up and coming leaders. When someone in the meeting has a word to share with the people, the elder leading the meeting is the person to speak to.

I still find it daunting walking to the front and waiting for an opportunity to share what God has placed in my mouth. In my local church where I exercise prophecy, the elders know and trust me. They recognize the gifting on my life and know that I am credible and established. My local church is a safe place where I can be me. When it's appropriate the leader will make a way for me to share publically. I've learnt to silence the internal dialogue that tells me I'm drawing attention to myself, or that people won't want to hear what I have to share. I am usually sweating with my heart pumping like mad!

As an act of obedience I choose to share each time. It's as simple as that. The lying thoughts that intimidate me are still there. I am human and have insecurities like everyone. But the choice to obey the Holy Spirit pays dividends every time!

The benefits are two-fold. First, I grow in the gift I am exercising, and second, there are personal breakthroughs for people in the congregation as the anointing on the Word sets people free.

H O W T O C O M M U N I C A T E

Communication skills are important. The heart of the message we are sharing can be misunderstood if our body language and delivery don't make sense. Connecting with the crowd in a clear way that makes sense helps people process what we are saying. It makes it easier for the Holy Spirit to work with a message that is clearly received. So delivery has a part to play. The way we speak is just as important as what we are saying. Tone of voice, facial expressions and body language all contribute to our communication.

Over a decade ago in a corporate prayer meeting run by my local church I stepped out and began to sing my prayer. I was keen to contribute to the meeting and was enjoying God's presence and what he had shown me while we were praying. When I found a gap, I let out this song in vibrato. It was out of key and my voice was wobbling like a turkey at the end of each sentence. The meeting carried on after my contribution, but later I was approached by our local pastor. He asked me not to do 'that wobbly thing' again, as the essence of what I was sharing was lost in the delivery. I felt like a total fool and went home and cried myself to sleep. I was embarrassed and felt misunderstood.

These are the times when we learn the most. I've learnt to receive correction from those I love and trust and know are for me. Growth comes with conflict at times. It's not easy, but necessary. I listened and learnt a lesson from that experience.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS ORDERED

Spiritually we are qualified. Jesus is our qualification! As heirs and sons we have access God's throne room and on earth we can handle spiritual matters with confidence. But the Bible talks about local churches having leaders who have governmental authority. The New Testament teaches about local church structure in the Book of Acts. Elders are appointed and function in the gifts of the Spirit. They are servant-hearted leaders who are not better than other people, but operate in a different role. They have an anointing on their lives given from God when they were ordained for the specific calling in their lives. Specifically they provide leadership and come beneath others' ministries and assist others in moving forward in the purposes and plans of God.

Honor

I've already mentioned in this book that my early family life was difficult. I am the eldest of eight siblings and half-siblings and my parents each have two divorces under their belts.

Growing up with what I would call a reasonably dysfunctional childhood, I was beside myself with happiness on the morning of my wedding day in 1998. I was 23 and Peter was 33. We had been friends for 18 months before a whirlwind two month engagement and I had a promise from God that my husband would 'finish strong', so I felt like this was something of a fresh start for me in terms of family.

However, I still loved my family very much and dearly wanted our relationships to be restored and functional, so I asked them to be involved in the wedding in various ways. Unfortunately, it didn't all go quite as I had hoped and on the morning of the big day, my main bridesmaid, a member of my family, went missing.

We had booked the bridal party into rooms in a local hotel the night before, which in itself caused a few misunderstandings, but finally we all had dinner together. It was then that my bridesmaid disappeared downstairs to the nightclub. The next morning, the hairdresser arrived and found us minus one bridesmaid and a little worried. It was time to get our makeup on and she still hadn't arrived.

Thankfully, fairly soon I had a phone call from reception asking me to come down to the foyer. There was a taxi at the door and my bridesmaid standing next to it. She asked me to pay the driver. I felt hurt and let down but I bit my lip, paid for the taxi and we hurried up the stairs to get ready. This was not the time to give her a piece of my mind even though I wanted to wring her neck. I knew she couldn't cope with confrontation and all I wanted her to do was to get dressed to be in the wedding!

As my father couldn't attend, I had asked a friend from church, Colin, to give me away. Colin had a colorful background, a bit like me. He had spent time in prison and had a wonderful story of restoration by God's love. He and his wife were very kind to me and let me live with them for a few

months when I returned from some overseas travels. They helped me in a difficult stage in my life and offered some guidance to Peter as well, as a new Christian.

Again, my bridesmaid made things awkward. Pointing out the tattoo on Colin's hand as we drove off in the limousine she said, "You can have that removed these days."

I had woken up with a supernatural deposit of peace that morning and my heart was filled with love. Somehow I knew that despite the challenges, it would all be okay. I loved my family and I wanted to honor them as my family on my wedding day. I had faith that one day, the relationships would be functional and restored. I knew in my heart, that this was God's chosen family for me and despite our differences, love is much stronger! Regardless of the clash of values, strained relationships and tension between my family members, it was a day to honor God for his goodness in restoring my life and a celebration of a new beginning!

W_{HAT IS} H_{ONOR?}

Honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy and reverence. God is honored when we share his heart with the world. Honor has a lot to do with the way we think about others. Honor places high value on the worth of others.

A vibrant, real and meaningful relationship with God is where honor is developed and discovered. Through heart to heart connections with God, we get to learn of his great love for us and the world and from that foundation are enabled to honor him and those around us. Honor creates an environment of acceptance and grace and people are willing to share their lives with honesty and openness when we respect and honor them. It's also gives people space to breathe and to change without feeling stifled and judged. Honor speaks to the essence of a person. This is the position we have in Christ and not our current condition.

F_{AMILY}

Regardless of the good or bad parenting you may have been subject to, the principle of honoring your parents makes perfect sense. Honor not only speaks life over a person, but it releases child-like faith in your heart. Negative experiences of the past have no hold on you when you speak honor and life over your parents, family members and spouse.

My husband and I are chalk and cheese. He thinks with his technical and logical left brain most of all and he has a very high IQ. His love languages are meaningful conversations and quality time. I am wired differently and operate more from the right side of my brain. I tend to see the big picture first and not the details. It's a challenge for me to sit and listen to details and to discipline my mind to slow down and take in lots of information. Out of the love we have for each other, we've both learnt how to consider each other's differences and celebrate the unique personalities we both have.

Instead of competing, shutting one another down or fighting over our differences, we've learnt to celebrate and honor one another. It's brought a great deal of unity in our home and a welcome platform for the tangible presence of God. After—all, we are both God's precious son and daughter. Honor creates an environment that the Holy Spirit can linger and remain in. The gifts of the Spirit are just that—gifts, freely given by God. Maintaining the presence of God in our homes comes with ease when there is an attitude of honor operating in a home. When our hearts and homes are free from blockages, then Heaven's flow floods our hearts and homes. Honor creates an environment that welcomes and invites God's presence in increased measure.

F_{OREFATHERS}

Much is to be learned from those who have gone before us and paved the way for the freedom we enjoy today. Standing on the shoulders of our forefathers, we go further into the promises and purposes of God, partnering with Heaven on earth and declaring freedom wherever we go. Honor releases the supernatural presence of God in and through our lives with an attitude of humility and togetherness. Together no one stands alone! God loves to give us fresh insight and entrust us with the secrets of His heart. When we honor one another with a right heart attitude, the sky is the limit as God opens doors of influence and it becomes easier to access the nations as our inheritance!

F_{ORGIVENESS}

With God it's possible to let go of offenses. Not only does it free us up, but it releases the other person from unforgiveness towards them. Confusion is a by-product of anger and it dampens our sensitivity to the presence of God. The beautiful thing about God's nature is that he sees each one through his Son. As sons of God, not only are we perfect in his sight, but we have been

empowered with forgiveness. It's our inheritance through the Cross. Letting go doesn't have to be hard. Living free and letting go is liberating and as carriers of the presence of God, we can release the life of God into every area of influence we have.

My parent's divorce had a significant impact on my life growing up. From the age of two I was separated from my mother and had a lot of resentment towards her. I felt rejected and unloved by her, but when I met Jesus, his love impacted my life so deeply and profoundly that it changed the way that I viewed my mum and her love for me. The only way I can explain it was that I was made complete from the inside-out, in a transformational and life-changing way when God came into my life. His Spirit literally filled my inner man up and gave me the supernatural ability to forgive my mum. His perfect love cast out the fear and rejection I felt and filled me up with peace and love. Loved much by God, I have been empowered to give that love back.

HUMILITY

The gift of prophecy is a wonderful tool that takes us into the very heart of God. When we receive prophetic insight from God it is an honor and a privilege. With humility we can steward the Kingdom of God here on earth. It's not our right, but a delegated authority we have been entrusted with by Jesus. Humility has a lot to do with who we are as much as what we say. As carriers of the Good News, we are ambassadors of the kingdom of light. The nature of God is humility.

Many years ago I finished cooking school and, while in transition from college to work, I lived with a retired Christian couple for a month. This precious couple carried the presence of God so tangibly on their lives that I was impacted deeply. In their home, the walls were thick with the presence of God. I remember being in the bathroom brushing my teeth one morning and the perfume of Heaven was tangible. The particles in the air carried the glory of God. Each night I went to sleep in the single bed guest room and would wake up the next day having had the most restful sleep I can ever remember. The home was a dwelling place of God's presence.

Besides the fragrance and presence of Jesus that permeated this home, I admired the humility that this precious couple carried. It was like a beautiful coat that they wore. There wasn't a lot of chatter in their conversations but when they spoke each word resonated with purpose and

meaning. The message they gave me was shown by the humility they carried.

It was an absolute privilege staying with this couple as they shared stories and adventures as about their years as itinerant missionaries and how they carried Bibles into China across the border in the 1980s and 1990s.

FRIENDS

I like to think that the vertical post in the Cross points to our sense of purpose and meaning in life which is a personal relationship with God, through Jesus. The horizontal post points to our earthly relationships made up of friends, family, spouses, mentors and many other people who contribute to our lives.

When God is our source of identity, the expectations we have of others are balanced. Humility releases us from an excessive self-focus and a need to draw strength from others around us. Our dependence is found in God and we can enjoy the relationships we enjoy with balance, humility and honor.

When we are humble, we don't think too highly of ourselves, yet we can reach for the stars with confidence, not stepping on other people as we pursue our dreams and desires in God.

A decade ago, God literally put me together with a woman who has become one of my dearest friends. We have remained friends through the ups and downs of life, keeping in touch though we live in different cities. The closeness we share is based upon our mutual passion for God and we love to share our journey of faith together.

This friendship has had many ups and downs over the years. I have faced insecurities, fears, jealousy, selfishness and frustration at one time or another through the journey with my friend, but God has taught me so much about humility, honesty and honor.

I've learnt that we don't own people! God has designed us to be dependent on him first and foremost and not on man for our sense of purpose and identity. With our hearts set on God and as carriers of humility, God supernaturally provides all that we need more than we could ask or imagine from his throne of grace. It's his great pleasure to bless us with friendships that are mutually beneficial. Walking in the Spirit empowers us to honor our friends and earthly relationships with balance.

In 1997 I went to Mexico on a Christian outreach. During this time I stayed in a little shack on the side of the road with a local family. The daughter

was my age and was involved with youth at the Christian church I was visiting. The night I arrived at the shack, I was dropped off on the side of a dirt road with my suitcase and a woman greeted me, nodding and smiling. She brought me into the back room from the front of their tiny burrito stand that provided a living for this family.

An ocky strap kept a dirty old wooden door shut and, as the lady pulled open the door, she smiled and pointed to the bed. The room was five meters by five meters. This was where I was to sleep for the night. I put my case near a pile of clothes after the door was pulled closed behind me, changed into some night clothes and curled up in a ball waiting for my host to come home. I fell asleep to the smell of the open drum fire burning and the chatter of customers speaking in Spanish to one another as the lady made living selling burritos in the night.

Overwhelmed and tired from the long bus ride down from LA, I drifted in and out of sleep, thinking about the rest of the group that had booked into local hotels to stay. I didn't understand the idea behind that. Why would you come all this way from a first world country to share God's love with people, but stay removed from the real deal, I thought?

My wish to get involved was about to come true as I lay waiting for the person whose bed I was in. Sometime later my senses overloaded with the noises and smells that surrounded me, I woke and felt an arm tightly wrapped around my waist and a body curled up around mine. My eyes popped open and as I turned my head around to see who was in the bed with me, I saw a precious young Mexican girl with long black hair asleep next to me.

Her name was Sarah and I was her first overseas visitor, all the way from Australia. I don't know who was more blessed, her or I. The next morning when we woke up Sarah introduced me to her family. It was literally a shack they lived in. There was a washing machine parked in the dirt out the back. The toilet paper had to be put in a bin, and not in the bowl, to prevent blockages and the shower was a pipe that came out of a concrete wall. I was handed a crescent and shown how to twist it on and off. We brushed our teeth using a mug of distilled water and spat the paste into the dirt. It was primitive, but the people were precious!

Sarah told me about her father who was an alcoholic. He would walk the streets at night and sleep in the day. It was a poor, dirty and desperate situation. I loved that family and they were so generous to me, giving me

what little they had. Sarah's dad even came to church on Sunday and her mum and brothers received Jesus! The simple act of staying with this family and sharing that bed with Sarah was the currency of God's love that that family needed.

Worship

Worship is an inner attitude of adoration and devotion towards God. Our lives demonstrate worship towards God in our thoughts, actions and lifestyle. With renewed hearts, we can look into the face of God and see his image reflected through ours. Worship is the heartfelt expression of love toward God that shows his worth. It's also a response. It's the why behind what we do.

PREPARE THE ENVIRONMENT

My feet hit the ground running most mornings! The workload and needs of a young family can be relentless. It's essential that I find creative ways to connect with God through each 24-hour period. One of the ways I do this is by having music playing that helps me remain in a state of God-consciousness. The kitchen is the heart of our home and so the MP3 player is set up in this room. This creates an atmosphere of faith in the home as the Word is being spoken or music is playing. My mind is tuned into God as I freely worship him spirit to spirit while running the home. The presence of God rests in our home, sweet to taste and like a cozy winter blanket. We walk in the light, because we are carriers of light. An atmosphere of the presence of God is maintained in our homes through faith, prayer, praise and worship.

GLORY

Heavenly encounters can occur through worshipping God. As our spirit gives glory to God he meets us in that place in a natural way. It's how we have been created. We connect with God spirit to spirit. Practicing the presence of God is simple. It's literally tuning your thoughts towards God, resting in his goodness and expecting him to communicate and share his heart with you. There is no need to strive to get into his presence. It's when I am in the shower, resting on the couch or sleeping that God speaks, comforts and shares his heart with me the most.

WORSHIP IS WAREFARE

The Word of God is sharper than a two edged sword. It has the power to bring about change. Declare it out loud and watch and see as you partner with God. The supernatural presence of God brings about change through your life! Actively declaring the Word of God out loud is powerful as the promises of God are released into the atmosphere. Our lives begin to align with the truth, and life in the supernatural becomes second skin. Circumstances start to align with the will of God as we stand in agreement with him and partner with Heaven on earth. Minds that are aligned with truth are sharp, focused and ready to take on the day.

THANKSGIVING

Worship is as much about experiencing the goodness of God as it is about a response to his goodness. God makes us complete. He has made it easy to walk with him in the supernatural realm in our everyday lives. Giving thanks to God for what he has already done clears the fog from my mind and creates a platform for intimate heart to heart connection.

Overflowing from worship and the place of encountering God are solutions, provisions and blessings! The unlimited and invisible potential that dwells within us gets released when we experience the life of God. Worship is reflected in a heart that says, “You are the love of my life! I love you because you first loved me! I find no fear in you, because you are love.”

OPPPOSITION

In Christ, we have been given the victory over every evil force that comes to undermine us as believers. Worship is a lifestyle that reflects this position in Christ and celebrates the fact that God is good, that we have the upper hand and that the Kingdom of Heaven is a celebration!

There have been days when I have woken up exhausted and felt like giving up on life, overwhelmed with the spiritual opposition that comes to undermine me and the lies that come into my thoughts. I’ve learnt to stir up my spirit and aggressively dismiss the lies that come to mind. There have been countless occasions when the Spirit of God descends upon me like a dove, lifts heavy weights off my shoulders and gives me strength as I start my day. We approach the circumstances and difficulties we face from above them and not beneath them.

FAITH OF A CHILD

The spiritual gift of prophecy operates through our children and often flows out of worship as God reveals his plans and purposes and intentions to us through dreams, visions, and prophetic words. The Scripture validates these revelations as we partner with God as a family here on earth.

David is our four year old. This child is tuned into God and carries a deep sense of rest on his life. He knows he is loved by God and this is reflected in his face, his actions and his thoughts. While I was preparing a meal some time ago I watched David in a trance totally caught up with God. He was lost in his presence, standing in the kitchen, his head toward the ceiling, tuned out to the goings on surrounding him and connected with the Spirit of God through the music that was coming from the stereo.

David prophesies too. Often he will make a statement. When we stop and listen, it is clear that he is speaking the life of God and forth-telling truth over extended family members. It's exciting to watch and see as he shares the secrets that God tells him.

SECRETS

One of the blessings that coincides with a close connection to God, gained from a planned and consistent time spent waiting upon the Lord, is the key that God gives you to unlock people's hearts. He gives insight into what's going on in other people's hearts and shows you the plans and purposes that he has placed in hearts. Each person has a specifically tailored plan for their lives, according to their unique and individual personality and make up. God loves to see lives align with destiny and purpose.

When we give God time to speak to us as we meditate on his unending love and goodness, the Spirit of God begins to hover over us and give us revelation. Life in the Spirit is a two way street. God loves to communicate with us, as we offer him sacrifices of praise and worship, through our time, talent and treasure.

Keys open doors and often the spiritual gift of prophecy opens doors in people's lives that have been shut. The right word at the right time will unlock the tightest lock. People get set free from blockages and things that have held them back as we speak the life of God over them. A word of knowledge brings encouragement and hope and can awaken potential and destiny in a person's life.

A friend once told me she was anxious about a weekend planned to be spent with her biological father. There had been years of separation through

a series of circumstances and in an answer to prayer an opportunity for father and daughter to connect had come. To ease my friend's mind, I offered to pray with her. During the time of prayer, the Lord showed me a picture of a locked bank vault. He put a key in my hand and told me to open the lock. The lock was very tight and the key had to be carefully prized into the lock. As I eased it in, it clicked into place. Turning the lock, the vault popped open. On the inside the box was empty. In the next part of the vision, the Holy Spirit said to me, "Just like you can't take money out of a bank account that has no cash deposited in it, you cannot expect to draw from this relationship with expectations that exceed the deposits been made between you both. Let my Spirit fulfill your expectations and from the overflow of my great love, the new relationship with your earthly father can begin to be built without you expecting him to meet needs in your life he is currently unable to."

My friend went away with her dad in a healthy state of mind, and was able to make a heart connection without getting hurt by unmet needs. With the insight from the word of wisdom in the vision, the father-daughter relationship began at a steady pace and my friend was able to extend grace and mercy to her dad.

THE SUMMIT

Hearts that adore God and worship him through high praise connect with the supernatural realm of the spirit and encounter God in the dimension of glory bringing Heaven to earth. We are designed to show the worth of God! He delights in us and is glorified in our praises. Life in the Spirit is effortless as worship takes you to the mountain top where you can see your circumstances from above and not from below. In this thin place is clarity of vision, heavenly perspective on the situation and strategies to combat issues you face. In the presence of God is fullness of joy. You get to soar like an eagle, gliding in the thermals of the Spirit with ease.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD

God's worth is shown as we meditate on his Word. When our minds align with the truth as we declare the Word of God over our lives, transformation begins to take place in our daily lives. Filled with expectation and faith, the Word declared over our lives brings transformation. God loves to see his purposes fulfilled in our lives, as we partner with him living significant lives that are exciting, meaningful and that have eternal rewards stored up!

Meditation is a significant part of my day-to-day routine. Thinking is what I love to do. The tricky thing is learning to filter out the junk thoughts and to focus my mind on the true nature of God. God is love. He loves in action out of who he is. Meditating on the person called love is the most comforting and rewarding part of any 24-hour period for me. It's like coming home from a long and tiring day's work and snuggling up on the couch with a warm cup of cocoa. The words that come to mind describing God are; comfort, warmth, kindness, affirmation, tenderness, care, love, sincere, smiling, adoration, blessings, faithful, favorite and my best friend. There is nothing more precious than pondering my thoughts on God. With delegated authority here on earth, in establishing a dwelling place in my heart for God and his Word, supernatural grace floods my life with provision, purpose and destiny.

DECLARE THE WORD

Ambassadors play a significant role in the country they represent in the nations. As ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven we carry the fullness of Christ within us here on the earth. With the mindset that we are the head and not the tail, God has kingdom purposes for us to participate in here on earth. We get to partner with God, stewarding his provisions and blessings as they are poured out on us. Heaven is ever increasing and expanding. God is the God of increase. Hearts that are firmly established on God and his Word have great potential to partner with God financially, releasing his goodness and kindness into the world, releasing finances into people's lives that need lifting up and giving dignity to those who are lacking in areas of need.

My husband and I have lived our lives this way for some time. It's an exhilarating ride as you live by faith, sowing money into the lives of people that God lays on your heart, declaring the Word and seeing it come to pass. This gives glory to God and he supernaturally gives the increase. As we pour out our lives as a drink offering to him, he fills up the bank accounts again. It's simply supernatural. You cannot out-give God. He is the God of abundance! There is no lack in God. Poverty is not from God, nor does he condone it. The Word of God does not return void. As we believe it, exercise it and live out our lives in the power of God's spirit, we are showing God's worth and partnering with him here on earth as well.

As we declare the Word over our lives, believe what God says about us and what He wants us to partner with Him in and go for it! My husband has been given sensational raises in his work remuneration as well as the wisdom and understanding on how to administrate these finances through our home. I've been given supernatural writing abilities, concepts and ideas for books as well as the creativity to invent.

PRAYER

Our actions reflect what we think based upon how we see ourselves. God's thoughts towards us are good and he has made a way of communication for us between Heaven and earth via the Holy Spirit from our re-born spirit. Prayer is partnering with God. The spiritual gift of prophecy is closely linked to prayer. God's perspective becomes clear when we set time aside to pray. Worship and prayer go hand in hand.

SALVATION PRAYER

God believes in you! If you don't yet believe in Him, then ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to you. When He does, your response is required to receive eternal life with Him, but that relationship can begin today! Jesus has made a way for you to enter into a personal relationship with the Father. God is love and he has created you in His image to have a loving and meaningful relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus has provided the way for you to have this eternal relationship as your sin has separated you from God. The solution was provided 2000 years ago on the Cross.

Today is your day to come home, to come to the place where God has intended you to be all your life—one with Him.

Say these words with me and you too, can enter into this relationship with Jesus, that will fulfill the God-shaped hole that is on the inside of you and complete the puzzle that makes up your life.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving your life for me. I acknowledge that you are the way to the Father and that your blood was shed on the Cross to set me free from the wages of sin.

I repent of my sins and ask you to fill me fresh with your spirit and give me a new identity found in you.

I accept you as my Savior and as my Lord.

Fill me with your Spirit.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

You have entered into a real and eternal relationship with God. Contact me and let me know your story. I would love to pray with you. Or you might like to tell someone you know that knows Jesus what has taken place today in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to some like-minded people so you can grow and learn on your journey together.

About Veronica

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About Veronica - Photographs



Age 4



Dad and Mum, 1974



Age 8



Christmas Holiday at Mum's, 1987.



Lisa and I at our grandparents' home.



My Nana, Valerie Hayes



Holiday with my Aunt



High school ball, age 16.



Graduated from Cooking School



Host Family in Mexico



Veronica's Wedding Rings



Our Wedding Day



With Tom and Una Tapping, who taught our church family values.



Rhona and Veronica



Flavia Manderson and Veronica



Off to Africa!



Mkoko village, Malawi



David, age 4.



Pregnant with Hannah



Our children, Hannah, Nathan, David and Stephen, 2012



Michael and Norma Kilrain



Our Freedom Bus