



# Gleams of Hope

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## Seeking GOD's Truth ~

The voice of John the Baptist was heard in the wilderness and His message awakened lulling minds and those with indifferent attitude toward believing.

This present time we, too, get awakened and redirected to the true path of living when our life is with GOD. Listening to His living Word is an enlightenment that inspires our ways particularly with people. GOD's truth helps us navigate away from the world's trenches. Without savoring it and making it etched within our soul, we can easily get entangled in the thorns and thickets of life. The lack of GOD's truth will eventually make us fall in the quicksand of wrong choices and decisions. Yet, when we know the LORD, when we seek for His presence, when we hunger for His touch, our ways will know of His righteousness and spells obedience to His Word. The LORD is always there and waits patiently for us to make that special communion with Him. Communing with Him should not only be during times of need but bringing Him in and involving Him in everything we do. To do so will help alleviate the burdening circumstances in life.

GOD's truth replenishes our strength that we may not lose courage. It revives our spirit when we are paling in our faith. To love Him first and foremost will bring solace to our souls, hope and unfathomed joy to our days.

Indeed, there is so much GOD wants to share with us. In our aloneness with Him, we can hear Him better. Surrendering to His will makes us gain freedom, peace and eternal life. **Hebrew 3:15**

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## LORD, You are our Strength ~

Oh, our souls and hearts long for Your touch, dear LORD! In our waking and sleeping moments make us hear You. Bind us in Your love so we won't stumble along the way. We are alive because of You. We are able to wrestle our way out of life's misgivings because of Your loving grace. Victory we can claim because of You. You are always there with us therefore we fear not. You put that courage in us and we are so grateful. Like David, we have the weapon to fight against life's woes. Your presence makes us withstand the hardships in life. We persevere because of Your grace. Our trust in You makes us pliant in deep valleys. Surrendering to Your will gives us direction that holds no error.

Glory to You, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Please soak our spirits with Your healing and mending touch. Thank You for blessing our souls, for sending Your HOLY SPIRIT to guide us in our choices and for directing our every step. Make us always hear Your voice and understand Your promptings. Make us look to You during moments of constrictions as well as in joy. Let our lifeline with You be open always. We want Your will in our life because without You we are lost. Grateful are we, dear Father, for Your forgiveness when we make mistakes. Thank You for embracing us unceasingly! **Isaiah 12:2**



## Testimony Sharing



Friday, August 1, 2008

It was my flex day so I went to the chapel a little later than my usual morning visits. My routine was the same --- park the car, pick up my Bible from the back seat and head on to the chapel to pray and talk to the LORD. I picked up the Bible and was about to close the door when got prompted to pick one of the two remaining copies of "My Hands in His." As I head on to the chapel I met a man heading towards the parking lot. I found myself prompted to hand the book to him saying, "This is for you." He accepted it and casually said thank you.

And then he said, "You see,  
I am looking for JESUS!"

The next day, Saturday, was spent on reviewing the pages of the "Scent of Jesus' Holy Love." The phone rang and I answered it. It was an unfamiliar voice on the other end. He was straight to the point in letting me know that I don't know him but wanted to let me know he was the man I gave the book to. I said I did remember him. He introduced himself as Dan.

Dan was honest in telling me that when I gave him the book he did not know what to think of it. He said he was able to read a few pages and would like to thank me for it. It was one of those he really needed to have. And then he said, "You see, I am looking for JESUS!" Dan's words went straight to my heart. It hit a familiar chord in my spine and sent this healing touch straight to my being. At that moment I know what had taken

place. I was as enthused as Dan was because of the wonderful opportunity afforded to both of us.

I am so thankful that the LORD made this event to take place. Not only did it help Dan, it also helped me to remember that I was in that same situation before. I have looked and longed for JESUS' touch in my life. There was no comfort for the pain and the lost feeling I had those days until I found the LORD and claimed His love for me. The LORD stepped in and took care of my brokenness. When I found JESUS the comfort I needed was there.

I know how Dan feels. His beautiful soul is searching for the One who holds all the answers to everything. Dan is on the right path and there never is a doubt in my mind that he will find JESUS and when he finds Him his life will be in for an overhaul. Dan will never be the same.

A heart often gets bruised, wounded and broken to pieces and a misplaced soul searches for that meaningful direction and needs to be properly led. Left on our own we will not be able to put the shattered pieces back together again but by His grace we can.

The LORD will give Dan a new heart and because he is searching for Him, the HOLY SPIRIT will lead him directly to JESUS' embrace. GOD be praised!

**John 6**



## Prayer Section

Dear HOLY SPIRIT, please teach us to move with You that our be true. Soak us with Your healing ways. Humble us, LORD; teach us how to live in Your love.



LORD, thank You for showing us how to be kind, merciful and giving and to learn that emptiness can be filled in by Your presence.

We will not rush, LORD, but we'll be bound in Your love. Your love, dear GOD ALMIGHTY, is so profound. It nurtures our lives. It holds us through. Your faithfulness promises a bright and secured tomorrow.

Thank You, dear Father, for a love so unconditional and unceasing. Joy with You overflows. Your ways are ever-mending and healing.

Thank You, dear LORD JESUS, for everything. Thank You for your forgiveness, Your loving grace and all of Your embraces.

We are Yours forever.

GOD's embraces tame life's raging waves as they rise. His love gets rid of sentiments that weigh our hearts down. His kindness clears minds that are burdened by wrongful needs and wants. He comforts agitated souls caused by unbelief. His truth sets our steps to victory and makes freedom tangible. His touch is courage to hold on to. To know Him spells life! *Psalm 86:8-13*

**GOD He is!**

### Sharing with you — excerpts from "Nuggets of Hope"

#### Endless Love

Calvary should never be forgotten as it holds the story of a love so beautiful, kind and merciful, gentle and mending. It's a story of a cleansing and purifying love that holds true to this day.

#### Releasing the enemy's hold

The enemy's enticements cause agitation to the heart and bring chaos to the mind. They make us forget who we truly are. Calling on the **LORD JESUS** is the most effective strategy to release the enemy's hold.

#### Life's Blessings

There is a basketful of blessings each day and we are given the choice to accept so or not. In our acceptance, we are also given the choice to share with others. How beautiful to remember **GOD's** ways of love and share with those in need.

#### GOD's Will

It is to our benefit to hang on tenaciously onto **GOD's** will. Doing so brings blessings beyond measure.

#### Lifeline with GOD

Faulty choices and unwise decisions cause derailment of faith and a broken lifeline we have with **GOD**.



#### Honesty

**GOD's** love requires honesty. Anything less is of the enemy.



# Daily Musings

We are reminded by our covenant with You, dear FATHER! You have instructed us not to fear the fiercest waves of tempestuous seas. You told us that when we believe, anything is possible. You continue to tell us that we can put a stop to the negative events in life. How we need You, LORD! We can pray to You often to be guided accordingly and be directed to Your righteousness. We want to have Your touch in our lives, dear LORD. Your touch gives us glowing warmth to our spirit. That warmth becomes a sustaining flame in our weakness and lasting fire in this darkened world. We want Your presence to feel safe and secure and to feel that joy and freedom. Your existence radiates in us and holds us forever.



GOD's caring hands are the very ones that cradle us when we sin. He is most joyful when we obey Him, when we realize our mistakes and confess our sins to Him. He is involved in our sentiments, emotions and more so in our relationship with one another. He takes delight in our humility, love, forgiveness and kindness to others. His is the living proof of an inspiring love. It brings Him unceasing joy to know that we are happy and content at all times in His embrace. His love never questions thus we should not be hesitant to come to Him when we feel the oppression or the emerging of sin - for His love heals, protects and endures forever.



This love we share with others is a spanning bridge to life. What we share is an inspiration from our LORD. Let us not forget that we, too, can help bring His light to this world. As He has loved us so shall we love one another—a commandment that He has left faithfully for us to carry.

The LORD wants to take the weight of our inadequacies and sinful ways and carry those in His heart cleansing such impurities with His pure blood just for the asking. This simple gesture of sharing our time, talent and effort is our Gift of Love not only to each other but most of all to the One Most High. Let us be truthfully benevolent for what He asks of us. Let us do His will diligently and joyfully.



LORD, you know our hearts and its content concerning our fellow brothers and sisters. You know our minds and what goes on in it every moment of the day. You know our very intentions before we act on them. Yes, LORD, You know everything about us! There is nothing hidden from You. We thank You so much for always inspiring our ways in our relationship with others, particularly those in need, for truly what we do to the least of our brethren, we do to You. We must make certain that Your teachings and encompassing love are the ones we continually share with others.

LORD, I choose to walk with You every day of my life. With You, heart is empowered with strength to withstand against anything. You bring lasting joy and peace. Without You life is never complete. You are my eternal salvation. You are the healer of my pains! I choose You because You made me who I am and it is with You where I belong. Your love for all is undying. You died that souls be redeemed. You shed Your blood to save the sinner that I am. You are my very life, the breath I take each day. My LORD, I love You so very much!



My LORD JESUS CHRIST, life has never been the same ever since I received You into my heart. No fame or fortune can compare to the joy of Your love. How blessed and content I am because of Your forgiveness and acceptance. No money or fame can topple this elation in me. Your scent of love is a continuing addiction for my soul. It is intoxicating yet liberating joy that feeds my longing and thirsting soul.

There is no agitation or constriction when I walk with You. Contentment in life comes so beautifully! You provide so many blessings.

I can't thank You enough for everything... My life is Yours!



Nothing can ever come close to the gaiety I feel when I talk with You, my dear FATHER! I am as tall as the tallest mountain on earth because of Your love. With You there's no abandonment or rejection. You took those all away from my broken heart. There are no "hang-up days." There is but eternal freedom and pure bliss.

This is so far from what I felt when I was wallowing in the mire of my sufferings of times past. All I could think of then were the agonies that came every day, hampering and defeating my soul.

Those days I felt so lost. Tribulations kept me spinning around and around. They took a domino effect on my life. Problems kept tagging along wherever I went. It was a non-stop battle. Helplessness was seeping through my bones. Negative events were rampant and adding to my woes. I felt I was losing every battle. Then I heard You that night, asking me to willfully let go of the hurt and bury the constricting past by forgiving those who have wronged me. You told me to forgive myself as well for I had taken the most blame of what was happening in my life. Letting go and forgiving became easy because of You. In the process I was able to mend my own grieving soul. It was wonderful to begin picking up the scent of Your love everywhere. It became easy to forgive because You told me to look into my heart. Your ways made me grasp the reason why I couldn't get rid of the deadening emotions. You have worked with me continuously and I learned not only to forgive and forget but love those who have wronged me. This was the first step to recovery. Only In Your love was I able to do so. Soak me always with Your tender touch, my dear LORD JESUS. Let Your HOLY SPIRIT guide and lead me to paths I need to be. Please never let me deviate from Your righteousness for my spirit suffers in pain without You. My life is anchored to You forever. Thank You for Your saving love, my LORD and GOD!