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INTRODUCTION

The *Praying with Power and Purpose* podcast launched May 7, 2012 with 7-minute episodes three times a week of sharing snippets of my first three devotionals—*O Lord, Hear My Cry: A Book of Psalms Devotional*, *O Lord, Teach Me Your Ways: A Book of Proverbs Devotional*, and *O Lord, Forgive Them: 30 Days of Praying for Your Enemies*. Three years later the podcast now has more than 200 episodes of various lengths all testifying to and teaching the power of praying in faith through Jesus Christ.

I received a mandate and commissioning in a dream in 2012 in which the Lord dropped a huge brilliantly colored blue banner with gold trim and writing in front of me. The writing read, READ THE WORD. SPEAK THE WORD. SPEAK THE WORD. My podcast was my response to this assignment. I fought through the nervousness and feelings of inadequacy in obedience and faith, and God brought the harvest. The podcast was tremendously successful, and afforded me invitations to appear as a guest on other radio shows, and brought requests to be guests on my show. This podcast was also firstfruits seed that brought the harvest of paid speaking engagements which began in locally in 2014, and included travel 2015. God is good!

God's Word is a creative force. The Bible tells us it's:

1. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh
2. Spirit and life
3. Health and healing to our bones and flesh
4. A lamp for our feet and light for our path
5. And much, much more.

The key to praying with power and purpose is to know the Word, believe the Word, and speak as prophetic decree, the Word. If you speak what God speaks, you're guaranteed God's results.

I pray these lessons and testimonies bless you.
Zari

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DECLARE IT DAILY: LIFE VERSE

Heavenly Father, I come before You and I give thanks and praise because You are a faithful God. You are not a man who lies nor are You a man who changes Your mind once You decree a thing. I praise You because you listen to those prayers prayed from Your Word, and that You bless me because Your Word does not return void, and You are alert and active, watching over Your Word to perform it. I pray that You please prepare my heart and bless me to continue to submit to You and make Your will be my will so I can live victoriously here on earth. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

A life verse is your number one verse, it's your main thing, your go-to. It's your life's motto summed up in a few power-packed sentences.

I have a lot—and I mean a lot—of favorite scriptures, but my life verse is one that I've held on for years and years and years. Probably close to 20 years. It's Proverbs 3:5-6: *I trust in the Lord with all my heart and do not lean on my own understanding. In all my ways acknowledge Him and He makes my path so straight I couldn't possibly miss it.* That's the Zari remix, of course. It just makes sense to me to personalize scriptures so they apply perfectly to me. It's completely acceptable for you to adjust scriptures so they're read with I, me, and my as well.

When I'm praying—anything—I quote that scripture. I declare that verse over my life. That's the purpose of having a life verse. It's my theme; it gives me direction.

My son's life verse is Numbers 6:24-26 which is known as the Aaronic Blessing: *The Lord blesses and keeps you, the Lord makes His face shine on you and is gracious to you. The Lord lifts up His countenance to you and He establishes you in shalom.* I declare this blessing over him and over his life, and have prayed it over him since he was about two years old.

This blessing is one of the reasons he's such a wonderful young man. God has definitely shined His face on my son. God's gracious to him, God keeps him, God blesses him, and he is a peaceful child in the midst of any type of chaos. He could've been out of control by now. When I was his age I was out of control. But, my son isn't; he's absolutely established in peace.

If you look up the meaning of Shalom it includes everything—it means he's secure, he's prosperous, he's healthy, he's loved, and other things. Shalom is a wholeness term. I praise God that His Word is true in my son's life.

Whatever you're building your life on; your life's motto or your mantra, whatever you call what you speak over your life, is what's going to manifest.

God's Word is true in my life, too. I trust in the Lord with all my heart and don't lean on my own understanding because my understanding is whack. There's no two ways about it. I've got a list of trials a mile long from acting in my own understanding.

I'm a little bit of a brainiac and I love to overthink and turn things around and overanalyze, twist it this way and twist it that way, and what if this and what if that, and mix it up and do all kind of stuff, and I can end up in so much trouble. But when I come back to what I know is true which is God's Word that instructs me to trust and depend on him and lean on him and not worry about what I think, then I have complete peace.

God has spoken to me and told me I'll thrive and live the faith route; live by faith in God's Word. I've spoken Proverbs 3:5-6 over my life for years and years and years, and it's true for me. When I'm depending on God and trusting in God my path is straight and I know what to do. When I'm trying to figure things out is when I'm doing the figure eight in my head.

What's your life verse? What's your foundation? What are your children's life verses? What are you speaking over their lives?

You've got to have scriptures that you're speaking over your and your kids' lives because if you don't speak God's Word you're speaking death. There are verses available that will bless each of you.

Also, a parent's blessing being spoken over a child is amazing. If you're a friend of God, speaking his Words of blessing over your children, there will be major fruit as result. Their lives will be awesome because God's Word always proves true. There will be verifiable evidence that the scripture you consistently pray and declare over your kids is true for them.

Having a life verse is simply praying the Scriptures. It gives your prayer life purpose, makes it specific, and gets you

specific results. If you don't have a life verse, search the Word and get one for yourself and for your children. You can use the verses I mentioned in this reading—Proverbs 3:5-6 and/or Numbers 6:24-26. Those verses don't only belong to me and you don't have to discount them as your life motto just because they're my guideposts. If those verses speak to you, if they ignite faith in you to believe for their manifestation, take them.

Pray and ask God as your Heavenly Father what He speaks over you and then find it in the Bible. One of the great things about Him is that He'll direct you to your life verse. He may send someone else to speak a scripture over you. My spiritual mom from my undergraduate college years actually assigned Proverbs 3:5-6 to me, and I've held on to it ever since.

For my son's life verse, I prayed and asked God to highlight what I should pray and speak over my son throughout his life, and I discovered Numbers 6:24-26 and when I read it I knew it was for him.

Ask God to point out scriptures for you. That's how He works. If you submit a question to God He'll do cartwheels in excitement to get you the answer because He's so excited you're trusting and depending on Him for something. Trust Him and take Him at his Word. Definitely get involved with God as much as possible because He's wonderful.

Lord, I give thanks to You because You love me with an everlasting love. I praise You because Your every Word proves true. I praise You because You have great plans for me; plans to prosper me not to harm me and if I make myself available to You You'll do amazing things for me. I appreciate that and I praise You for being willing to meet me where I am but take further than I ever thought possible.

Thank You, Lord Jesus. I praise you, Father, because you are faithful. And You are wonderful. I love You so much and I thank You for loving me. In Jesus' name I praise You for hearing and answering my prayer. Amen.

WATCH GOD WORK: AGREEMENT WITH GOD

Heavenly Father, You are a great and awesome God. Holy Spirit, I loose You into this book and give you complete control of my pen so that Your message and Your words are communicated to those who read it. I ask that You put this work in front of the eyes of all who need this information, prepare their hearts to receive from You, and bless to them walk away changed for Your glory. I thank You that every encounter with You, every revelation brings change. I praise You for teaching us to respond to Your presence. I praise You for hearing and answering my prayer prayed in faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

Job 22:28 promises that we can speak decrees on earth and have them established for us, first in heaven and then on earth, and Holy Spirit will shine the light on the path to manifestation. In the early Spring of 2013 while praying I made a plan for prosperity according to this verse. Holy Spirit immediately came into agreement with me and mapped out a plan of steps for me to follow to receive financial breakthrough. Just as this scripture promises would happen I decreed that I was going to believe the Biblical promises for finances in full faith no wavering and when I got serious with my faith, God got serious with me and told me exactly how to prosper within a 90-day time period.

This is awesome. This is the God we love and who loves us. When He comes into agreement with a decision we've made we can know without a doubt that it will come to pass exactly or greater than how we've believed for it. And, in a specified timeframe, too, if we do our parts. God gave me steps and as long as I did my part I was guaranteed results because God doesn't lie. That's amazing!

Doing my part is keeping and honoring a covenant agreement. The Bible tells us God is a covenant-keeping God, so I know He won't change His mind on something He's spoken to me. You can know this and choose to believe and experience it, too. God will do the same for you. Just as He gave me steps to financial turnaround and prosperity in 90 days, He can do the same for you and anyone else. My testimony can become your prophecy.

One of the most spectacular things about this is not only did I have this promise and plan from the Lord, but two days after I entered into the agreement, Holy Spirit supernaturally completed one of my steps to prosperity. I was told to do three things over three months, but He compressed time—which is what happens with miracles—and completed one of my steps in two days when it would've taken me two months in my own strength. That was more proof that God was in agreement with my plan to breakthrough financially. It was also proof that my relationship with God was progressing properly. I was hearing from the Lord and beginning to receive blessings I as moved out in faith and obedience.

It's your benefit to get in agreement with God and what He's doing in heaven and on earth. If you're willing to seek the Kingdom first, He will add all other things to you. If you're willing to do things His way you'll receive everything He makes available to us as His beloved children. On the

other hand, if you're not willing to do things His way, you don't have the right to expect to receive His blessings.

I read on social media recently a post that commented God doesn't make people rich. Oh, yes, He does. Deuteronomy 8:18 tells us to remember the Lord God because it's He who gives us the power to get wealth. We can't believe some parts of the Bible and not others, and still expect to receive His benefits. His Word is who He is. I'm a personal witness that God gives wealth, because He's doing it for me. I'm seeking first His Kingdom, His way of doing and being right, and He's delivered me from homelessness into a beautiful home that I don't have to make payments on. God knows what it takes to live, He knows what it takes to operate a ministry. He knows what it takes to bless others, and to get resources out, to give out free books, to volunteer my time, and everything else I do. And, He is providing everything that I need.

You really need to get into agreement with the Lord if you want a successful, peaceful, and prosperous life. Pray. Believe the Word. Pay attention to the dreams and visions He gives you; they're prophecies of what He wants to do with and for you, and give you in the future. If you're not paying attention to those things, you won't be able to agree with Him and call those things forth. You won't even pursue the steps to take to bring those promises to manifestation if you haven't written out the promises He's been offering you.

The promises God gives don't have to be for 10, 20, or 30 years down the road. When He speaks a promise your task is to partner with Him to birth it. It all depends on your relationship with Him and your level of growth to receive the delivery of a promise. If you're not ready for something, of course, He's not going to give it to you because you wouldn't be able to maintain it. All of the stipulations surrounding the

birth of your promises come from prayer and communion with the Spirit of God. He knows what other things need to happen first and if you're in relationship with Him through time spent, He'll show and teach you what you need as you need it.

Allow Him to mold you and prepare you to receive His full blessings. When He reveals something in your life that needs fixing, fix it. Don't run away from it because it's uncomfortable, and don't give up because it's more work than you thought it'd be.

If you feel stuck, get unstuck. The Bible doesn't contain any verses that tell us God wants us stuck and unable to move forward in any area of life. I heard Matt Sorger (mattsorger.com) comment recently that it's sad that believers in Jesus come to church every week and continue to deal with the same problems and issues in their personal lives and families for 10 years or more. If you're still dealing with something you've been dealing with for 10 years, you're a mess and need Holy Spirit's help. I'm a witness that if you allow Him to He can fix those broken and dysfunctional areas of your life.

We have Holy Spirit power, *dunamis*, that raised Christ from the dead on the inside of us. We can ask and receive healing of broken places in our souls. It doesn't matter what the issue is, but we have to seek God and ask for deliverance and He will help us get there. Blessing me to breakthrough in my finances didn't begin until I asked (Matthew 7). Have you asked Him to fix what's wrong in your life? The thing about us asking is that He always responds with instructions and we have to set our will to follow them completely.

The Bible promises us that God changes us from glory to glory to glory. That means when we're continuously living in relationship and communion with Him, He's always improving us from the inside out. The Bible also promises His mercies are new every morning. That tells us that those broken places of our lives from yesterday can be overwritten with life and peace today. Every day is a new start for us to grow in Christ. We should be experiencing God every single day. He doesn't take time off. He's not only available on weekends. We can draw near to Him any time, any place, each day.

Every day is new with Christ. You don't have to be held by anything that happened before the moment you're in. When you awake each morning, set the atmosphere with Christ and go forward in victory. Get closer to God every day and allow Him to bring abundant life into your realm from the supernatural realm.

Abundant living and extraordinary blessings from God aren't just wishes and hopes. They can become a reality. You should have prayers answered every day. You should have promises of God spoken over your life all the time. If no one else is prophesying over you, prophesy over yourself. Decree and declare that you're going to do great exploits for the Lord your God, and then pay attention to Him and let Him point you to the exploits He wants you to perform. Do them.

When you're productive, God will bless what you produce as you do your work for Him rather than for men. It's the principle of the talents at work (Matthew 25). I've noticed and am teaching my son that the more I create in honor of the Lord, the more He equips and allows me to do and He provides financial increase with it. People like to say God helps those who help themselves, but that's not exactly

Biblical. God says be a good steward of your skills and abilities and He'll provide the multiplication and exposure.

Jesus said more will be given to those who have, but those with a little it'll be taken from them. If you're not using the creativity, the mind, the brilliance that God placed in you, you'll end up stuck in a job making \$10 an hour forever or hopping from job to job with no hope of a future because you're not using what God gave you to use. If you're being diligent with a little, He'll give you more. If you're not using your life to create and produce why would He give you more? Show yourself worthy to the Lord. He told us from the beginning—in Genesis—to be fruitful and multiply. Prove yourself faithful and He'll give you more and more and more and more. Go to Him in humility and ask who He wants you help and bless and He'll show you. Honor Him with obedience, and He'll bless you. That's what He does. He loves to give and to bless those who honor Him.

In life we often make things harder than they should be. I appreciate Paula White's (paulawhite.org) comment that it's not that so many of us believers are doing wrong but we're not doing enough right according to the Bible. For example, sometimes we pray something once or twice and want to stop. The Bible tells us to ask and keep on asking until we receive. Recently I was out walking and decreeing a promise over and over for an hour, and two days later God gave me a dream and said it was done for me. Once He says it's coming I switch to thanksgiving and praise regarding that request. When you pray in the power of Holy Spirit things happen.

Another time I decreed breakthrough and deliverance in someone's life according to Job 22:28 and shortly after that I dreamed the person was in a store buying new wine made at a winery called Powers. I was releasing Holy Spirit, dunamis,

life-changing power into their life and God was in complete agreement with me to make it happen! Just imagine what can change in your life if you spend one hour a day decreeing a prayer from the Bible over your situation. My testimonies of God at work can become your prophecies. Humbly go to God and tell Him you want to see Him in your life just like He shows up in mine.

It is written: Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the written and spoken Word of God. Speak God's Word continually. There's a verse in the Bible for every situation you'll ever face. If you pray His Word you can't go wrong; it's impossible. As you pray scriptures from the Bible you'll begin to see them produce in your life, but if you're speaking foolishness or not using God's Word to pray you'll reap foolishness.

I bless you in the name and authority of Jesus Christ. I bind doubt and loose faith that cannot be shaken into your life. Receive it by faith in Jesus' name.

IT IS WRITTEN: JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

Thank You for modeling how to live successful and abundant lives on earth, Jesus. You're our perfect example and when we do as You did, we receive the results you received. Thank You for the power of Your Word. It does not, cannot, will not return void. Amen.

In November 2012, when my son Zayne was living with his aunt in Scottsdale, Ariz. and before God had delivered him from Pharaoh, he was sick and stayed home from school one day. Kids get sick so in theory it's not a big deal except that he and I don't get sick very often. When we do get sick we try basic healthcare (natural) first—for example, cinnamon and honey for soar throats, etc. But if it doesn't clear up we go to battle with the Word.

I know there are people who believe that sickness is just a part of life to be accepted, and further that we can't speak healing into our bodies. That's the exact opposite of what the Bible instructs and promises, and the exact opposite of what Jesus did. I choose to do what Jesus did and believe what He knows because there's record of the results He received and I want those same results. There are also records of what you believe and know in your life as well. If you don't believe God's promises for healing and divine health, and you don't believe all of the written Word is true, a lack of internal and external

joy and peace can be witnessed in your life. I'm a witness. Before I decided to believe all of God's Word, I didn't have the extraordinary life I have now. To be honest, I was failing in most areas.

Back to Z being sick. Because we were 1,400 miles apart, when he first called and said he was sick we prayed together. I checked back with him later in the day and he still felt badly. I spoke with him a third time and he was still sick. At the third negative report, faith and righteous anger rose up in me and I said "Ok, I'm tired of this; you are not gonna be sick," and for the next 45 minutes I went to battle declaring God's Word, praising, worshiping, standing on healing scriptures, and telling the sickness to leave his body, it didn't have the right to be there. He has been redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13), therefore sickness cannot stay in his body. He is a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, therefore sickness cannot stay in his body.

God gives us the right to do that. I told my son that he could speak to his sickness and tell it to go and to leave him immediately because Jesus did that. Jesus spoke the fever Peter's mother-in-law had and the fever left her (Luke 4:39). We have that same authority because God said in His Word that we will do even greater works than Jesus did because Jesus has gone back to the Father (John 14:12) and we have faith in Him. I reminded my son of these verses and related these truths to him. His faith was good at the time, but in that instance of feeling badly he didn't want to exercise it. I told him that it was a test and if he could believe God to heal him right then, then his faith for our upcoming restoration would be huge.

All sickness isn't a test, so don't take it as such. The enemy was coming against my son because the week following was

the week I was to fly to Arizona to regain custody of him after about an 18-month custody battle. It's common knowledge (Mark 4) that when a promise of God is at hand or the Word is sown/given to us, satan and his demonic forces try to block (test) it any way possible—sickness, strife, financial difficulties—anything that could possibly cause saints to take their focus off of God and become discouraged. That's what was happening here. If my son couldn't believe God to heal a little cold, he wouldn't believe for the deliverance at hand.

I checked with my son after the 45 minutes of warfare prayer and worship—and that's what it was; I was contending for the manifestation of God's written promises—and he said his nose was open, no longer plugged, and he could breathe again. Healing was springing forth.

A point to this is that when you're sick or your kids are sick—or with any prayer need—don't just pray one time and stop. There are several scriptures in the Bible that tell us we must persevere to receive what we need and want. If being healthy is valuable to you, go to battle right then and there (1 Timothy 1:18). Don't put up with sickness. You have the right to be healed, you have the right to be healthy. Jesus died for you to have those things (2 Corinthians 1:20). It's a benefit to being an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven (Romans 8:17). We're co-heirs with Christ because we're Jesus' brothers and sisters (Romans 8:29). You have the absolute right to be healthy.

I'm willing to go to battle in prayer and remain in a place of worship until I'm healthy, my son is healthy, or whatever need is met because it's my right, we deserve it, and we're worth it. Jesus' sacrifice means we're worth it.

Jesus never told anyone as recorded in the Bible that after they prayed the sickness should *hopefully* go away or *maybe* it'll go away in a couple days. Jesus put Himself in a prayer position that allowed for immediate healing and deliverance. If when I speak the healing doesn't come right away, I'm not moving out of prayer until it does. I have more records to review of Jesus healing than of people not getting healed by Him. And those who didn't receive His healing power are all noted in the Bible as lacking faith. I'm willing to continue to fight against the enemy in prayer as long as it takes.

Go to battle in prayer for the things that are worth it to you. You have to be in right standing with God for extreme breakthrough and victory, though. I'm a witness. If you've got sins, wounds, or hindrances visible in the spiritual realm you will not be able to fully enter the throne room and you won't get deliverance as quickly as you'd like or need.

I can tell when I'm right in standing with God because I see how quickly He moves in my life and answers my prayers. I take time to build up my relationship with Him. I confess, I forgive, and receive forgiveness from Him. Keep these things in mind and when you need something from the Lord ask and don't stop asking for it (Matthew 7) until you receive. Keep decreeing and declaring God's promises and the scriptures. It is written: The effective prayer of a righteous person avails much and it's dynamic in it's working. The word dynamic comes from *dunamis* which is resurrection working power. Resurrection power is the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Your effective prayer, effective meaning praying what God says, is life giving and can actually reverse death!

Think back to praying for Z's healing. I asked twice how he felt, "Bad, bad." I asked a third time and his nose was opening up. I didn't stop there, though, because that told me

my prayer was effective and working and to keep battling, keep praying, keep pressing until he told me he felt great.

When you need to go to battle, go to battle. If you need to take off work take off work to find extra hours to pray. When the enemy's coming against you it's important that you deal with them right away. That's more important than anything else because they're coming to steal, kill, and destroy you literally and spiritually. If it's worth it you'll do it. I have a whole book on getting up to pray 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. for 50 days straight when I was warring to regain custody of my son (Amazon Best Seller [*O Lord, Meet Me in the Morning: Praying the Fourth Watch*](#) (2012)—it's for mountain moving). It was worth it to me to give up sleep to get my son back. I have another book on praying for my enemies because learning to live a lifestyle of forgiveness was worth it to me to have my son back with me (Amazon Best Seller [*O Lord, Forgive Them: 30 Days of Praying for Your Enemies*](#), 2011). When you get THAT serious with God, He'll show up in your life THAT seriously. I'm a witness.

When satan tempted Jesus, Jesus defeated him by declaring, "It is written," and then speaking scriptures from the Tanakh, the Old Testament (Matthew 4). When I'm speaking the Word in my God-given authority (Luke 10:19) I begin the same way Jesus did. Why? Because Jesus is my perfect example, and I do what He did so I get the results He gets. Set your mind to do what Jesus did so you get the results Jesus gets, too.

It is written: I ask in Jesus' name that you be given an increased spirit of wisdom and revelation into the knowledge of Him.

THE POWER OF 7: PRAY TO BREAKTHROUGH

Thank You, Father, that we can communicate with You in prayer. I praise You because You empower my fervent prayers to produce miracle results. You are a faithful and magnificent God and I love You. Amen.

I receive prayer requests daily because my prayers get answered. I live by prayers of faith. Literally. I share in my books *My Money Grows on Trees: Sowing into Revelation and Wealth* (2013) and in *Revelation is for Elevation: How to Conquer What Blocks Your Extraordinary Success* (2015) that as a self-employed, single mother with no daily, weekly, or monthly income guarantees that I have to fully believe God and His Word for provision. God can't lie so I don't have anything to lose if I remain in right standing relationally with Him.

When I need God to work something out for me, which I do right now as I'm writing this, one of my strategies for staying focused in prayer is setting the timer on my smartphone for seven minutes and praying with fervor and focus about the need or person.

Seven minutes may not seem like it's a lot, but there's power in seven. Seven is the number of completion, perfection, and rest. It's not too long that you lose your focus, and it's not too short that you have to rush while in God's presence.

There are times when I want to pray for something for 24 hours, and I break it up by praying for seven minutes at the top of every hour or at every half hour. There is power in praying and there's power in praying for seven minutes.

Jesus recognized the power and meaning of seven (completion, perfection) when He told us to forgive seventy times seven times (Matthew 18:22). He could've said 490 and but He didn't because He and the Jews He spoke this to knew what seven meant. In Proverbs 6:31 we're promised that when the thief is caught stealing they must repay sevenfold or seven times what was stolen up to their entire household. That's the power of seven.

When praying for seven minutes I have a plan so that I remain focused and hit the mark in the spiritual realm. James 5:17 tells us Elijah was a human and he prayed earnestly that there'd be no rain in Samaria until He prayed again to release it, and it happened just as he prayed. There was no rain in the land for three and a half years. Then on Mount Carmel, he knelt to pray and asked God to open heaven and send rain and there was rain that same day (1 Kings 18). AND, his servant had to go check seven times before he saw a cloud the size of a man's hand on the horizon. There again is an example of the power of seven.

Often my seven minutes of prayer are for others. It's the perfect (see, seven represents perfection to God) amount of time to lift someone up else to God. We all have lists of people, nations, and political and spiritual issues to pray for daily, and with seven-minute chunks you can cover a lot of territory in your prayer time.

Sometimes my seven minutes are for thanksgiving and praise. Psalm 100:3-4 informs us that we enter into His gates with

thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. You cannot access God's throne of grace without first thanking and praising your way through the gates and courts. If that's not your regular practice, that's revelation of why your prayer life and life in general isn't as victorious as it could be. God is the King of the Universe and protocol must be followed to receive an audience with the King. That's one of the things Leviticus teaches us. We have to prepare ourselves for His presence. Yes, Holy Spirit lives in us and is here with us on the earth because Jesus made it possible, but we want lives that make God's Kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. That's why we pray—to break heaven into this realm. And in order for us to bring heaven into this realm, we have to get up there to bring it back and that requires following protocol.

Sometimes I repeat the same two or three verses over and over again for the full seven minutes. If I have a verse that I need to happen for me within the next day or so, that's a strategy I use. God's Word is alive and active (Hebrews 4:12) and will produce. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word (Romans 10:17). With faith I can create anything I need so I build my faith by hearing a specific verse or set of verses repeatedly until I have a release in my spirit and know that I've produced the desired outcome in the spiritual realm. Everything happens in the spiritual realm first and the natural follows. I also watch for external signs and confirmations that my prayer is effective. I've had four confirmations about the prayer need I mentioned earlier since I began composing this prayer tool. Heaven is in agreement with me. God is going to work this out for me.

Other times my seven minutes of prayer are spent worshipping. Worship isn't the same thing as thanksgiving and praise. Thanksgiving and praise get me into His gates and

courts, but worship happens when I'm in His presence experiencing His awesomeness and glory. When you get to that sweet spot, seven minutes ceases to be enough, but it's a great place to start and strategy to use when you want to get worship in when you're on a tight schedule.

Sometimes the seven minutes are spent in warfare prayer, facing off the enemy, binding and loosing, and taking authority over the forces of darkness who are attacking. Then there are times when I pray in tongues the whole time so that my flesh isn't praying and so that the enemy can't know what's being communicated to God.

Put this strategy into place and journal it so that you can monitor your progress. I guarantee you'll begin to see an increase in spiritual growth and in the prayers you see answered. I don't guarantee it because I'm anything special, I guarantee it because you can't pray in Jesus' name and not experience shifts in the spiritual and natural. It's impossible—His name carries too much power.

In the name of Jesus, the name above every name, the name at which every knee must bow I decree your prayer life be supercharged as you honor the power of seven. Amen.

TO SOW OR NOT TO SOW: IT'S A HEART ISSUE

Lord of the Harvest, prepare our hearts to receive your love and truth. Holy Spirit, create in us clean souls and renew right spirits within us. I ask this in faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

There are many believers in Messiah Jesus who have questions about when to give and whether they should give at all and I'm going to address those questions plainly over these pages.

God is a giving God. He's the Father who gave His own Son, who is actually a part of Himself, to this earth as the sacrificial offering to save our natural and eternal lives (John 3:16). God is a giver by nature. Are you willing to give up your son or daughter, or any part of yourself, for people such as Hitler, murderers, rapists, thieves, and people who hurt children? Probably not. You may say your child is in the military, so yes would/do, but did you send them to the military with the hopes that the likes of the evil mentioned above would come to know God and live with Him in heaven? When most people send their children into the military it usually isn't for evangelism.

The tithe, which literally means tenth, first occurs in the Bible in Genesis 14 when Abraham tithes a tenth of everything he had to enter into covenant with the Priest-King Melchizedek.

He wasn't forced or commanded to do it, it was a revelation birthed in his spirit as a result of the blessing spoken over him and his descendants. The tithe has been around from the beginning of God's renewed covenant. It's a renewed covenant because it was broken by Adam and Eve, renewed with Noah and his offspring and reinforced with Abraham and his offspring.

In Genesis 28 Jacob meets God for himself—personally—at Beth-el and vows to give God a tenth of all of his increase if God provides for and protects him. God came into agreement with that vow and we know everything Jacob touched was blessed and prospered. This is also when Jacob began to change his character and he became less deceitful as the chapters continue. All because he met God for himself. No more living off of his father's and grandfather's faith.

Tithing was started by people, humans like us, who encountered God in a great way and as result of the inner change in them, they gave. Tithing and giving is a heart issue. You never, ever HAVE TO do anything in the Bible or that someone else suggests you do. It's always your choice. But, Biblical evidence shows that giving God a tithe willingly has to do with a personal encounter that allows us to know God intimately.

Later in Leviticus and Deuteronomy God wrote the tithe into the law for the Israelites. This brings up all kinds of problems for people whose hearts haven't been touched by God all the way through. The words *law* and *Israelites* get them all riled up, and the fact that this starts in the Old Testament adds fuel to the fire. So let me break this down for us:

First, everything in the compiled Holy Scriptures is Old Testament (which means will or covenant) until after Jesus'

resurrection. Did you get that? EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS OLD COVENANT until Jesus shed His blood and was resurrected. The testament/will/covenant didn't become new until He died. Wills don't take effect until a death occurs (Hebrews 9:16). While He was alive, He talked about the tithe (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42). So with this revelation, you understand that the New Covenant begins roughly at Acts.

Secondly, the Bible tells us in the Old and New that the Godhead (God, Jesus, Holy Spirit) are the same yesterday, today, and forever (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8). As a believer in Jesus you can't pick and choose the truths in the Bible you want and then throw the rest out. You can't love Psalm 23 because it covers daily provision and Psalm 91 because it gives supernatural protection, but then reject Malachi 3:10-12 because it involves your pocketbook. Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:14), He is every word written there so whatever you don't accept is a part of Him you don't accept and don't have access to the benefits of. That's being lukewarm and Jesus said He spits those types out of His mouth (Revelation 3:16). Also, any area of relational intimacy and blessing you don't receive from God glorifies the satan. The devil doesn't want you living abundant life and knowing and loving God with all your heart, mind, soul, and spirit and when you don't believe the whole Bible you don't believe all of Jesus, the Word made flesh, and you cannot receive all He wants to share with you.

Next, although we're gentile believers in Messiah Jesus and not Jews, we've been grafted in to God's family through faith in Christ (Romans 11:17, 19). If you know that brings you into God's family, that makes you sons and daughters which is what the Jews are to Him. Sons and daughters are supposed to know their father intimately, and when we know Him

intimately He rears and trains us with His Holy Spirit and we become like Him. He's a giver so we become givers. You become like who you hang around.

Derek Prince said he didn't believe tithing was necessary because it's Old Testament. Mr. Prince said as He grew in His relationship with God he saw what an extravagant giver God is, and that every time he gave God would bless him with more to the point that he gave more than 10% simply because the return on investment was so great. So if that helps you break through, think of giving as investing. That's basically what it is—an investment in God and yourself. But further, giving defeats the demonic spirit of mammon which causes selfishness, greed, the love of money, etc., and the spirit of poverty which is a mental stronghold that convinces you you're broke and can't afford to give. Again, there's cooperation with hell. Don't give the forces of hell more victory in your life than heaven.

A religious mindset and lack of intimacy with the Godhead is what causes arguments and hesitation about giving. When we love God and begin to realize just how much He does for us an internal desire to give to Him and His work in the earth realm arises. That's my experience. I give because He's constantly giving to me.

Often people wonder who to give to because we worry people are dishonest and not using the money properly. To be blunt, that's not our concern. Our job is to remain in right relationship with God and allow Him to direct our giving. If we're giving with our hearts focused on Him and not on people, there will be no loss of funds, only increase for us. God doesn't allow His children to be stolen from without returning to them at least double. There are several Biblical promises that back this up—Job was given double when he

prayed for his friends, Mark 10:29-30 promises a hundredfold return if you have a godly focus and attitude through persecution, Isaiah promises double for dishonor, Proverbs promises if the thief is caught they must repay seven times, and there are other promises I could list if I looked them up (these are from memory).

Giving isn't only with money. You can give God your time, your home, car, and everything that you steward. The Bible tells us the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, so He really owns it all, and allows creation to occupy and utilize what's available (1 Corinthians 10:26, Psalm 24:1). When your mind is renewed to the Lord, you seek greater levels of intimacy with Him that move you beyond basic understandings such as Him creating and owning everything and honoring Him with your possessions becomes easy (Romans 12:2).

You need to sow into people and organizations that feed you. Meaning if you attend church those ministers are serving up the Bread of Life aka Jesus, the Word made flesh, and delivering revelation from the Spirit of God so they deserve your support. Give to organizations and causes you believe in. Give to anyone Holy Spirit directs you to give to. Give to people who serve and bless you. If you ever have a question about your giving, ask in prayer. The only times the Bible says that God will shut up heaven and not hear our prayers is when we're in sin and when we doubt Him. But, that makes sense, right? Why should He bless us when we're dishonoring Him in such ways?

Sow into revelation (I talk about this in detail in *My Money Grows on Trees: Sowing into Revelation and Wealth*, 2013). When someone gives you revelation—new understanding about the Godhead or for your life—they deserve your seed. God used

them to serve and meet a need for you, and He's presenting an opportunity for you to meet a need for them. I sow into revelations I receive and I sow revelation by writing books, blogs, and posts, speaking, and making videos. As a result, God keeps giving me more and more revelation for my life, for others, and for books and products. It's a cycle.

Giving to God will put you on a cycle of receiving from God. It's perfectly ok to start out giving pennies and asking God for a specific blessing to prove He's working with you. That's how I broke through in my giving. In 2011 I was a laid-off public school teacher, and homeless, and my mentor told me to start sowing my pennies (or any change I had) and watch God work. He worked then and hasn't stopped working for, with, and through me.

Jehovah Jireh, my Provider, I praise You for revelation and understanding that allowed me to break through financial, mental, and religious blocks by giving. Thank You for teaching me how powerful giving is as a tool that defeats the enemy. I want to be more like You every day. I want to be one who meets needs in the earth. Everything I have is Yours. I praise You for being responsible for my needs because my finances are submitted to You. I declare this by faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

REBUKING THE DEVOURER: COVENANT RIGHT

Holy Spirit, I thank You that You're greater in me than the god of this world. I praise You because you've given me authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy so they cannot hurt me. I ask in Jesus' name for increased revelation and wisdom of this authority and how to live it in fullness. Amen.

Jesus told us in John 10:10 that the our enemy, satan and his demonic forces, come only to kill, steal, and destroy but that He came to give us abundant, overflowing life. When we believe in Jesus and are in relationship with God through faith in Him, we have the right to receive abundant life and stop the enemy from stealing from us.

In Malachi 3:10-12 the Lord gives three conditional promises for abundant life that are our covenant rights if we do what the verses instruct. If you have issues with tithing, giving, and sowing, you may want to read my books *My Money Grows on Trees: Sowing into Revelation and Wealth* (2013) and *To Sow or Not to Sow* (2015) before reading this one.

God promises that if we tithe and give offerings in His honor the following will happen:

1. He will open up the windows of heaven and pour out blessings we can't contain.
2. **He will rebuke the devourer for us.**

3. Nations will rise up and call us blessed.

My Money Grows on Trees: Sowing into Revelation and Wealth contains revelation of what God actually does when He opens up heaven and pours out blessings we can't contain. If you don't have full understanding, read that book because in this one we're focusing on conditional promise number two.

If you're a tither and giver (or sower) when the enemy comes to steal your provision you have the right to face them off and say, "NO! You're NOT going to devour my crops!! Get your hands off my provision!" If you're not a faithful tither and giver, you don't have the power or authority to do this and have the enemy obey your command. Now, you may think you don't have to have authority or power because Jesus has authority and power, and He'll do it for you whether you give or not. You're partially correct.

The Bible speaks of a principle called the fullness of time, and what this means is, yes, God will be merciful to you for a season and He will rebuke the devourer for your sake during that time. But after a while of Him bailing you out of financial trouble and lack, He will remove that covering and you'll be on your own until you cry out to Him in genuine repentance. Another problem that comes from not giving and sowing is that the spirits of mammon and poverty are given an open door to your provision because you're living outside of God's character. His character is that of a selfless giver. As soon as you step out of God's character, He's no longer responsible for you in that area of your life.

The opportunity to tithe and give is available to whosoever will. It's not required. Nothing in life is required. You choose what you do and don't do and what you believe and don't believe. That's free will. You can choose to come into agreement for the three promises of Malachi 3:10-12 or pass

them by. God will still love you and He will do those things for you if He so desires. What makes Him contractually obligated to do those things in every single situation is if you're a tither and a giver.

I've experienced times when I wasn't going to make ends meet if He didn't come through for me, and I've prayed and reminded Him that He said I could test Him in the area of tithing and giving. That's right, the only place in the whole Bible where he allows (actually invites) us to test Him is in the area of blessing us for tithing and giving Malachi 3). I can honestly tell you that since I've broken through in finances that I get all of my needs met. I don't get everything I want (I'm getting more and more wants all the time, though, because He's increasing me and prospering me) but everything I need is always provided. That's a big deal for a single mother who's a self-employed writer. There are believers out there who don't have their needs met each month, and it doesn't have to be that way. I'm a witness.

God will rebuke the devourer for us when they're stealing, but sometimes—and this happens more and more to me because I'm maturing spiritually—He will reveal to me the issue that's causing lack and give me instruction to rebuke the devourer myself.

For example, recently I had two weeks where I wasn't making my expected income amounts. I continued to give anyway and prayed in expectation of revelation. God sent a money anointing for me through a prophetic word from someone I hadn't spoken to for a few weeks. I thanked Him and prayed and asked how to be activated for that anointing, and He revealed to my 13-year-old son that I needed to sow a seed into the person who spoke the prophetic word and released the anointing on me. I sowed \$1.32 and it was given to me

by my son. Now, know this, my son understands sowing into revelation and when He got the word to sow to activate the anointing, he sowed into it because he wanted the anointing activated in his life as well.

I'm a sower, a big time sower, but I didn't think to sow into the prophetic word because the prophet who delivered the word is wealthy and I got hung up on something I've already broken through in—sowing pennies. That person didn't need our \$1.32 and it's probably still sitting in their PayPal account if you want to know the truth, but this is the thing: That person has money and a money anointing to release to me. Someone without a money anointing or someone who isn't prospering can't release a money anointing on me. My little seed to them was the least I could do to thank God for opening the windows of heaven over me. Money anointings don't/can't come from closed heavens.

After I sowed and was activated my money began to flow again, but in not abundance; it was sprinkling and I wanted full rain showers. So, I prayed with two people and then a third and that's when I got revelation. The Lord spoke as I prayed with my third friend that the spirit of withholding had grabbed what God had released to me and I had to rebuke that sucker and call in my abundance. I was given specific instructions for how to war for my abundance to be released within three days. I went to work in prayer and it was released in two!

That's what rebuking the devourer does for us. That's what tithing and giving allows us to do to keep our provision flowing. I had all of heaven backing up my rebuking of the devourer because I'm a tither and giver. That's where my authority and power to command the enemy to release my provision originates—the Malachi 3:10-12 covenant. Imagine

if I'd stopped tithing and giving over those two weeks when my income had dipped. Would I have had the authority to command the enemy, have heaven support me, and win? I say no because I would've had to ask for mercy over asking God to do something for me when I wasn't willing to do for Him. That's the truth, dear ones, mercy is what's required when we need God to stop the enemy from legally harming us. God doesn't have to protect our stuff if we're not honoring Him with it.

God put streets of gold in heaven so that proves He's pretty wealthy. When we tithe and give He becomes legally responsible for our provision. We can live worry-free lives when we take a bill or need to Him in prayer and say, "This is Your responsibility; I can't pay this." I do that often and He provides time after time after time.

I want to share one more testimony with you about rebuking the devourer. In the fall of 2013 I received a call from a frantic woman in need of prayer. She'd received a notice from the IRS stating she owed about \$1,000 from previous taxes, she couldn't pay it, and asked if I would pray. I asked if she was a tither and giver and she was. We agreed in prayer, rebuked the devourer, and commanded seven times repayment according to Proverbs 6:31. I didn't hear anything about it after we prayed, and then in February 2014 after she completed her taxes, she sent me an \$800 tithe check. The devourer was rebuked and she was repaid eight times for the attempted theft.

I'm a witness...God won't allow you to be stolen from when you're under His covenant protection of Malachi 3:10-12.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promises, blessings, and protection available if I covenant with you through tithes and

offerings. I praise You for equipping me to defeat the spirits of mammon and poverty, and to rebuke the devourer. I will continue to honor you with my finances and trust You for my complete provision. I declare this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

SACRIFICE: WORK OF FAITH

Jesus, You made the ultimate sacrifice for me. I thank and praise You for pouring out everything You had on earth so I could know the Father as You do. Help me to lay down my life so that I will be a true and pure disciple, worthy of Your sacrifice. I ask this in faith. Holy Spirit, make it so in Jesus' name. Amen.

When I think of sacrifice, I think of doing things I don't want to do. That may seem oversimplified but that's basically what sacrificing is. Jesus didn't want to go to the cross (Matthew 26:39), but He did for the joy set before Him (Hebrews 12:2). Sacrificing is doing or giving something that costs us now so that we become eligible to receive a greater thing in the future.

I shared recently at a conference that I'm often asked to do things I don't enjoy doing by my mother. It's a sacrifice for me to do those things but I do them because of the revelation I've received regarding sacrifices. Firstly, how we honor our parents is one of the key relationships that directly affect our prosperity and livelihood. Ephesians 6:2 tells us that honoring our fathers and mothers is the first commandment with a promise of living a long life and having everything go well for us.

I didn't grow up knowing how to honor parents. It wasn't modeled for me nor was it taught to me. Like many others I was raised within the concept of rule by fear as opposed to relationship and authority. Rule by fear is a demonic principle and we cannot expect to reap godly results if that's what we're sowing. Relationship and authority is God's way, has been from the beginning, and it's the way of protection and blessing.

Over the last few years I've learned to honor my parents in a sacrificial way. Note that honoring parents as an adult is not obeying or agreeing with everything they do, say, or think, but it's demonstrating respect to them by considering your relationship with the Godhead as far as your actions, thoughts, and beliefs are concerned. I mentioned prior that I wasn't raised to understand relationship and authority, therefore, I've had to allow Holy Spirit to completely renew my mind in the area of submission to authority figures, honor, and sacrifice. That may not be an issue you need/ed deliverance in, but it was/is for me. I've learned that when I'm asked to do something I don't want to do that I can categorize it as sacrifice and expect a blessing in return.

Mark 10:29-30 promises me, and whosoever believes (we all know that everyone doesn't), that I can expect a hundredfold return in this life for anything I give up with a Christ like attitude with persecutions. Anything means my time, my wisdom, my money, or anything else. With persecutions means there will be a sacrifice and probably even some demonic pushback. I believe this promise, it's activated in my life, and I've placed a demand on it at times. It's true for me because I endeavor to believe the truth of every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. When I'm doing or giving something that I don't want to do or give, I decree the fullness of Mark 10:29-30 on it as seed and don't worry about it

anymore. After I put it in God's hands, it becomes His responsibility to bring the appropriate harvest.

That's the kicker about having a Christ like attitude. If I continue to fuss or tell my friends (gossip) about what so and so did to me or had me do, I've stepped out of God's character, have already received my reward (Matthew 6:5), and am disqualified for the hundredfold harvest until I confess and repent. Having a Christ like attitude means I perform the sacrifice and keep it between Him and me and not solicit sympathy from people. Simply put, no sacrifice we make as humans—though they are all recorded by God—compare to Christ's.

That leads into the second piece of revelation I've learned about sacrifice: sacrifice gets God's attention. Sacrificing is Christ like behavior and when we behave as He did, Dad takes notice, records it in heaven, and prepares a blessing. I've stated in several of my books that Christ is our perfect example and when we do as He did we get the same results He got.

Sacrificing is a regular part of my life because I understand that it makes me more like Jesus and that it brings rewards. I can imagine people complaining that I'm always talking about rewards instead of doing, serving, and giving just because but that's Biblical. Everything God invites us to do brings a reward. The sacrifice or action of faith in Jesus brings the reward of salvation from sin, death, and hell. If you don't take the reward, there's no point in you believing in Jesus. Reading, loving, and studying the Bible with Holy Spirit interaction gives the reward of being wiser than your teachers (Psalm 119:99). If you don't want the reward, don't prayerfully read and study the Bible. Seeking God with all your heart, soul, mind, and spirit brings the reward of moving

from servanthood to friendship in relationship. If you don't want the reward, why do it?

In *My Money Grows on Trees* (2013) and *Revelation is for Elevation* (2015) I share vows that I've made to God over the years and He agreed with them and manifested miracles on my behalf. A vow is a form of sacrifice. Fasting is a form of sacrifice. Giving is a form of sacrifice. Setting aside time to pray and read your Bible is a sacrifice. You give up time, food, or money now so that you can receive greater in the future. That's exactly what Jesus did on the Cross. He gave up all of heaven to come to earth to experience and sow seed into it. Then He died and gave up His body and blood so that we could join in fellowship and glory with Dad, Himself, Holy Spirit and have abundant life.

God rewards sacrifice. Even running errands for your mother when you don't enjoy driving. Sacrifice is a part of Kingdom life. Don't despise it; instead allow Holy Spirit to transform your thinking about it so you can elevate.

Heavenly Father, thank You for rewarding me for diligently seeking You. I praise You for renewing my mind to match Yours, and for teaching me to be a giver and not only a taker. I welcome sacrifice because I understand that my covenant relationship with You guarantees blessings, and that You work everything together for my great. Thank You for honoring every sacrifice I make, and giving the proper harvest in due season. I declare this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

DIVINE PARTNERSHIP: UNLIMITED INVESTMENT

Thank You, Father, for designing a glorious destiny for me. I praise You for walking me, more like carrying me, through to its manifestation. I commit to honor You with my life and be successful in everything I set my hand to so that I can be a witness of Jesus' resurrection to the world. I will not think, believe, or live beneath the high calling You've ordained for me. I repent and renounce mediocrity. You are a God of excellence and I will move forward in excellence because I am Your child. I declare this all in faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

God is our greatest and most faithful investor. His hope in our dreams and desires is unlimited. His love for us is unlimited. His resources and power to make us successful are unlimited. His desire to be glorified through our lives is unlimited.

I really want you to meditate on that and understand it before going any further. This is an assignment and opportunity for your mind to break out of any box that it's in and see the infinite possibilities available from heaven. Pray, beg, cry out to God and ask Him to enlarge your thinking about what He's really capable of. If you know how important following instructions are to Dad, you'll complete this assignment and then pick up to read again (2 Chronicles 20:20).

The stretching of your mind is for your benefit. God doesn't have limits and when you begin to release yours, He'll do greater things in your life than the greatest thing He's ever done. I've been blessed to have pressed my way to living in a glory realm, a position under an open heaven, where my needs are being met, miracles are occurring regularly, I'm having daily encounters with angels, and more, so when God does something supernatural I'm only partly surprised. It's hard to explain...I'm in awe but I'm also in a place of constant expectation that everything concerning me and those I intercede for is going to be fantastic so on the other hand it should just be that way. I hope that makes sense.

And that doesn't offend Dad. I know because when He shows up to do what He does, I've been seeing Him smiling and enjoying my joy as if He was waiting for me to get to this level of faith from the beginning. I believe He *was* waiting because the Word tells us in 2 Corinthians 16:9 that His eyes search the earth looking to strengthen those whose hearts are turned fully toward Him. There's promise after promise after promise available to any who go after Him with everything in them. Don't think I'm special; the same is available to you and I share my testimonies and revelations to inspire you to give all to chase after Him, too.

Let's unpack this divine partnership. We all know that God meets us where we are—in theory. I'm here to tell you that it's another truth about Him. He wants us to be healed, whole, and successful more than we want that so He is absolutely willing, able, and ready to meet us where we are. There's one example of this in *My Money Grows on Trees* (2013) where I share that I didn't have a \$1000 sin offering (Leviticus 4; I have a video teaching on this) to sow to break the back of poverty, so I entered into a covenant with Holy Spirit to work

it off. He met me where I was because He wanted me to be free of the spirit of poverty. He will do the same for you. As your biggest investor, He wants you to be successful more than you want it because your success testifies to His faithfulness, goodness, power, and glory. You're not a good witness for the Kingdom of God if your life has more negatives than positives.

I know we go through things; I've been in the pit. But I fought my way out because I didn't have any other choice. You'll have to do that, too, because the demonic camp isn't going to hand us anything good unless it's cloaked in deception and eventually kills, steals, or destroys. I'm here today to testify that whenever I targeted an area to recover or overcome God sent a prophet, wisdom, resources, a dream, or some type of support that put me over. He will do the same for you. That's one of the many benefits of this divine partnership. When He takes on a client, so to speak, He makes everything necessary available to us so that we succeed.

Think about that from a business perspective. Don't you want a financier with unlimited resources, skills, etc. backing your dreams so you can create at will and not have to worry about anything other than being creative? That's Dad!!! I'm a witness!

All I have to do is seek, love, and serve Him, and testify and He covers everything for me. I'm sharing this with you, not to offend, of course, but to encourage you to expand your mind about His love and power, and so that you build up your faith enough to ask Him for the same and more. You don't have to audition for or pitch Him. You already qualify if you've believed in and received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Understanding this divine partnership requires big faith and a transformed mind. That's why I advised you to pray for a new level of mental transformation before completing the book. If you could see (and you can ask God to increase your spiritual vision. It's a gift and He loves to give. Matthew 7:7) what your thinking looks like versus God's truth, most would be disappointed. We've allowed the world, people, and the enemy to do a number on our minds and that has severely limited most of us. I used to be that way myself, but I've been delivered and am still being set free in my mind.

Let me give you a disclaimer now. Don't think I'm one who uses God to get what I want. He gives me what I want because He knows He's a priority in my life. I've been tested, tried, and proved over a period a time, and I believe His promises that if I abide in Him and He in me I can ask what I will and it's done for me. That same promise is available to you. But you will have to be tested, tried, and proved over time. It's true that intimacy brings rewards but you have to sacrifice and persevere to gain the intimacy. It's worth it.

Lord, I love You. I praise and worship You. I exalt You, Most High God. Be glorified through my life as Your witness to all the ends of the earth. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

YOUR INHERITANCE: PROMISED LAND

Lord, thank You for imagining me and a wonderful life lived in communion with You. I praise You because I have an inheritance as Your child. Give me greater revelation of what's mine and how to possess it. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Your inheritance is your personal promised land. It's spiritual and natural territory that is enemy occupied until you conquer and possess it. It includes your soul, every area of your life including health and finances, your family, and physical territory you should occupy on earth.

In Genesis, which means beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. When He did, He separated a pair of people away from the rest of human creation and placed them in a heaven-like domain called the Garden of Eden. It was the first tabernacle—a place where people lived, focused on Him, in which He came and dwelled among them. This has always been His desire and He has always chosen a person or group of people to set apart for and to Himself for unfettered communion.

Heaven on earth is a possibility and we've seen models of it throughout the logos (written Word). Eden, Abram, and the three generations following Him, the tabernacle of Moses,

David's tabernacle, Solomon's temple, and of course, when Jesus walked the earth, are all examples of heaven breaking into the earth realm and demonstrating God's power to overcome the circumstances of the world. It's also been seen throughout modern history with countless others, and I'm a witness of it today.

When God called Abram in Genesis 12 that was an example of heaven breaking through into the earth realm. Abram lived under an open heaven, and the success and communion with Dad was passed to his descendants. An actual portal to heaven is described in Genesis 28 when Jacob is asleep at Luz/Beth-El and sees in the spirit (in a dream) the angels ascending and descending and God Almighty at the top making declarations over him.

God began speaking his promised land to Abram right from the beginning by stating he and descendants would be given the territory. Abram, Isaac, and Jacob traveled from place to place around the land marking in the spirit everywhere their feet tread but also buying some of it. They traveled through parts of the Israelites' promised land to claim it by divine right centuries before they would own it because they hadn't become a great nation with as many grains as sand on the seashore, yet.

When Abraham and his descendants did acquire land they either bought it or conquered it. And, when they conquered it they were always instructed to drive out every previous inhabitant of the land. There were times when this didn't happen—that they didn't drive out all the inhabitants—and there were always dire consequences.

As Moses' successor, Joshua, is commissioned to lead the remaining Israelite tribes who hadn't received land east of the

Jordan to take possession, aka conquer, the land on the west. I love how in Tanakh: Joshua 18 he asked, *“How much more time do you intend to waste going to claim the land the God of your ancestors is giving you?”* This is a relevant question for all current believers in Jesus, too. How much time do YOU intend to waste?

One of the lessons here is that God has granted us our promised lands by divine right, but we have to go in and possess it. We possess it by conquering it and that requires warfare. Now keep in mind, we don't war against flesh and blood and the majority won't have to fight physical wars to possess our promised lands, but we will have to first make up our minds that we'll retrieve what God has allotted to us, second gather an army of warriors, third conquer, and fourth remove every enemy occupant. If you go back and read in the books of Moses and Joshua all of the instances when the Israelites possessed another part of the land, they experienced wealth transfer. This happens because when you take over territory and destroy all the occupants, everything they owned becomes yours.

As I mentioned before our personal promised lands include our souls. They're enemy occupied when we come into the world. We're born with a sin nature, and everyone who lives past the age of innocence has to believe on Jesus to be redeemed by His blood and saved. It's to our benefit to get delivered. Every time we take an area of our souls from the demonic camp and possess it for God, we experience wealth transfer. I know from personal experience and because the Word tells me that godliness is profitable for all things (1 Timothy 4:8). The more deliverance you achieve personally, the more valuable you'll be to the world and God said through revelation there's enough wealth in this world for everyone to have an abundant share.

You have to war for your deliverance. Just as natural enemies don't just hand over their land to conquering armies, the demonic camp isn't going to just hand over a portion of your soul—or your family members' souls—that they occupy. You have to fight to possess your land. If you want it, you'll fight.

Your promised land includes property. You don't have to rent your whole life. You have the right to own a home or two or ten if you so desire. If your family has always rented and never owned—I know some folks like that—you have to start by changing your mindset and aligning it with God's. It's not impossible or unreasonable that you should have property to leave to your grandchildren (Proverbs 13:22). You have to think bigger than being a generational renter. God is too big for that to be your abundant life (John 10:10) or your promised land. God gets no glory from small living saints.

I love the history of Caleb and his daughter in Joshua 15. *Othniel, son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, captured Kiriath-sepher, so Caleb gave Othniel his daughter Achsah in marriage. One day she urged Othniel to ask her father for a field. As she dismounted her donkey, Caleb spoke to her: "What do you wish?"* This is a natural man asking his daughter what she wished because he loved her and was prepared to give it. Catch this: If we being evil know how to give good gifts to our children HOW MUCH MORE WILL OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM (Matthew 7:11)? When I learned to ask big, I stepped into a new realm of relationship and trust with Dad but I also stepped into a new realm of faith and blessing. This is simple but you need to meditate on it and let it get planted firmly in your spirit. Asking big and receiving big isn't just about you, it's about the proof God's goodness breaking through into the earth realm as a witness to lead others to Him.

Your inheritance also includes the neighborhood you live in. You may not live in the best neighborhood right now, but that can change. Everywhere your foot treads you have dominion (Joshua 1:3)—this includes your job site, too. As a representative of heaven, and it being your promised land, you have the right to set the atmosphere. Walk your neighborhood declaring scriptures, loosing Holy Spirit, and putting the enemy on notice that you know your covenant rights and will not accept anything less. Psalm 125:3 promises that wickedness will NOT rule the land where godly people live.

This includes our nations of residence as well. We can turn our nations to the Lord as part of our inheritances (Psalm 2:8).

Your spiritual inheritances are those gifts, anointings, mantles and such that God ordained for you to have. You're not limited, though, you can ask for anything spiritual (or natural for that matter) and He'll give it. But be wise about asking. Everything comes with a cost or sacrifice that must be made to operate effectively, and it also brings warfare.

Your ancestors had spiritual inheritances. If you're operating in your gifts, etc. you probably have some from those who came before you operated in, but it should be more effective in you because an inheritance is an increase to you of what's left from them.

Ask Dad for your inheritances—both spiritual and natural—and receive them. Remember there's a cost and warfare, but they're going to help you live out your commission, assignments, and destiny. I'm so bold and enjoy my divine partnership with the Godhead so much, I've even asked to

pick up gifts and assignments others have laid down. Hey, He always encourages us to ask, so I ask. And I receive.

In this day and age there are many who didn't/don't receive material inheritances from their grandparents. I didn't receive from either of mine, but that doesn't limit God. He's able to restore what should've been given as my share and much more. If you didn't receive an inheritance, or didn't receive a full inheritance, go to Him in prayer, ask for it, and then watch over your request until He answers you. Then receive and honor Him with it.

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for revelation. Please explode it in my heart so that I can reap a hundredfold harvest of wisdom. I bless You, Jesus, for being the first redeemed of brothers so that I could be adopted into this family and receive an inheritance. I decree I will ask, seek, and knock until every door is opened to what's mine by covenant right, and I will possess it and steward it according to Your perfect will and purpose. I seal this with faith in Jesus' name. Amen.

For further study, please consider:

*The Beginning: Spiritual Growth Course on Genesis (payhip.com/mizbanks)

*Revelation is for Elevation: How to Conquer What Blocks Your Extraordinary Promotion (zwriteswords.org/supernatural-you)

*Spiritual Maturity at Any Cost: Breakthrough and Deliverance (zwriteswords.org/supernatural-you)

HONOR: SUPERNATURAL SUCCESS

Lord, I choose to honor Your voice, Word, and name above all things. Please prepare my heart to receive what's being shared here. I ask in Jesus' name for the hundredfold harvest on the revelation being sown. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer of faith. Amen.

Honor is a supernatural success secret that's very visible in the written Word, especially in Proverbs, but isn't taught with proper focus. If you can catch the revelation of sowing honor, you'll be supernaturally elevated to new dimensions of success in the natural.

If you've read any of my previous writings or heard my podcasts you'll recall that I was rebellious and wasn't taught honor. Lack of knowledge about honor caused a lot of problems in my life that Holy Spirit had to reveal to me, and then correct after I'd repented. When I completely submitted every area of my life to God in 2011, showing honor was the second biggest lesson I had to learn. Forgiveness was the first (see my book, *O Lord, Forgive Them: 30 Days of Praying for Your Enemies* (2011)).

I pray that you catch the seriousness of this revelation so that if you haven't shown proper honor to date, you can correct your mindset and behavior quickly. If you have already

learned how to honor God's way, your track record of extraordinary success speaks for itself; great job to you.

In 1 Samuel 2 God addresses honor very specifically and this portion of scripture always stands out to me when I think of honor. God said, *"But now surely I declare, those who honor Me I will honor, but those who despise Me I will treat with contempt."* This is serious business. To honor means to revere, respect, defer to, serve, and to bless. It's a tall order. Initially it's easy to look at those actions and assume that's basic behavior of the godly. But, it's not.

Eli was a priest by Levitical heritage who lived with the Ark of the Covenant in his home, and yet, he so dishonored God and others that he and sons were cursed and all died on the same day. If someone who lived with the visible presence of God within feet of his physical body dishonored Him you must know that there's more to honoring God and others than simple behaviors.

Honor is a lifestyle, as anything with God is, and that's why so many people don't get it. God looks at the heart of everything we do, say, and think (1 Samuel 16:7). We have to understand that showing godly honor requires a transformed mind which is actually Holy Spirit igniting a fire in the portion of our souls that makes us honor in spirit and truth.

Honor is supernatural. We perform acts of honor naturally, but what's happening is actually supernatural and its reactions (or consequences) are exponential. This is another mystery of the Kingdom and it's helpful if you have eyes that are open spiritually because you'll understand the significance of honor more if you can see what's happening in the spiritual realm. Very basically, you're either pulling success into your life or pushing it away.

The Law of Honor is similar to the Law of Attraction in that way. The things you respect remain and grow in your life, and the things you dishonor decrease and eventually leave your life. If you honor someone properly—with a godly spirit, intentions, thoughts, words, and actions—you'll have an ally for life, and you'll be blessed by God as result. But, when you dishonor someone it's extremely difficult to regain the broken trust. This is evidenced when adultery occurs in relationships. It's hard to recover because the damage done is spiritual as well as natural.

One of reasons I know the Body of Believers doesn't truly understand honor is in our treatment of each other and how I see us responding to the world on social media. Unfortunately, believers dishonor other believers all the time. Yes, the world dishonors us and everyone else, too, but the world isn't reading the Bible and can't be held accountable for it right now. Until we master it, it's hard to convince them we have a better way.

I'm a different type of Bible teacher so I've experienced dishonor by other believers and pre-believers. When they disagree with me because they haven't received revelation I have, some choose the route of dishonor. I forgive and pray for them because I love Jesus, I know the Word, I have the Word in me, and I have a proper fear of the Lord. Attacking a believer is dangerous. 1 Chronicles 16:22 warns us not to dishonor or harm God's people and those who speak for Him. I've seen in the spiritual realm demons and curses released on people for dishonoring someone God loves.

In Matthew 10:41 Jesus told us if we honor a prophet in the name of prophet we'll receive a prophet's reward. Honoring men and women of God is a big deal. I speak about this in

my book *Revelation is for Elevation: How to Conquer What Blocks Your Extraordinary Success* (2015) that if you've ever spoken, thought, hindered, or acted in dishonor toward someone who works for God, confess it and repent. Curses come on lives and finances when acts of dishonor are committed against men and women of God. Especially if they're one who lives a life of forgiveness and honor.

That being explained, when a man or woman of God asks you to do something, do it. Honoring their request will get you the same reward they have. Use discernment here; you know I'm not advising you to do anything sinful, illegal, out of your means, etc. What I'm stating is serving them will set you up for success.

Serving another is crucial to business and ministry success. The way God has the world set up, you're not eligible for His extraordinary success until you've served someone else. I mentor people all the time who dream of huge ministry platforms and companies, and I always ask them who they're presently serving under. God always appoints someone with a bigger sphere of influence than you have to highlight you. If you're not honoring someone who's bigger than you are, you're still David, the anointed shepherd in the field, without a King Saul to invite you to the palace. Sometimes I invite people to do things for me because I need it done, and also because I know they're eligible for some of my anointing or some reward from Dad if they perform the task.

If you've read *My Money Grows on Trees: Sowing into Revelation and Wealth* (2013) you'll recall I served someone in business who was unable to pay me for six months. I've been reaping financial benefits since then. I also served 10 years in the preschool ministry at church, and now I'm being requested to come and teach big kids (adults) as an anointed teacher of the

Word. I edited, buy, and share all of my mentors' books, and am an award-winning author now. I sowed honor through service first, and now I'm reaping a harvest of extraordinary success.

I mentioned earlier that honor is about more than action. Honor is a part of humility. It follows that any time we're being prideful, we're acting in dishonor. We know how God feels about pride; it separates us from Him. Pride got satan kicked out of heaven.

You should be catching the revelation of just how important honor is with greater understanding by now. As I said, honor is supernatural and a Kingdom mystery, so it's hard to explain in words every aspect of it, but if you're getting it you should feel the spark in your spirit.

Jesus, thank You for teaching me how to sow honor. I confess and repent of every instance of dishonor in my past, and I ask and receive Your forgiveness. I apply your blood over my sins of dishonor and ask that you overwrite curses attached to it with blessing right now. Reveal to me everyone I've dishonored in the past and show me the people I need to honor by word or deed and I will obey swiftly. I praise You for keeping my life in alignment with heaven. I decree I will honor others according to Your perfect will from now on. I declare this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

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- O Lord, Hear My Cry: A Book of Psalms Devotional (2011)
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- O Lord, Hear My Cry: Commemorative Edition (2012)
- The 10 Commandments of Prayer: Praying the Will of God for Your Children (2012)
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