Seeing His Love in Your Life

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HOPE

I am training you to hold in your heart a dual focus: My continual Presence and the hope of heaven. You’ll find no deeper comfort than knowing I am with you always, both here on earth and throughout eternity in heaven. You have known this great truth in your head for many years. However, your heart is fickle and tends to chase after other gods. Only as My Spirit helps you can you grasp the awesomeness of My Presence with you forever. I am indeed with you—watching over you wherever you are, wherever you go. Simply accept My Presence with you as reality: the deepest Reality. Build your life on this absolute truth, which is like building your house on a rock.

Your heart and mind will wander away from Me, but My Spirit within can remind you to return. You need only to ask the Holy Spirit to help you in this way. He delights in being your Helper.

Rejoice, for I am with you not only in this life but in the life to come. Let the promise of heaven flood your heart with My eternal Presence!
I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.

**Genesis 28:15**

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**Matthew 7:24**

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

*John 14:16–17 NASB*

In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

*John 14:2–3*
BROKENNESS

Your weakness and brokenness draw Me ever so near you. You can open up to Me because I understand you perfectly. My compassion for you is overflowing. As you open yourself to My healing Presence, I fill you with Peace that transcends understanding. So stop trying to figure everything out. Instead, lean on Me, letting your head rest on My chest. While you rest, I will be watching over you and all that concerns you.

Trust Me in the depths of your being, where I live in union with you. My healing work in you is most effective when you are actively trusting Me. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing Love for you will not be shaken. This is the essence of My compassion for you: No matter how desperate your circumstances, the one thing you can always count on is My unfailing Love.
A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  

**Isaiah 42:3**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  

**Philippians 4:6–7**

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding.  

**Proverbs 3:5 amp**

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.  

**Isaiah 54:10**
ASSURANCE

I know full well the thoughts and attitudes of your heart, so it is wise to be honest with Me. When your heart overflows with Love and Joy, I rejoice with you and delight in you. When you are rebellious and ungrateful, I continue to love you perfectly—even though your behavior is unacceptable. The more you believe in Me—who I am and what I have done—the better your attitude will be.

When you are feeling ungrateful, you need to focus on the goal of your faith: the salvation of your soul. No matter what you suffer in this life, your soul is absolutely secure. You have an eternity of inexpressibly wondrous Life reserved for you in heaven. This glorious inheritance has been credited to your account ever since you trusted Me as your Savior-God. As you ponder the wonders of your soul’s salvation, you become free—free to receive inexpressible and glorious Joy!
For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8–9

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:28
SORROW

Trust in Me at all times. I know the pain and sorrow you are feeling, and I want you to pour out your heart in My Presence. You need to release all those emotions in a safe place. Demonstrate your trust in Me by opening your heart to Me; as you do so, I promise to keep you safe.

Remember that I am a Man of sorrows, fully acquainted with grief. Because of all I suffered, I can empathize with you and share your pain. As you pour out your emotions in My Presence, your heavy burden grows lighter. You no longer carry your sorrows alone. You release them to Me, and I then relieve and refresh your soul. Moreover, as your heavy heart grows lighter, you are freed to learn more of Me: who I really am.

Come to Me and get to know Me in ever-increasing depth and breadth. You will find that I am indeed a Refuge—a safe place flooded with eternal Love. Linger a while in My Presence, letting My Love soak into your soul.
Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 62:8 nkjv

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:25

He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Isaiah 53:3 nasb

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Matthew 11:28 amp
TRUST

Trust in Me with all your heart and mind, and do not lean on your own understanding. *In all your ways acknowledge Me, and I will make your path straight.* Such complete and utter confidence in Me has been your goal for years, but you continue to struggle with this. The main culprit is your mind’s ravenous appetite for understanding, fueled by a strong desire to feel in control of your life. You want to trust Me wholeheartedly, but you feel stuck.

Beloved, your desire to rely on Me wholly is a worthy goal. Now also believe that I am providing training through your life experiences, and that many of the difficulties you encounter are designed to help in this endeavor. Allow Me to do this supernatural work in your heart.

The Holy Spirit will help you think trusting thoughts, but He requires your cooperation. Instead of relying on your understanding to help you feel in control, ask My Spirit to control your mind. Then, wait confidently to see results. As you look to Me—trusting Me, talking with Me—I straighten out the path before you.
Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

**Proverbs 3:5–6 amp**

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

**Psalm 37:5 nkjv**

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

**Romans 8:6**
Do not fear, for I—your God—am with you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Let these words enfold you like a warm blanket, sheltering you from the coldness of fear and dismay. When trouble seems to be stalking you, grip My hand tightly and stay in communication with Me. You can trust and not be afraid, for I am your Strength and Song. My powerful Presence is with you at all times; you face nothing alone. Moreover, I have promised to strengthen you and help you. Awareness of these truths can fill you with Joy and Peace.

My righteous right hand holds you up in both good times and bad. When things are flowing smoothly in your life, you may be unaware of My sustaining Presence. Should I cease to support you, though, you would quickly fall. When you are walking through the valley of the shadow of death—keenly aware of your neediness—you gratefully cling to My strong hand. My right hand sustains you during these times of affliction, enabling you to keep putting one foot in front of the other. As you endure your trials in trusting dependence on Me, I bless you in the midst of hardship. I even stoop down to make you great: I reach down—into the valley of affliction—and lift you up into sacred pleasures shared with Me.
“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.

Isaiah 12:2 nasb

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4 nkjv

You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great.

Psalm 18:35
Though you may not be much of a risk taker, be willing to go out on a limb with Me. If that is where I am leading you, it is the safest place to be. I want you to follow wherever I lead—even if it’s out of your comfort zone. I will help you learn to follow me confidently rather than fearfully.

Bring all your fears to Me. Fears that are not dealt with tend to magnify themselves. Expose them to the revealing Light of My Presence, and they will shrink to manageable proportions. Some of them may even appear comical in this Light.

As fearfulness loosens its grip on you, you are freed to follow Me. Grasp My hand tightly as we edge our way out onto the limb. Since I go before you in this adventure, you can keep your eyes on Me as you step out in faith. Soon we will get to a resting place, and then you can look back and see how far you’ve already come. While gripping My hand to steady yourself, dare to venture a look toward the horizon; enjoy the view from this new perspective!

You are actually safer here—out on this limb with Me—than you would be on the ground. In this new, challenging environment you stay alert: communicating with Me continually, holding My hand for support. Overly familiar surroundings may feel more secure, but they can lull you into sleepy self-reliance. That is when you tend to forget about Me; it’s also when you are most likely to fall. Follow Me confidently wherever I lead, and the shelter of My Presence will keep you safe.
If the Lord delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 37:23–24

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Psalm 31:20