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and each day draw you
closer to Himself.

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Because My love is the one reality, the one *permanency* of existence, the only true wisdom (not realised by so many), is to cultivate a knowledge of that love.

This is not easy in the setting of your world, with its deceptions and its discouragements, but if you simply show Me your *desire* to know My love, that is what I look for in order to reveal that love, increasingly, to you.

Is that desire there? If this is so, be assured that, knowing your heart, I am at work, *even now*, to grant you that priceless knowledge.

Turn to Me with all your heart.

(Joel 2.12)

When fear is strong ...

Let there be an earnest looking to My love.

If the sense of My love is strong, your mind cannot *simultaneously* hold a strong sense of fear.

Therefore, let My love's protecting arms lift you above the fear which darkens your mind.

Still looking to My love, express your thanks for victory over fear, and you will see that victory realised.

Perfect love casts out fear.

(1 John 4.18)

No matter at what stage of life My love is discovered, its effects are the same.

The element of hope has now entered, and the duration of that hope is limitless, as limitless as is My eternity.

As love turned darkness to light in the victory of the Cross, so it begins its work in darkened lives.

**That they, too, may be
truly sanctified.**

(John 17.19)

My child, you are indeed wrapped around by My love and, more than all present details, *you* are My concern.

Allow Me to cherish you; allow Me to heal you.

Do not work against My healing by your striving or by *inviting* strain.

Everything shot through by My love. That is the way of true healing.

I am the Lord who heals you.

(Exodus 15.26)

My child, value our friendship as the one which will *endure*.

It was to reveal Myself as *Friend* of mankind that I came ... willing to go to the very limits for My children.

Remember that same faithfulness is your inheritance. You can, therefore, feel completely at ease with your Maker and Sustainer who is also your Friend. Upon His understanding you can *always* draw.

The Lord will delight in you.

(Isaiah 62.4)

My child, *allowing* My protection ...
allowing My working.

My power on your behalf always means the *least* effort of yours – especially effort involving reliance upon your purely human wisdom.

Yes, it is My *love's* power exerted upon you ...

healing,

strengthening,

guiding your steps,

keeping evil influences at a distance.

My love is truly a *mantle* around you ...
visualise it and be completely rested.

Keep yourselves in the love of God.

(Jude 21)

As I have told you, your need is always
very near to My heart.

As you express that need to Me, I cannot resist
responding with My gift of *peace* to you.

Let My heart pour out its love to you, to
refresh you ...

Let My love give you the courage which you
need.

**If anyone is thirsty
let them come to Me.**

(John 7.37)

My word to you is that of *encouragement*. It could be no other!

Because every need of yours is My concern, you can quietly look for, and recognise, My *provision*.

Refusing anything other than to trust in My love and My greatness, you must *anticipate* that which I have in store for you.

I am the Bread of Life.

(John 6.35)

Did you feel very clearly, My peace in deciding upon a way forward, after surrendering to Me?

If this is so, *never* allow consequent doubts about that direction.

He will watch over your life.

(Psalm 121.7)

You have the *constant* enfolding of My love, as you trust that love in striving to survive within the sphere of this present existence ... otherwise the journey would be impossible for you.

Always be grateful that My love brings you through the *hidden* dangers.

Ensure that My name of power is upon your lips in negotiating the hazards of a fallen world.

The Lord is my strength and my shield.

(Psalm 28.7)

My child, resist evil's attempts to perpetuate, *through memory*, that which no longer exists in My sight.

Do not listen to its lies for one moment.

Bring My love against evil's attempts to revive the torture of guilt.

You know that where you have sought and received My forgiveness, nothing exists for you but My love – ensuring your peace, and still affecting all the events of your life.

I will both forgive and forget.

(Jeremiah 31.34)

If you cultivate a life that is peaceful and prayerful, evil is vanquished, increasingly, as I greatly use you.

Nothing will go amiss as you act with trust, and with restraint. Your obedience will then result in everything falling into place.

Hidden in Me, let there be

only trust ...

only peace ...

only joy ...

only hope ...

**In quietness and confidence
will be your strength.**

(Isaiah 30.15)

My child, the lesson is a hard one, and needing often to be repeated: *utter* surrender to My working.

You realise that circumstances will never be perfect, and that is why there must be that constant committal of those circumstances to My safe handling.

In response to the merest trusting *consent* on your part, the divine power, which works for you, becomes *your* power. You are then used in a natural way, responding to what I send.

I will strengthen you.

(Judges 6.14)

Life is *drastically* changed when I am followed, and your walk becomes one not only of trust, but of utter simplicity, free of compromise.

My child, though beset with danger, that narrow way, negotiated with Me, proves to be the true way of safety because upon it, your *spiritual* progress is unimpaired.

Remember that the fixing of your gaze upon Me, very resolutely, means that so many subtle and distracting obstacles are unable to touch you.

The peace of heart which you experience upon My way is in no way dependent upon the fortunes of life.

**You will keep in perfect peace
him whose mind is steadfast.**

(Isaiah 26.3)

My child, let nothing – no worldly concerns – interrupt My Spirit’s healing flow.

Be rested ...

Be courageous in facing what life produces
...

And, of course, make *everything* the subject of prayer.

Do not let your heart be troubled.

(John 14.27)

Let every day begin with the *acknowledgement* of My love. Let that love help you to put aside (even if only for moments) all the agonising prospects, the causes of heartache, which are presented to you.

In My love's light those darker aspects are better able to be faced. Continuing to look to My love, the darkness is diminished in its power, and it can then never completely overwhelm you.

Do not fear, for I am with you.

(Isaiah 41.10)

My child, sense that it is Myself walking though the world in you ...

guiding your footsteps,

strengthening,

enlightening,

blessing others.

Let Me draw you along the heavenward walk ... frequently looking towards your goal.

Realise increasingly that you are sheltered from a hostile world as I allow *only* to cross your way that which is for your good.

**The Lord will keep you
from all harm.**

(Psalm 121.7)

There is always a way out of the prison of circumstances if you turn the focus of your attention to the One who loves you and guards you, the One who is grateful for *every* time that you come before Me. Fear of the future is taken away as you adjust your sights in this way.

**The crown of glory that
will never fade.**

(1 Peter 5.4)

My child, for the rest of your life ensure, above all, two things:

To see My love as the *answer* to every possible personal need or situation.

The cultivation of sheer trust in Me.

These things may sound, to some, an oversimplification, but they are the very essence of what is involved in living with Me.

Answers to your prayers *must* come if these two principles are observed; they are the true 'ingredients' of the eternal life which is *already* granted to you; they will *carry you forward* to the brightness of My immediate presence.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

(Matthew 25.21)

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