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THE OBJECT OF GOD'S PASSION

The Pleasure of God

God is Love (1 John 4:8). Central to my mandate in most everything I do, including writing this book, is to help you connect with God as Love, connect with who you are made in the image of Love, connect with your purpose to reveal and be a conduit of Love, and to be released and empowered with that purpose. It is a process of unveiling and discovery.

Love undergirds and is interlaced with the very reasons why you were born on planet Earth.

First and foremost, why you are here revolves around the pleasure of God (Psalms 147:11; Ephesians 1:5). You were made for the holy pleasure of God, Who is Love. You are His delight. He takes plea-

sure in you as His child, His friend, and His bride.

God is not a demanding egomaniac, requiring that you do spiritual party tricks to serve Him, in order to please Him. He is easy to please, because He is a lover – He is Love.

You have been so marked by Love that your very being is impregnated with Love Himself. You are one with the Godhead by birth (1 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 6:3-6, 10). You are so intrinsically lovely and loveable, that you are a sheer joy for the triune Godhead, Who created you in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26).

God explodes in song and dance when He thinks of you; He can't contain Himself!

Adonai, your God is in your midst – a mighty Savior! He will delight over you with joy. He will quiet you with His love. He will dance for joy over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:16-18 TLV)

You just can't help it. You are intrinsically adored and adorable! No wonder you please Him so much!

So, yes, you were very much created for His pleasure, but He is also



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the Source of everything good and pleasurable, with no downside. The pleasure of sin is very real, but those pleasures are temporary (Hebrews 11:5). Sin carries the hangover of hard consequences that are not pleasant and are unavoidable apart from the mercy and the grace of God. But the pleasures of God have no downside. And He offers them freely.

James 1:16-18 says this in the Amplified Bible:

Do not be misled, my beloved brothers and sisters. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of lights [the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens], in whom there is no variation [no rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [for He is perfect and never changes]. It was of His own will that He gave us birth [as His children] by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes].



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God's goodness is really good. When He created humankind, He put Adam in the Garden of Eden, which literally means garden of "pleasure" in the Hebrew.

And God is not stingy with the pleasure He makes available. But He

is jealous for you and wants to be the ultimate Source of the pleasure He made you to enjoy!

I love 1 Timothy 6:17 (AMP), which says,

As for the rich in this present world, instruct them not to be conceited and arrogant, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly and ceaselessly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

He truly is a God of pleasure – His pleasure and ours.

Psalm 16:11 (NIV) says,

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

His Kingdom is all about righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). He truly is a happy God, Who is all about manifesting His goodness. He wants happy kids. And, if you are a good parent, you want happy kids as well. But how many of you know that spoiling your kids with what they are convinced will make them happy will result in very unhappy kids, teens, and adults.

The word of God says that foolishness is bound up in the heart of



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children, who really do need and will thrive on godly wise correction, given in love out of a heart of honor (Proverbs 22:15; Hebrews 12:11; Ephesians 6:4).

Sometimes we know what we want, but we do not know what we really need (Romans 8:26). That is one reason why Love is always interceding for us (Romans 8:26, 34; Hebrews 7:25). How good do you think God is at praying for you? Cool beans! And He is happy while He is doing it.

We have all met people that we don't really want to ask how they are



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doing, because we just know they are going to unload on us and we'll walk away depressed or wanting to take a shower. But God is never like that. I always love to ask Him how He is doing. He is the most positive person I know! He always gives a wonderful upbeat response.

Even when He is grieved, it is because one of His kids is hurting or in danger. It is then I can partner with Him to intercede for others or just receive if it is about me. As we mature and grow up, bathing in His love, we can love Him back and minister to Him out of that love.

You Are the Object of God's Passion

The object of God's passion – yes, that is you, whether you can relate to that or not. He was unwilling to do without you. Before the foundation of the world, love overflowed within the Godhead. God wanted a family to lavish that love on and enjoy. He couldn't hold Himself in. Love had to explode in the flavor of each and every one of us.

God's desire was to manifest Himself specifically through you in your flavor. You are irreplaceable. When you don't manifest, there is a hole in the universe that affects each and every person on the planet. We are all connected, because we were all made for a specific purpose and to reflect a specific dimension of our Creator. Those purposes are inter-

twined. Those facets of Love that we reflect combine together synergistically to reflect the fullness of Love. He is the Source of us and the Source of everything.

The New Age Movement got this right. We are all connected. They just don't recognize it is all tied up with Christ and Him alone. Love is drawing all things to Himself as the Source of everything and everyone.



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Colossians 1:19-20 (TLB) says,

For God wanted all of himself to be in his Son. It was through what his Son did that God cleared a path for everything to come to him – all things in heaven and on earth – for Christ's death on the cross has made peace with God for all by his blood.

Ephesians 1:10 in The Message Version says,

He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

Hunkering versus Occupying

Much of the body of Christ is operating in so much fear and oppression that it is all they can do to just make it through. But God's plan is not that we hunker down until we "make it" to heaven. He is Love, and perfect love makes no allowance for fear. First John 4:18 in the New American Standard Bible version says:

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

He never made us to live under the circumstances. He made us more than conquerors, who are designed and empowered to overcome the circumstances that are arrayed against us (2 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 8:37; 12:21; 1 John 4:4; 5:4-5; Revelation 12:11). And under-

stand, He never designed us to do any of this in our own strength. We are not supposed to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, muster up our faith, and pull out our own strength.

Philippians 2:13 (AMP) elaborates:

For it is [not your strength, but it is] God Who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure.



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You were created for dependency.

Jesus even said that apart from Him we can do no thing of eternal value (John 15:5). That is very scary if you do not/did not have a parent, friend, or spouse that has/had your back.

But the truth is, whether or not you can connect to it totally, you are to depend upon an immeasurably good, immeasurably powerful God, Who never leaves you nor forsakes you and Who is wildly smitten with you. You can afford to be that little child who the kingdom of Heaven belongs to (Matthew 19:14). Every place where it has felt that God did not come through and you are on your own, God can and wants to heal. We connect to the kingdom of Heaven with childlike faith and dependency, and we can engage the conflict with the kingdom of darkness as grown sons and daughters.

We are called to occupy the earth realm until He comes back, and to expand His kingdom by progressively transforming earth into heaven (Luke 19:14; Matthew 6:10).

But in order to occupy and expand His kingdom, we must continue in this place of dependence. Apart from Love, we can do nothing of eternal consequence (John 15:5).



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In the winter of 2011, I had a vision that really magnified that reality to me. I was with Jesus on the banks of a river of molten gold lava. I knew that we were in hell, and I was anxious to learn why we were there. We were communicating by our thoughts, and I knew that I was supposed to jump into this molten gold lava river. I was not very happy about it. I looked at Jesus asking Him if He was going to go with me. He didn't say anything, so I knew that was the wrong question. Finally, I blurted out, "Jesus is it going to be OK?!?" At that He reeled around, grabbed me by the shoulders, and locked

being. They said, “Catherine, you *know* Me!”

That was all I needed. I agreed, “Yup, I know You!” With that, I hiked up my skirt and jumped right into the middle of the river. Why I was wearing a skirt in hell and why I felt the need to hike it up to jump into molten gold lava, I have no idea. When Jesus is with you, there is humor in hell. But the moment my head went underneath the surface, BAM, we were back on the banks of the river. Except now it was completely transformed. The river was crystal clear with a waterfall to the left. There was a glorious garden teeming with life. As I took it all in, I heard Jesus, at my right side, say, “Because you were willing to die to yourself, I have given you the power to transform hell into the Garden of Eden!” Bam! I was awake and knew something really big had happened.

I understand that each one of us has a different flavor of calling. But let’s be clear, we are *all* called to manifest heaven on earth the way Jesus taught in Matthew 6:11. The word manifest means “readily be perceived by the senses or to be unveiled.” In order to transform the earth into heaven, we must manifest or be unveiled, first to ourselves, and then to others. We are bona fide sons and daughters of God. The manifestation of our son/



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daughter-ship is so earthshaking that creation literally groans for this (Romans 8:16-22)!

That means the authentic you, who was created before the foundation of the world, was meant to be unveiled from glory to glory to look like your flavor of Christ. Second Corinthians 3:17-18 (New American Standard Bible) says,

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

And that glory is actually Christ in you (Colossians 1:27). Many, if not most of us, have had a hard time connecting experientially and emotionally with the truth of that. We are still stuck at some level of “yeah, but _____ is wrong with me.” We are still having a struggle with our deficits, and this blocks us from seeing the fullness of why God sent us to the planet.

God, What Were You Thinking?

God, what were you thinking when you created me? Why was I put here on the planet? These are questions that have nagged each and every one of us on some level.

Often we give a nod to the idea that God created us for His pleasure. As good little Christians, we know we should give Him glory

and worship Him. When I was a young believer, this constant praise and worship felt so impersonal – almost as if He created us as worshipping robots. It wasn't that I felt He wasn't worthy, I just felt He shouldn't have to be reminded all the time. Just being honest... Before I understood the beauty of this, I was frankly put off by the idea. I wondered, "Is God really so insecure that He constantly needs us to tell Him how great He is?" It really bugged me – kind of like the insecure woman who constantly needs to be told she is beautiful, because she does not really believe it in and of herself. Some of you may have wondered this too. It's OK, you are not a bad person.

When I finally searched out the whole praise and worship thing and brought it up to Him, I was amazed to find that He was not at all offended or surprised at my distaste. He actually thought the "why-should-I-constantly-praise-and-worship-You?" question was a great question. Talk about a secure God! AND He was so pleased to answer it!

God loves honest questions, even if they seem irreverent! He is authentic and not easily offended. He wants you to be authentic so He can minister the truth of Who He is for you right where you need it. Remember, Love is patient and Love is kind. Love is not easily offended (1 Corinthians 13:4-5). He wants you to know Him – the real Him! And He is pleased to answer your questions.

Sometimes when you don't get an answer, you might be asking the wrong question. Remember, in the vision, I asked Jesus if He was

going to go with me into the molten gold lava river. He didn't answer me. The issue in my heart was really if I trusted Him enough that it was going to be OK. It wasn't until I flat out asked Him if it was going to be OK, that He answered me with a riveting, "You know Me." It was then I knew it was going to be OK, even if a lava dip was not in my grid of OK.

Sometimes He answers your questions with a question. We see God operating this way throughout scripture (Genesis 32:39; Judges



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13:17-19; Matthew 19:17). Have you ever wondered why? God always wants to bring out the real issue on your heart. In my case, I was really wondering if I could trust God in the midst of a lava bath that did not make sense. He knew I knew Him enough to know I could. So all He had to do is remind me. Once I connected with the real issue, I could take the plunge. He is always after the deeper issues at hand, because He

is always after our hearts. He knows us so much better than we have ever known ourselves. You can totally trust Him to know what you *really* need.

For those of you who have been secretly or not so secretly wonder-

ing what the deal is with the praise and worship, this might really help you. Of course He is worthy of all honor and praise. Perfection, holiness, power, and beauty inspire that. But Love doesn't demand it. The devil will pressure you for that. But neither love nor submission can be demanded and still be called love or submission. In order to be authentic love and authentic submission, it has to be freely given.

They are inside out choices made by the person they come from. Love doesn't need your worship to fluff Him up, but you need to praise and worship Him and understand that He really is bigger than you. He is magnificent, kind, strong, wise, very present and helpful, and praise and worship are also the place where we can connect and commune in love. He is all about a full, satisfying, and, yes, even ecstatic love relationship. Here the oppression of the enemy slips off. Your perspective starts to align with His. The so-called big problems are strangely no big deal.

In this place, prayer is effective and effortless like breathing, because Love is present and faith works and is energized and made effective by love.

Galatians 5:6 (AMPC) says,

For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love.

The circumcision or uncircumcision reference here can really be un-

derstood as the works we do to try to get closer or to please God. The stuff we do in our own strength and unbelief that God is really as good and present and powerful as He is, is exhausting. He never made us to toil. It is all about the work God has already done to get closer to his kids and the pleasure He has in His kids. We access all that through faith, which works when we are rooted and grounded in love. We will get back to this later.

God, What Were You Thinking About Me?

So it is clear that God created you and every other person for his pleasure and that we connect with Him in many ways, including our praise and worship, that flow naturally out of the place of encountering Him authentically.

When it comes to you, God is also not an existentialist nor a sadist; He is not a negligent Father, Who has so many kids He can only attend to His favorites. He doesn't have a random passing plan for you. You are here by design and for a very definite reason – with multiple reasons! You are not a cosmic accident.

God's word says,

But now [as things really are], God has placed and arranged the parts in the body, each one of them, just as He willed and saw fit [with the best balance of function]. (1 Corinthians 12:18 AMP)

God has specific good things planned for you that He will reveal to

you by His Spirit according to 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NIV):

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” – the things God has prepared for those who love him – these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) says:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

God not only designed you for very specific plans, but He also wants you to know them. As Schlyce Jimenez, my Apostle and close friend, says, “He gives you His phone number.” Jeremiah 33:3 (AMP) puts it this way:

“Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you [and even show you] great and mighty things, [things which have been confined and hidden], which you do not know and understand and cannot distinguish.”

I like this verse so much, because it highlights where we get hung up. When it comes to specific plans for our lives, we perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). We lack understanding and the ability to distinguish those great and mighty plans amidst all the noise in our lives. And what you cannot distinguish, you are overmastered by.

Don't let the noise of life drown out the song in your heart!



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God's answer: dial 33:3 – "Call Me." He wants you to know. But keep in mind, whatever you know, you have responsibility for. That is why He often reveals things step by step. We would simply freak out with the greatness of His plans for us and our intrinsic deficiencies to fulfill those. But we were never designed to fulfill anything apart from Him. Remember, apart from Him

we can do nothing (John 15:5). We were made for dependence. We were made for ongoing, uninterrupted relationship (John 15:1-11).

What you need is unlocked and unveiled as you step out in faith and as you continue.

With that in mind, God not only has plans He reveals bit by bit, but He also has prearranged and made ready everything you would need to fulfill those plans (Ephesians 2:10 AMP):

For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above – spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for

us].

When Peter had to walk on the water, Jesus didn't suddenly make the water solid for Peter to step out upon. Peter had to step out, and Jesus provided the solid support of His Word for Peter to walk upon.

If we had everything in a tangible storehouse for our walk of faith, it wouldn't be a walk of faith. It would be going to the storehouse to grab what you already tangibly had. It would require no faith (Hebrews 11:1). It would require no dependency. It would require no relationship.



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You have a definite purpose. Until you get more definition and direction about what that is, you will stumble around aimlessly and waste a lot of time and energy. Ask me how I know! When you do not know what the purpose of something is, abuse is inevitable. How many of you have a drawer full of bent forks because you used them to pry something – you get the picture.

When I decided at age seven I needed to do the hardest thing I could think of, I was trying to earn my sense of value from what I did. The hardest thing I could think of was to become a doctor. I didn't consult my own heart about what I had a passion for. I didn't consult God. I was driven by this need to prove I had value. The vow

I made to become a doctor drove me for the next twenty years to fulfill that. However, by the time I did fulfill that, I realized there was a disconnect. My heart, as much as it was for my patients, was not engaged in practicing medicine. I finally had to connect with God, Who I had been running from. I had to, as Ephesians 2:10 says, get back on the path that God prepared for me beforehand, taking paths which He set, so that I could walk in it, living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for me.

For those of you who have been doing your own wandering or maybe out and out running away and feel you have missed your chance,



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let me encourage you. I was a really messed up but highly functioning twenty-seven-year-old by the time I quit going my own way and yielded to the God Who had been pursuing me my whole life. He can totally redeem the time. Joel 2:23-26 (AMPC) says,

Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for

He gives you the former or early rain in just measure and in righteousness, and He causes to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, as before. And the [threshing] floors shall be full of grain and the vats shall overflow with juice [of the grape] and oil. And I will restore or replace for you the years that the locust has eaten – the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you. And you shall eat in plenty and

be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord, your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you. And My people shall never be put to shame.

After I came to my senses, I had a lot of personal healing and mind renewal to do (more on that later). I had this terrible fear that I would miss it. If you are in that place, this scripture will give you a lot of comfort (Proverbs 19:21, NIV):

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

My translation: God is smarter than our stupid. Ask me how I know that. And I am so grateful for that!

My heart is aligned with God's heart in helping you connect with Love, connect with who you are in Love, connect with your purposes for Love, and be released and empowered with those purposes. It is a process of unveiling and discovery.

But recognize that as you discover your purpose, you will never truly fulfill that purpose by your own strength and striving. Remember what Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do no thing" (John 15:5).



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The Anti-Kingdom Concept of Earning

Sons and daughters do not earn their place in the family. They are simply born into it by adoring parents who are looking to lavish inheritance on their kids, releasing it as they mature enough to handle it. Earning is not a kingdom concept. If we could earn it by even our most valiant efforts, it would be too cheap to reflect the goodness – the grace – of a God that defines and is the Source of all goodness.



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Your place in the family is secure. There are no black sheep or forgotten members. Your identity as a beloved, highly-favored son or daughter has already been established. Love established it.

The language of earning and deserving is not the language of heaven. We get everything by inheritance.

Romans 8:14-17 (NIV) says,

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

It never enters the minds of sons and daughters of good daddies to worry if they will get their needs or their heart desires fully met. They are a member of the household, and as such, have the privileges of the household. Servants earn wages. But sons and daughters are born into the privileges of the household. When they are old enough (read mature enough to handle it), they receive a full inheritance that they did not toil to earn.



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The next time there is a “Did God say” when it comes to His promises to you, just shrug and say, “I don’t know, go ask Him,” and go on your merry, happy-go-lucky, carefree way!

You’re an intrinsically adored child of God in a family with no black sheep. You have nothing to prove. It’s already been settled. And it’s been settled by the only One Whose vote really counts. You don’t need to be rude or cocky, except to cut off the enemy of your soul. You can be confident that you’ve been chosen by the only One, Who has exquisitely perfect taste.

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Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love. (Ephesians 1:4 AMPC)

He confounds those who are wise in their own eyes and feel de-



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— serving of the family riches based on their own efforts (1 Corinthians 1:27). Many of you, who have been walking with the Lord and standing for a promise for a while, have experienced what it is like when the same promise instantaneously materializes for someone who barely knows the Lord. If you are honest, you can probably relate to the “wait a minute” knee-jerk response that tends to happen, because it just does not “seem fair.” But I encourage you – be totally pumped for them! You have not been forgotten. You will receive the same promise of God by

inheritance and rest and by celebrating others’ victories. You never “earn the promise” by your faith, by your works, or by your holiness.

Self-righteousness in any flavor always stinks. Be careful not to slip into it. The test of how you handle others receiving a blessing you have waited on for a long time will reveal what is really in your heart.

Allow any jealousy or resentment to come up, and bring it before God to cleanse you of it. If it is there, He knows it anyway.

He wants you free, happy, and celebrating in the lavish homecoming of any “younger prodigal brothers,” not ticked and resentful that you didn’t get what you labored for. Luke 15:28-32 (NIV) says:

The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes

home, you kill the fattened calf for him!” “My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”



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See how Pappa pleads with us to be thrilled for others when they are blessed and do not deserve it? How it must have broken His heart to be accused of holding out on the older brother, who always already had everything! Both sons had already received their inheritance. The wayward son squandered his, and the older brother thought he was a servant, and did not see that the entire time he had inherited the whole family farm to enjoy.

When we see ourselves as servants and orphans, we misunderstand or flat out accuse the heart of God.

There is a classic musical called *Auntie Mame*, where the main character constantly urges people to, “Live, live, live!” because “Life is a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!” God often speaks volumes through what we often think is “secular.” Don’t miss your banquet by resenting someone else’s fried chicken dinner! You and your faith never earned a morsel. The beautiful thing is that, if you never earned the good things in Christ, you cannot lose them.

Your union with Christ and the inheritance from that was made complete by the championship of God alone. We can’t mess it up except if we insist on sulking outside the party!

Love Encounter Break #6

Let's take a break to encounter Love and have Him unveil a "why-am-I-here?" specific to you.

Pappa, I agree with the one reading this right now for the grace to rest and receive from You! You made them in Love with specific reasons why You sent them to planet earth. This is a discovery process, and I thank You for unveiling another aspect of those whys in a word or words, thoughts, pictures, feelings, impressions, a knowing, or however else you want to manifest. I thank You that You are helping them receive the beauty and glory intrinsic to those whys.

Now let yourself relax and let Love speak in those words, thoughts, pictures, feelings, impressions, knowings, or other manifestations. Jot down anything you are getting, however small. You know the drill by now. If you need reminders, feel free to go back to previous Encounter Break instructions and helps.

If you need more space, grab or make a new journal.

Love's unveiling of the reasons I am on planet Earth:

If you are having a hard time connecting with this, let me pray:

Pappa, help this one forgive themselves for everywhere they have not felt they have acted in line with the assignments they have been given and for the reasons behind those assignments. If this is not the issue, what is the lie that this one is believing that makes it hard to believe the truth that the assignments and the reasons behind the assignments they are sensing are truly theirs? What is the truth you want them to know?

The lie Love is revealing that I believe about my life assignments and the whys behind them:

The truth Love is giving me about my life assignments and the whys behind them:

What's Our Job?

So if everything we receive in Christ is by inheritance, what is our job? Do we sit on the couch with a smile on our face, one hand eating potato chips and the other hand held out?

Jesus's disciples asked Him the very same question in John 6:28-29 (AMP):

Then they asked Him, "What are we to do, so that we may habitually be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered, "This is the work of God: that you believe [adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith] in the One whom He has sent."

How good a job did Jesus do on that cross? Did He really provide *everything* we need pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)? Does He really provide *all* our needs according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19)? Does He give us richly *all* things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17)? Were we really healed by His stripes (1 Peter 2:24)? Can we really do *all* things through Christ Who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13)? Can we really do the same works and greater works than Christ on the earth (John 14:12)? The list goes on.

God is looking for *believing* Believers! When we believe with child-like faith, God is unencumbered to be everything He wants and planned to be for us in our situations.

This is not a beat-up session for the areas where we have unbelief.

Condemnation is simply not allowed (Romans 8:1). It is simply diagnostic to where we are, so we can authentically cry out like the father of the demonized boy: "I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

Remember, God is the author and the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).



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He gets to singlehandedly save us in every meaning of the word! And that is His joy. It was for the joy set before Him that Jesus endured the cross!

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) says,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

To have simple, childlike faith that moves mountains, we need to keep our focus riveted on Jesus. He gets to do *all* the heavy lifting. I love the Classic Amplified Version of Matthew 11:29:

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and

refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

Wherever the breakdown is, “turf it to Jesus,” the Author and Finisher of your faith! What does that mean? Let me give you a visual. “Turf” is commonly used in American English as the ground or territory that belongs to someone. When you “turf” something, you literally kick it onto someone else’s turf.

In this case, whatever your deal is that is obstructing your ability to enter the rest of God, you can drop kick it over to God’s turf. You place it in His happy in-basket. He gets to handle it. He gets to do all the heavy lifting. Love intends for us to cast all our cares upon Him, because He loves us

(1 Peter 5:7). That means you get to be the recipient of Love’s help wherever you need it. Jesus Himself said in John 15:5 (AMP),

I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

So wherever and whenever you are struggling to believe something God has told you directly or through His Spirit-highlighted word that you know is for you, let Love help you. Even faith itself only counts when it is activated, energized, expressed, and working through Love (Galatians 5:6 AMPC). “Turf it to Jesus” and let Him



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do all the heavy lifting as you yoke up with Love (Matthew 11:28-29).

Jesus and you are one with Holy Spirit, Who is your Helper, so recognize that you are letting God be God and Love be Love when you depend on His help. I'm a big "Jesus Turfer," and I invite you to do the same. It is a wonderful carefree way to live, casting all your cares on Him, because He really does attentively and affectionately care for you (1 Peter 5:7)!

Jesus is so compassionate, because He is Love and knows what it is like to be where we struggle.



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Hebrews 4:15-16 says in the King James Version:

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Check it out and read it again: Pappa's throne is made up of grace. So when we cry out, "I believe, help my unbelief," guess Who is doing the helping? The Three-in-One, Who loved you and gave Themselves up for you!

Your job is to believe, and God's job is to help you do your job! He takes on the heavy lifting.

How does He do that? He helps transform our thinking so that we think like He does, and that transforms us (Romans 12:2). There is nothing like an encounter with God to get you thinking right!

God is able to move when we believe and simply rest in Him.

Hebrews 11:6 in the King James Version says,

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith pleases Him because He can manifest the goodness of His nature through the conduit of faith.

However, we still need to put our hands to the work in front of us. He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, and He will not reward laziness. He's a good Pappa and is raising champions, who operate out of rest and joy, not entitled loafers.

Our job must involve the ongoing renewal of our minds to the good-



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ness of God, His promises and simple childlike faith that they will come to pass for us. We need to bathe in all that ridiculous, unearned, ongoing, and unending love, and look at our Creator, ourselves, and others through the eyes of Love. And, as I said earlier, love activates and energizes our faith and makes it effective (Galatians 5:6).

Getting our minds wrapped around Who Love is, who we are, and what is ours by inheritance is what is involved with scriptural mind renewal. It is here that we see transformation in ourselves, our lives, and the lives around us. We are urged not to be conformed to the patterns and mold of the world around us, but to be transformed by that mind renewal (Romans 12:2).

This sounds so easy, but we have to trust God to help us get there from here. We cannot simply jam truth into ourselves and call it mind renewal. As we encounter Love, we are automatically transformed in the renewal of our minds from glory to glory (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18). And Love is just the One to get us there from here as we look to Him.

Our only job is to believe and trust Him to help us get there from wherever messed up place we are at. And He will provide some way to renew our thinking so we can believe, despite our unbelief (Mark 9:24).



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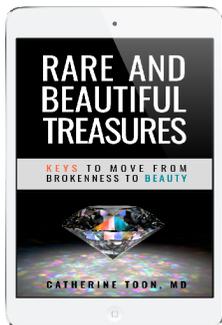
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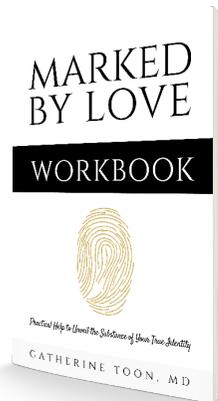
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