

INTOXICATING

David Crowder

Intoxicating You are to me
Illuminating You are to see
Truly breathtaking You are to breathe
Sending my head spinning You are, You see

And I've lost my mind, I'm sure to find
Need to apologize for my
Lack of inhibition, for my belligerent
condition
But with You this near I'm dizzy

Inebriating You are to me
Completely captivating You are to see
Sending my world spinning You are, You see

And now I find a blurry line
Here between You and I
Raise the cup, drink 'til I'm full
Sing 'til I can't, 'til my voice is gone
And my head is spinning

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Truly breathtaking You are to breathe
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Sing 'til I can't, 'til my voice is gone
And my head is spinning dizzy

If I'm out of my mind it's You, You
'Cause I'm crazy in love with You, You
Inebriated by You, You
'Cause I'm head over heels with You, You

You Are...

Awesome, Inspiring, Creative,
Artistic, Wonderful, Patient,
Loving, Kind, Understanding,
Nurturing, Honorable,
Trustworthy, Long-suffering,
Wise, Holy, Majestic,
Respectable, Humble, Fatherly,
Just, Admirable, Role-model,
Incredible, Faithful, Sacrificial,
Powerful, Wonderful, Beautiful,
Lovely, Passionate, Gentle,
Friend, Parent, Sovereign, King,
Lord, Gentlemanly, Creator,
Sustainer, Inventive, Humorous,
Jealous, Tender, Lover,
Amazing, Strong, Near, Provider,
Pleasant, Sweet, Thoughtful,
Author, Savior, Divine, Soul
mate, Heavenly, Caring, In
control, Saving, Redeeming,
Intimate, Fearsome, Dangerous,
Empowering, Generous,
Everything, Capable,
Everywhere, Unafraid, Believes,
Encouraging, Mighty, All-
Knowing, Unchanging,
Praiseworthy, Eternal, Alpha and
Omega, Beginning and End, I
AM, Glorious, Wild, Huge, All-
powerful, Mighty, Funny,
Painter, Artist, True, Real, Spirit,
Fruitful, Sincere, Shepherd,
Safety, Joy, Security, Rock,
Encourager, Redeemer,
Deliverer, Giver, Burden bearer,
Seeking, Intoxicating,
Breathtaking, Dizzying,
Captivating,
Illuminating & Liberating.

OPEN SKIES

David Crowder

Praise Him under open skies
Everything breathing praising God
In the company of all who love the King
I will dance, I will sing
It could be heavenly
Turn the music loud, life my voice and
shout
From where I am
From where I've been
He's been there with me
He's built a monument
His very people
So let his people
Sing, sing, sing

And it's so wonderful
Just to be here now

Praise Him under open skies
Everything breathing praising God
In the company
Of all who love the King

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Everything breathing praising God
In the company of all who love the King
Let us dance, let us sing
It could be heavenly
Turn the music loud and sing

Lift your voice to heaven
Lift up your head and sing
To the One who gave his love
This is our offering
Lift your voice to heaven
Lift up your head and sing
To the One who gave His son
Here our lives we bring

From wherever you are
Wherever you've been
He's been there
So let his people sing

And it's so wonderful to be here now
Wherever you are wherever you've been
He's been there

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today
Is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips
Then walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle.
That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable

Concerning denominational differences...

In the essentials: unity, in the non-essentials: freedom, in all things: love.

--John Wesley



Let's quit fiddling with religion and do something to bring the world to Christ. --Billy Sunday

I might believe in the Redeemer if His followers looked more Redeemed.
--Fredrick Nietzsche

When Christ calls a man he bids him to come and die.
--Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A missionary is one who never gets used to the sound of heathen footsteps on their way to a Christless eternity.--Anonymous

Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian. --D.L. Moody

The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians--when they are somber and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths. --Joe Aldrich

PLEDGE MY HEAD TO HEAVEN

Keith Green

Well, I pledge my head to heaven for the Gospel,
And I ask no man on Earth to fill my needs.
Like the sparrow up above, I am enveloped in His love,
And I trust Him like those little ones, He feeds.

Well I pledge my wife to heaven, for the Gospel,
Though our love each passing day just seems to grow.
As I told her when we wed, I'd surely rather be found dead,
Than to love her more than the one who saved my soul.

I'm your child, and I want to be in your family forever.
I'm your child, and I'm going to follow you,
No matter whatever the cost, I'm gonna count all things lost.

Well I pledge my son to heaven for the gospel.
Though he's kicked and beaten, ridiculed and scorn.
I will teach him to rejoice, and life a thankful praising voice,
And to be like Him who bore the nails and crown of thorns.

I'm your child, and I want to be in your family forever.
I'm your child, and I'm going to follow you,
No matter whatever the cost, I'm gonna count all things lost.
Oh no matter whatever the cost, I'm gonna count all things lost.

Well I've had the chance to gain the world, and to live just like a king,
But without your love, it doesn't mean a thing.
Oh no matter whatever the cost, I'm gonna count all things lost,
Oh no matter whatever the cost, I'm gonna count all things lost.

Well I pledge my son, I pledge my wife, I pledge my head to heaven
For the gospel.

There wouldn't be so many non-church goers if there were not so many non-going churches.
--Billy Sunday

Some wish to live within the sound of the Church bell, I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of the gates of hell. --C.T. Studd

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

NO COMPROMISE IS WHAT THE WHOLE GOSPEL OF JESUS IS ALL ABOUT... "FOR I TELL YOU...NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS..." (MATT 6:24). IN A DAY WHEN BELIEVERS SEEM TO BE TRYING TO PLEASE BOTH THE WORLD AND THE LORD (WHICH IS AN IMPOSSIBLE THING), WHEN PEOPLE ARE FAR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT OFFENDING THEIR FRIENDS THAN OFFENDING GOD, THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER... DENY YOURSELF, TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW HIM (LUKE 9:23) -- KEITH GREEN

Throughout the world, in nation after nation, men and women have died for their Christian faith. The very least we can do is live for our faith.

Every man is a missionary, now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends or designs it or not. He may be a blot radiating his dark influence outward to the very circumference of society, or he may be a blessing spreading benediction over the length and breadth of the world. But a blank he cannot be: there are no moral blanks; there are no neutral characters. --Thomas Chalmers

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity. --E Chapin

COUNT YOUR GAINS INSTEAD OF YOUR LOSSES,
COUNT YOUR JOYS INSTEAD OF YOUR WOES,
COUNT YOUR FRIENDS INSTEAD OF YOUR FOES,
COUNT YOUR COURAGE INSTEAD OF YOUR FEARS,
COUNT YOUR HEALTH INSTEAD OF YOUR WEALTH,
COUNT ON GOD INSTEAD OF YOURSELF.

Snuggle in God's arms. When you are hurting, when you feel lonely, left out. Let Him cradle you, comfort you, reassure you of His all-sufficient power and love. --Kay Arthur

TRUST HIM WHEN DARK DOUBTS ASSAIL THEE,
TRUST HIM WHEN THY STRENGTH IS SMALL,
TRUST HIM WHEN TO SIMPLY TRUST HIM SEEMS
THE HARDEST THING OF ALL.
TRUST HIM, HE IS EVER FAITHFUL,
TRUST HIM, FOR HIS WILL IS BEST,
TRUST HIM, FOR THE HEART OF JESUS
IS THE ONLY PLACE OF REST.

I BELIEVE IN THE SUN EVEN THOUGH IT IS SLOW IN RISING.
I BELIEVE IN YOU WITHOUT REALIZING.
I BELIEVE IN RAIN THOUGH THERE ARE NO CLOUDS IN THE SKY.
I BELIEVE IN TRUTH EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE LIE.
I BELIEVE IN PEACE THOUGH SOMETIMES I AM VIOLENT.
I BELIEVE IN GOD EVEN THOUGH HE IS SILENT.

Enemy occupied territory--that is what the world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful King has landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage."
--C.S. Lewis

I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same. --C.S. Lewis

God is so big **He** can cover the whole world with his
kiss and so small **He** can curl up inside your heart.

The inconsistency is not in the Bible, but in your life. --Billy Sunday

Undignified

David Crowder

I will dance
I will sing
To be mad
For my King
Nothing Lord
Is hindering
This passion in my soul

And I'll become
Even more undignified than this
Some may say
It's foolishness
But I'll become
Even more undignified than this
Leave my pride
By my side
And I'll become
Even more undignified than this
Some may say
It's foolishness
But I'll become
Even more undignified than this
Than this

The Bible: This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers map, the pilgrims' staff, the pilots compass, the soldiers' sword, and the Christians character. Here paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object; our good is its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is given you in life and will be opened in the judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (**1Peter 2:9 KJV**)

AS CHRISTIAN TEACHERS & LEADERS WE ARE TO BRING COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED AND AFFLICTION TO THE COMFORTABLE. – KIMBER KAUFFMAN

One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement...It is easy to laugh at men's ideals; it is easy to pour cold water on their enthusiasm; it is easy to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet. Blessed is the man who speaks such a word. --*William Barclay*

WE WORRY. WE WORRY ABOUT THE IRS AND THE SAT AND THE FBI... WE WORRY THAT WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, AND WHEN WE HAVE MONEY WE WORRY THAT WE WON'T MANAGE IT WELL. WE WORRY THAT THE WORLD WILL END BEFORE THE PARKING METER EXPIRES. WE WORRY WHAT THE DOG THINKS IF HE SEES US STEP OUT OF THE SHOWER. WE WORRY THAT SOMEDAY WE'LL LEARN THAT FAT-FREE YOGURT WAS FATTENING. HONESTLY, NOW. DID GOD SAVE YOU SO YOU WOULD FRET? WOULD HE TEACH YOU TO WALK JUST TO WATCH YOU FALL? WOULD HE BE NAILED TO THE CROSS FOR YOUR SINS AND THEN DISREGARD YOUR PRAYERS? COME ON. IS SCRIPTURE TEASING US WHEN IT READS, "HE HAS PUT HIS ANGELS IN CHARGE OF YOU TO WATCH OVER YOU WHEREVER YOU GO"? (PS. 91:11). I DON'T THINK SO EITHER. --MAX LUCADO [*IN THE GRIP OF GRACE*]

Character is doing the right thing when no one is looking. --*J.C. Watts*

HUMILITY--NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF BUT THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS

WHAT HAVE YOU GIVEN THE WORLD IT NEVER POSSESSED BEFORE YOU CAME? --*RILLY SUNDAY*

Only one life: will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last. --*C.T. Studd*

JESUS RESERVED HIS HARDEST WORDS FOR THE HIDDEN SINS OF HYPOCRISY, PRIDE, GREED AND LEGALISM. ..PHILIP YANCEY

How much energy do we modern Christians put into condemning sexual sins compared to avoiding the judgmental, Pharisaical attitude of those with rocks in their hands? Who killed Jesus, adulterers or Pharisees? --Brian McLaren

THE MORE I WANT TO GET SOMETHING DONE, THE LESS I CALL IT WORK. --RICHARD BACH

To make the best use of your life, you must never forget 2 truths: 1st: compared with eternity, life is extremely brief. 2nd: earth is only a temporary residence. --Rick Warren

IF YOU HAVE NO JOY, THERE'S A LEAK IN YOUR CHRISTIANITY SOMEWHERE. --BILLY SUNDAY

Throughout the Bible, God shows a marked preference for "real" people over "good" people. --Phillip Yancey

Our entire lives should be about pursuing God and allowing Him to bring about radical Christ-likeness in us. --Bill Nix

HERE ↑ GO AGAIN

Lyrics by Mark Hall (Casting Crowns)

Song Based on 2Corinthians 5:16-21 and Romans 10:14

Father, hear my prayer
I need the perfect words
Words that he will hear
And know they're straight from You
I don't know what to say
I only know it hurts
To see my only friend slowly fade away

So maybe this time I'll speak the words of life
With Your fire in my eyes
But that old familiar fear is tearing at my words
What am I so afraid of?

'Cause here I go again
Talkin 'bout the rain
And mulling over things that won't live past today
And as I dance around the truth
Time is not his friend
This might be my last chance to tell him
That You love Him
But here I go again, here I go again

Lord, You love him so, You gave Your only Son
If he will just believe; he will never die
But how then will he know what he has never heard
Lord he has never seen mirrored in my life

This might be my last chance to tell him
That You love him

What am I so afraid of?
How then will he know
What he has never heard

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. How? you say. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God. (*2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Msg*)

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? (Romans 10:14 CEV)

We don't understand revival; in fact, we don't even have the slightest concept of what true revival is. For generations we have thought of revival in terms of a banner across the road or over a church entryway. We think revival means a silver-tongued preacher, some good music, and a few folks who decide they're going to join the church. No! Real revival is when people are eating at a restaurant or walking through the mall when they suddenly begin to weep and turn to their friends and say, "I don't know what's wrong with me, but I now I've got to get right with God." --Tommy Tenney

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No one can sum up all God is able to accomplish through one solitary life, wholly yielded, adjusted, and obedient to Him. --D.L. Moody

THE REAL JOY OF OUR WALK WITH CHRIST COMES WHEN WE BEGIN TO PRESS AGAINST THE EDGE OF OUR COMFORT ZONE. --BILL NIX

THE SEED OF WOMAN
 THE ANGEL OF JEHOVAH
 JEHOVAH-JIREH ("The Lord will see, or, provide")
 SHILOH ("PEACEMAKER")
 THE STONE OF ISRAEL
 MANNA
 JEHOVAH-NISSI ("The Lord my banner")
 THE MEAT (MEAL) OFFERING
 THE PEACE OFFERING
 A STAR, A SCEPTRE
 THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST OF THE LORD
 JEHOVAH-SHALOM ("The Lord send peace")
 MY GLORY, THE LIFTER UP OF MINE HEAD
 MY FORTRESS
 MY BUCKLER
 A REPROACH OF MEN
 MY SHEPHERD
 THE STRONG AND MIGHTY JEHOVAH
 KING OF GLORY
 MY STRONG ROCK
 THE ROCK THAT IS HIGHER THAN I
 THE KING'S SON
 SHOWERS UPON THE EARTH
 THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL
 MY FIRST BORN
 THE HEADSTONE OF THE CORNER
 MY GOODNESS
 MY HIGH TOWER
 HE IN WHOM I TRUST
 EXCELLENT
 WISDOM
 UNDERSTANDING
 A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER
 OINTMENT POURED FORTH
 A BUNDLE OF MYRRH
 A CLUSTER OF CAMPHIRE
 THE ROSE OF SHARON
 THE LILY OF THE VALLEYS
 HIM WHOM MY SOUL LOVETH
 THE CHIEFEST AMONG TEN THOUSAND
 ALTOGETHER LOVELY
 THE BRANCH OF THE LORD
 JEHOVAH OF HOSTS
 A SANCTUARY
 A GREAT LIGHT
 WONDERFUL
 COUNSELLOR
 THE MIGHTY GOD
 THE EVERLASTING FATHER
 THE PRINCE OF PEACE
 THE LIGHT OF ISRAEL
 A ROD OUT OF THE STEM OF JESSE
 A BRANCH OUT OF HIS ROOTS
 THE ROOT OF JESSE
 AN ENSIGN OF THE PEOPLE
 MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG
 A NAIL FASTENED IN A SURE PLACE
 A GLORIOUS THRONE
 A STRENGTH TO THE POOR AND NEEDY
 A REFUGE FROM THE STORM
 A SHADOW FROM THE HEAT
 THE ROCK OF AGES
 A CROWN OF GLORY
 A DIADEM OF BEAUTY
 A FOUNDATION
 A TRIED STONE
 A COVERT FROM THE TEMPEST
 AS RIVERS OF WATER IN A DRY PLACE
 THE SHADOW OF A GREAT ROCK
 THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY
 OUR LAWGIVER
 LORD JEHOVAH
 THE EVERLASTING GOD
 MINE ELECT
 A LIGHT OF THE GENTILES
 THE POLISHED SHAFT
 THE SALVATION OF GOD

365 NAMES

THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL
 A TENDER PLANT
 A MAN OF SORROWS
 A RIGHTEOUS SERVANT
 MY MAKER
 THE GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH
 A WITNESS TO THE PEOPLE
 A LEADER
 A COMMANDER
 THE REDEEMER
 THE MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB
 THE EVERLASTING LIGHT
 THE ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE
 OUR POTTER
 BALM OF GILEAD
 THE HOPE OF ISRAEL
 MY PORTION
 A PLANT OF RENOWN
 A GREAT MOUNTAIN
 THE ANCIENT OF DAYS
 THE PRINCE OF PRINCES
 MESSIAH THE PRINCE
 THE HOPE OF HIS PEOPLE
 RULER IN ISRAEL
 A STRONGHOLD
 THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS
 A WALL OF FIRE
 MY SERVANT, THE BRANCH
 THE MAN THAT IS MY FELLOW
 KING OVER ALL THE EARTH
 THE KING
 THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT
 A REFINER AND PURIFIER
 THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 JESUS CHRIST
 THE SON OF DAVID
 SON OF ABRAHAM
 JESUS
 EMMANUEL
 A GOVERNOR
 THE YOUNG CHILD
 A NAZARENE
 FRIEND OF SINNERS
 THE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH
 MY BELOVED
 A SOWER
 THE CHRIST
 JESUS THE CHRIST
 MY BELOVED SON
 THE PROPHET OF NAZARETH
 MASTER
 THE BRIDEGROOM
 THE HOLY ONE OF GOD
 OUR BROTHER
 THOU SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD
 THE CARPENTER
 THE SON OF MARY
 GOOD MASTER
 SON OF MAN
 A RANSOM
 ONE SON, HIS WELL BELOVED
 CHRIST, THE SON OF THE BLESSED
 THE KING OF THE JEWS
 THE SON OF THE HIGHEST
 GOD MY SAVIOUR
 HORN OF SALVATION
 THE HIGHEST
 THE DAYS PRING FROM ON HIGH
 CHRIST, THE LORD

A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENTILES
 THE GLORY OF THY PEOPLE ISRAEL
 A SIGN
 THE CHILD JESUS
 PHYSICIAN
 LORD OF THE SABBATH
 A GREAT PROPHET
 THE CHRIST OF GOD
 A CERTAIN SAMARITAN
 THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE
 A GUEST
 A CERTAIN NOBLEMAN
 THE CHOSEN OF GOD
 A PROPHET MIGHTY IN DEED AND WORD
 THE WORD
 THE LIGHT OF MEN
 THE TRUE LIGHT
 THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER
 THE LAMB OF GOD
 THE SON OF GOD
 RABBI
 THE KING OF ISRAEL
 HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
 THE GIFT OF GOD
 MESSIAH
 THE CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD
 THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN
 THE BREAD OF GOD
 THE BREAD OF LIFE
 THE LIVING BREAD
 THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
 I AM
 THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP
 THE GOOD SHEPHERD
 ONE SHEPHERD
 THE RESURRECTION
 THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD
 A GRAIN OF WHEAT
 MASTER
 THE WAY
 THE TRUTH
 THE LIFE
 THE VINE
 THE OVERCOMER
 OUR KEEPER
 THE SENT OF THE FATHER
 THE MAN
 MY LORD AND MY GOD
 A MAN APPROVED OF GOD
 THINE HOLY ONE
 THE HOLY ONE AND JUST
 THE PRINCE OF LIFE
 THE HOLY CHILD JESUS
 A PRINCE AND A SAVIOUR
 THE JUST ONE
 LORD JESUS
 LORD OF ALL
 JUDGE OF QUICK AND DEAD
 THAT MAN WHOM HE HATH ORDAINED
 JESUS OF NAZARETH
 JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
 THE FIRST BORN OF MANY BRETHREN
 HIS OWN SON
 GOD BLESSED FOREVER
 LORD OVER ALL
 THE LORD
 THE DELIVERER
 LORD BOTH OF THE DEAD AND THE LIVING
 MINISTER OF THE CIRCUMCISION
 THE POWER OF GOD
 THE WISDOM OF GOD
 RIGHTEOUSNESS
 SANCTIFICATION
 REDEMPTION
 THE LORD OF GLORY
 THE FOUNDATION

THE BABE
 THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL
 THE LORD'S CHRIST
 OUR PASSOVER
 THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK
 THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN
 THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEEP
 THE LAS ADAM
 THE LORD OF HEAVEN
 A QUICKENING SPIRIT
 THE IMAGE OF GOD
 THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT
 CHRIST
 HEAD OVER ALL THINGS
 HE THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL
 OUR PEACE
 ONE LORD
 THE HEAD
 AN OFFERING
 A SACRIFICE TO GOD
 A SWEET SMELLING SAVIOUR
 A SERVANT
 THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
 HIS DEAR SON
 THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD
 THE FIRST BORN OF EVERY CREATURE
 CREATOR OF ALL THINGS
 THE HEAD OF THE BODY
 THE BEGINNING
 THE FIRST-BORN FROM THE DEAD
 HOPE OF GLORY
 CHRIST OUR LIFE
 ALL AND IN ALL
 THE LORD CHRIST
 LORD OF PEACE
 OUR HOPE
 CHRIST JESUS
 THE MEDIATOR
 THE MAN CHRIST JESUS
 GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH
 BLESSED AND ONLY POTENTATE
 THE JUDGE OF QUICK AND DEAD
 THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE
 THE GREAT GOD
 GOD OUR SAVIOR
 HEIR OF ALL THINGS
 THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY
 THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON
 THE UPHOLDER OF ALL THINGS
 THE SIN PURGER
 GOD
 THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION
 THE SEED OF ABRAHAM
 THE APOSTLE
 THE HIGH PRIEST
 THE BUILDER
 THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST
 A PRIEST FOREVER
 AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION
 THE FORERUNNER
 KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
 KING OF PEACE
 THE SURETY
 OUR INTERCESSOR
 SEPARATE FROM SINNERS
 HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS
 THE MINISTER OF SANCTUARY
 MEDIATOR OF A BETTER COVENANT
 THE TESTATOR

We must assess our thoughts
 and beliefs and reckon whether
 they are moving us closer to
 conformity to Christ or farther
 away from it. --John Ortberg

YOUR LIFE TODAY IS A RESULT
 OF YOUR THINKING YESTERDAY.
 YOUR LIFE TOMORROW WILL BE
 DETERMINED BY WHAT YOU THINK
 TODAY. --JOHN MAXWELL

**Sow a thought
 reap an action.
 Sow an action
 reap a habit.
 Sow a habit and
 reap a character.
 Sow a character
 and reap a destiny.**

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence,
 then, is not an act, but a habit. --Aristotle

2 LAWS THAT GOVERN MY
 LIFE:
THE LAW OF COGNITION:
 I AM WHAT I THINK.
THE LAW OF EXPOSURE:
 MY MIND WILL THINK
 MOST ABOUT WHAT IT
 IS MOST EXPOSED TO.
 --JOHN ORTBERG

*Men do not decide their
 future. They decide their
 habits and their habits
 decide their future.*

Research has shown that one's
 thought life influences every
 aspect of one's being. Whether
 we are filled with confidence or
 fear depends on the kind of
 thoughts that habitually occupy
 our minds. --John Ortberg

HE THAT SHALL COME
 A REWARDER
 THE AUTHOR OF FAITH
 THE FINISHER OF FAITH
 MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT
 MY HELPER
 JESUS THE SAME
 THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP
 THAT WORTHY NAME
 A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR SPOT
 A LIVING STONE
 A CHIEF CORNER STONE
 AN ELECT STONE
 A PRECIOUS STONE
 A STONE OF STUMBLING
 A ROCK OF OFFENSE
 THE BISHOP OF SOULS
 THE JUST
 THE CHIEF SHEPHERD
 THE DAY STAR
 LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
 THE WORD OF LIFE
 THAT ETERNAL LIFE
 THE ADVOCATE
 JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS
 THE PROPITIATION
 THE SON
 THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
 THE TRUE GOD
 ETERNAL LIFE
 THE SON OF THE FATHER
 JESUS CHRIST
 THE FAITHFUL WITNESS
 THE FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD
 THE PRINCE OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH
 THE ALPHA AND OMEGA
 THE ALMIGHTY
 THE FIRST AND THE LAST
 HE THAT LIVETH
 THE MORNING STAR
 THE HIDDEN MANNA
 THE AMEN
 THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE WITNESS
 THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD
 THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH
 ROOT OF DAVID
 HOLY AND TRUE
 THE LAMB IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE
 THE LAMB SLAIN
 KING OF SAINTS
 LORD OF LORDS
 KING OF KINGS
 LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT
 FAITHFUL AND TRUE
 WORD OF GOD
 THE TEMPLE
 THE LIGHT OF THE CITY
 THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID
 THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR
 THE TESTIFIER

Jehovah-Rophe ~ My Healer
 Jehovah-Jireh ~ My Provider
 Jehovah-Nissi ~ My Protector
 Jehovah-Rohi ~ My Shepherd
 Jehovah-Tsidkenu ~ My Righteousness
 Jehovah-M'Kaddesh ~ My Sanctifier
 Jehovah-Shalom ~ My Peace
 Jehovah-Shammah ~ Jehovah Is Present

God will manifest himself in direct proportion to our PASSION for Him. --Jim Cymbala

God has given me special gifts and resources to help me become the person He intends for me to be. That is His gift to me. I must choose daily to manage these gifts and resources for His glory and not my own. That is my gift to Him.

What settings are you in when you fall? Avoid them. What props do you have that support your sin? Eliminate them. What people are you usually with? Avoid them. There are two equally damning lies Satan wants us to believe: 1) Just once won't hurt. 2) Now that you have ruined your life, you are beyond God's use, and might as well enjoy sinning. --Anonymous

You must constantly ask yourself these questions: Who am I around? What are they doing to me? What have they got me reading? What have they got me saying? Where do they have me going? What do they have me thinking? And most important, what do they have me becoming? Then ask yourself the big question: Is that okay? --Jim Rohn

WE'D LIKE TO BE HUMBLE...BUT WHAT IF NO ONE NOTICES.
--JOHN ORTBERG

When you resort to shouting in conflict, you are reacting in the flesh. You have lost control of the only person you can control: yourself.
--Neil T. Anderson

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. --Jim Elliot

~It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly...who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best know in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have never known neither victory nor defeat.~ --Theodore Roosevelt

I don't know any more about theology than a jack-rabbit does about ping-pong, but I'm on the way to glory.
--Billy Sunday

*Live as though Christ died yesterday,
rose from the grave today,
and is coming back tomorrow. --Theodore Epp*

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME

True contentment is found when you are living directly in the center of God's will.

Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply. He is too wise a God to frustrate His purposes for lack of funds, and He can just as easily supply them ahead of time as afterwards, and He much prefers doing so.
--J. Hudson Taylor *China Inland Mission*

THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE IS WITHIN THE WILL OF GOD.

Everything Impossible

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I was taught to be practical in everything I do
Holding on to what is tangible, and then came You
That's when I found myself so far away,
from everything I knew
I took a leap of faith

Even though You're difficult for me to explain
I know I'll never be the same

You're everything I cannot see
You're everything I cannot say
I know it all seems so illogical
But that's okay
You're the love You give to me
You're the love I give away
You are everything impossible
And that's okay

That's okay!

All the things that make no sense to me, draw me to You
Like finding freedom by surrendering, can it be true
With everything I can and cannot know
This mystery is bringing life to me

And all this love I have for You I can't contain
I know I'll never be the same

You're everything I cannot see
You're everything I cannot say
I know it all seems so illogical
But that's okay
You're the love You give to me
You're the love I give away
You are everything impossible
And that's okay

That's okay

What's so hard to understand
What I cannot comprehend
Is that You love me the way I am

You're everything I cannot see
You're everything I cannot say
I know it all seems so illogical
But that's okay
You're the love You give to me
You're the love I give away
You are everything impossible
And that's okay

**YOU GAVE
YOUR LIFE
TO
BECOME
THE
PERSON
YOU ARE
RIGHT
NOW. WAS
IT WORTH
IT?**

--RICHARD BACH

S T A N D B A C K

(Scott Underwood)

We will stand back and let You move
Stand back and let You move
Stand back and see what You will do

Peace be still
For we know that You are God
You have heard our prayers
And You know our need
Mountains will fall
And the oceans will roar
And we will worship You
For the battle is Yours

True faith does not contradict its words by its conduct

When some say they want to serve God, they mean in an advisory capacity.

Many who say "Our Father" on Sunday spend the rest of the week acting like orphans.

ARGUE FOR YOUR LIMITATIONS, AND SURE ENOUGH, THEY'RE YOURS.

--RICHARD BACH

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

4 things come not back: the spoken word, the spent arrow, time past, the neglected opportunity.

Wherever you are be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God --Jim Elliot

GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED, HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED.

The more I practice the luckier I get. --Ben Hogan

“It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners, as it is in captive nations today. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their terms. It was a deal: we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching; they were happy beating us – so everyone was happy.” –Richard Wurmbrand, *Tortured for Christ*

WHAT IF HIS PEOPLE PRAYED

Lyrics by Mark Hall
Music by Casting Crowns

Song based on 2 Chronicles 7:14

What if the armies of the Lord
Picked up and dusted off their swords
Vowed to set the captives free
And not let satan have one more

What if the church, for heaven's sake
Finally stepped up to the plate
Took a stand upon God's promise
And stormed hell's rusty gates

Chorus:

What if His people prayed
And all who bare His name
Would humbly seek His face
And Turn from their own way

And what would happen if we prayed
For those raised up to lead the way
Then maybe kids in school could pray
And unborn children see light of day

What if the life that we pursue
Came from a hunger for the truth
What if the family turned to Jesus
Stopped asking Oprah what to do

He said that they would hear
His promise has been made
He'll answer loud and clear
If only we would pray

If My people called by My name
If they'll humble themselves and pray
If My people called by My name
If they'll humble themselves and pray

The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. This means that to be a follower of Jesus you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of your life. --John Ortberg

There is no necessary correlation between how busy you are and how productive you are. --Andy Stanley

Almost always our greatest strengths are also at the root of our greatest weaknesses. --Marcus Buckingham

Devoting a little of yourself to everything means committing a great deal of yourself to nothing. --Andy Stanley

YOU ARE THE WAY YOU ARE BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE. IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO BE ANY DIFFERENT, YOU WOULD BE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING RIGHT NOW. --FRED SMITH

How can we be strangers, if we both follow Christ? –Anonymous

Some Christians spend the first six days of each week sowing their wild oats, then they go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure. –Anonymous

THE READIEST WAY TO ESCAPE FROM OUR SUFFERINGS IS, TO BE WILLING THEY SHOULD ENDURE AS LONG AS GOD PLEASES. --JOHN WESLEY

The only thing Christianity can not be ...is moderately important. -C.S. Lewis

**WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY DOUBTING THAT GOD WILL DO THE BEST FOR US;
WE ARE WONDERING HOW PAINFUL THE BEST WILL TURN OUT TO BE.**

–C. S. (CLIVE STAPLES) LEWIS

IT IS TIME WE AWAKEN TO THE FACT THAT CONFORMITY TO A SICK SOCIETY IS TO BE SICK.

-RICHARD FOSTER

In The Blink Of An Eye

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You put me here for a reason
You have a mission for me
You knew my name and You called it
Long before I learned to breathe

Sometimes I feel disappointed
By the way I spend my time
How can I further Your kingdom
When I'm so wrapped up in mine

In a Blink of an eye that is when
I'll be closer to You than I've ever been
Time will fly, but until then
I'll embrace every moment I'm given
There's a reason I'm alive for a blink of an
eye

And though I'm living a good life
Can my life be something great?
I have to answer the question
Before it's too late

Cause in a Blink of an eye that is when
I'll be closer to You than I've ever been
Time will fly, but until then
I'll embrace every moment I'm given
There's a reason I'm alive for a blink of an
eye

If I give the very best of me
That becomes my legacy
So tell me what am I waiting for?
What am I waiting for?

In a Blink of an eye that is when
I'll be closer to You than I've ever been
Time will fly, but until then
I'll embrace every moment I'm given

In a Blink of an eye that is when
I'll be closer to You than I've ever been
Time will fly, but until then
I'll embrace every moment I'm given

Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made
flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of
fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers and poisons,
marshaled the stars against the wicked, stopped the
course of the moon, arrested the rapid sun in its great
race, burst open iron gates, conquered the strongest
devils, commanded legions of angels down from
heaven. Prayer has bridled and changed the raging
passions of man, and routed and destroyed vast armies
of proud, daring atheists. Prayer has brought one man
from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a
chariot of fire to heaven; what has prayer not done!

A prayerless Christian is like a bus driver trying
alone to push his bus out of a ditch because he
doesn't know Clark Kent is on board. If you
knew, you would ask. --John Piper

**Far better is to dare mighty things, to win
glorious triumphs, even though
checkered by failure, than take rank with
those poor spirits who neither enjoy much
nor suffer much, because they live in the
gray twilight that knows not victory nor
defeat. --Theodore Roosevelt**

*When led of the Spirit, the child of God
must be as ready to wait as to go, as
prepared to be silent as to speak. --Lewis Sperry
Chafer*

**WHENCE COMES THIS IDEA THAT IF WHAT WE ARE DOING IS FUN, IT
CAN'T BE GOD'S WILL? THE GOD WHO MADE GIRAFFES, A BABY'S
FINGERNAILS, A PUPPY'S TAIL, A CROOKNECKED SQUASH, THE
BOBWHITE'S CALL, AND A YOUNG GIRL'S GIGGLE, HAS A SENSE OF
HUMOR. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT. --CATHERINE MARSHALL**

Pray unceasingly.
 Fight with confidence.
 Believe God's promises.
 Take Him at His Word.
 Wait for His victory.

God's Plan for Your Salvation
The Privilege God's Invitation to You
 --Max Lucado

I can remember, as a seven-year-old, going to my grandparents' house for a week. Mom and Dad bought a ticket, gave me some spending money, put me on a Greyhound bus, and told me not to talk to strangers or get off the bus until I saw my grandma out the window. They made it very clear to me that my destiny was Ralls, Texas. God has done the same for you. He has placed you on a journey. He has a destiny for your life (and you'll be glad to know it's not Ralls, Texas).

"For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:9, NRSV).

According to the Bible, God's destiny for your life is salvation. Your intended destination is heaven. God has done exactly what my parents did. He has purchased your passage. He has equipped you for the journey. God loves you so much that he wants you to be with him forever. The choice, however, is up to you. Even though he stands at the door with ticket paid and pocket money for the trip...many choose to go in directions other than the one God intends. That is the problem.

Our Problem:
SIN
(We're on the Wrong Bus)

When my parents gave me the ticket and told me which bus to board, I believed them and did what they said. I trusted them. I knew they loved me, and I knew they knew more than I did...so I got on board. Becoming a Christian is getting on board with Christ. Jesus stands at the door of the bus and says, ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*** (John 14:6 NKJV). Unfortunately, not all accept his invitation. I know I didn't the first time he invited. I spent some time on the wrong bus. There are many buses, each of them promising to take you to happiness. There is the bus of pleasure, possessions,

When You Spoke My Name

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When I first spoke Your name
 I used it like a blade
 Cutting sharp a mask to hide the pain
 When I first spoke Your name

When I next spoke Your name
 I could no longer bear the weight
 Of years hiding behind the ache
 When I next spoke Your name

But when You spoke my name
 Oh I swear the angels sang
 Peace came and stole my shame
 When You spoke my name

Now when I speak Your name
 I sing it like a sweet refrain
 I have found a peace I can't explain
 When I speak Your name

Cause when You spoke my name
 Oh I swear the angels sang
 Peace came and stole my shame
 When You spoke my name

I can hardly speak
 Knowing You know me
 Thank God I'm free

Now my world has completely come undone
 For I can hear the Son
 Calling out to me

Cause when You spoke my name
 Oh I swear the angels sang
 Peace came and stole my shame

When You spoke my name
 Oh I swear the angels sang
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power, and passion. I saw a bus called **party** and got on board. It was full of people laughing and carousing; they seemed to be enjoying a nonstop party. It was quite some time before I learned they had to be loud to cover up all the pain inside. The word for getting on the wrong bus is **sin**. Sin is when we say, **I'll go my way instead of God's way**. Right in the middle of the word sin is the word I. Sin is when we say, **I'll do what I want, no matter what God says**. Only God can fulfill our needs. Sin is the act of going to everyone but God for what only God can give. Am I the only one who has spent time on the wrong bus? No. Some buses are more violent than others. Some rides are more lengthy than others but:

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6, NASB)

"If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves, and refusing to accept the truth" (1 John 1:8, TLB)

We're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else" (Romans 3:20, MSG)

To board the wrong bus is a serious mistake. Sin breaks our relationship with God. We were intended to journey with him. But when we are on a different bus headed the wrong direction, we feel far from God. This is why life can seem so cruddy. We aren't fulfilling our destiny.

Sin not only breaks our relationship with God, it also hampers our relationships with others. Can you imagine taking a long trip to the wrong place with a busload of people? With time, everyone gets cranky. Nobody likes the trip. The journey is miserable.

We try to cope with the problems by therapy or recreation or prescriptions. But nothing helps. The Bible says:

"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death" (Proverbs 16:25, NLT)

You see, the end result of sin is death...spiritual death. ***"The wages of sin,"*** Paul writes, ***"is death..."*** (Romans 6:23, NIV). Spend a life on the wrong bus headed in the wrong direction, and you'll end up in the wrong place. You'll end up in hell. Not because God wants you in hell. His plan is for you in heaven. Your destiny is heaven. He'll do anything to get you to heaven, with one exception. There is one thing he won't do. He won't force you. The decision is yours. But he has done everything else. Let me show you what I mean.

The Solution: GRACE
(Go to the Right Bus)

If the problem is sin and all have sinned, what can you do? Well, you can go to church, but that won't make you a Christian. Just like going to a rodeo doesn't make you a cowboy, going to church doesn't make you a Christian. You could work really hard to please God. You could do a lot of good stuff, give away a lot of things...the only problem with that is that you don't know how many good things

you have to do. Or you could compare yourself with others: "I may be bad, but at least I'm better than Hitler." The problem with comparisons is that other people aren't the standard; God is!

So what are you going to do? If you aren't saved by going to church or doing good works or by comparing yourself to others, how are you saved? The answer is simple: Go to the right bus.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV)

Note what God did: ***"...He gave his only Son."*** This is how he dealt with your sin. Imagine it this way. Suppose you are found guilty of a crime. You are in a courtroom in front of the judge, and he sentences you to death for your crime. His sentence is just. You are guilty, and the punishment for your crime is death. But suppose that the judge is your father. He knows the law; he knows your crime demands death. But he knows love; he knows that he loves you too much to let you die. So in a wonderful act of love, he stands and removes his robe and stands by your side and says, "I'm going to die in your place."

That is what God did for you. The wages of sin is death. Heaven's justice demands a death for your sin. Heaven's love, however, can't bear to see you die. So here is what God did. He stood and removed his heavenly robes. He came to earth to tell us that he would die for us. He would be our Savior. And that is what he did.

“God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins...God put on him the wrong who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God” (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21, MSG)

The Response:
TRUST
*(Getting on the
Right Bus)*

What does God want you to do? He wants you to get on his bus. How is this done? Three simple steps: admit, agree, accept.

1. *Admit* that God has not been first place in your life, and ask him to forgive your sins.

“If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong”

(1 John 1:9, NLT)

2. *Agree* that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that he rose from the dead and is alive today.

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9, NIV)

“Salvation is found in no one else [Jesus], for there is no other name by which we must be saved”

(Acts 4:12, NIV)

3. *Accept* God’s free gift of salvation. Don’t try to earn it.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9, NIV)

“To all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God. All they needed to do was to trust him to save them. All those who believe this are reborn!—not a physical rebirth... but from the will of God” (John 1:12,13, TLB).

Jesus says, **“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...”** (Revelation 3:20, NIV)

With all of my heart, I urge you to accept God’s destiny for your life. I urge you to get on board with Christ. According to the Bible, “Jesus is the only One who can save people. His name is the only power in the world that has been given to save people. We must be saved through him” (Acts 4:12, NCV).

Would you let him save you? This is the most important decision you will ever make. Why don’t you give your heart to him right now? *Admit* your need. *Agree* with his work. *Accept* his gift. Go to God in prayer and tell him, I am a sinner in need of grace. **I believe that Jesus died for me on the cross. I accept your offer of salvation.** It’s a simple prayer with eternal results.

Your Response

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. I want him to be the Lord of my life.

Signed

Date

Once you’ve placed your faith in Christ, I urge you to take three steps. You’ll find them easy to remember. Just think of these three words. They each start with a “b”: **baptism, Bible, and belonging.**

Baptism demonstrates and celebrates our decision to follow Jesus. The water of baptism symbolizes God’s grace. Just as water cleanses the body, so grace cleanses the soul. Jesus said, **“Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved...”** (Mark 16:16, NCV). When the apostle Paul became a believer, he was asked this question: “Now,

why wait any longer: Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away, trusting in him to save you” (Acts 22:16, NCV). Paul responded by being baptized immediately. You can, too.

Bible reading brings us face to face with God. God reveals himself to us through his word by the Holy Spirit. “Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly” (Colossians 3:16, NCV).

Belonging to a church reinforces your faith. A Christian without a church is like a baseball player without a team or a soldier without an army. You aren’t strong enough to survive alone. “You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other” (Hebrews 10:25, NCV).

These three steps—baptism, Bible reading, and belonging to a church—are essential steps in your faith. I pray that you’ll accept this great gift of salvation. Believe me, this is not only the most important decision you’ll ever make, it’s also the greatest decision you’ll ever make. There’s no higher treasure than God’s gift of salvation.

IF OUR GREATEST NEED HAD BEEN INFORMATION,
GOD WOULD HAVE SENT AN EDUCATOR.
IF OUR GREATEST NEED HAD BEEN TECHNOLOGY,
GOD WOULD HAVE SENT US A SCIENTIST.
IF OUR GREATEST NEED HAD BEEN MONEY,
GOD WOULD HAVE SENT US AN ECONOMIST.
BUT SINCE OUR GREATEST NEED WAS FORGIVENESS,
GOD SENT US A SAVIOR. —MAX LUCADO

*He became like
us, so we could
become like Him.
Angels still sing
and the star still
beckons.
He loves each one
of us like there
was only one of
us to love.
--Max Lucado*

THERE IS NO WAY OUR LITTLE MINDS
CAN COMPREHEND THE LOVE OF GOD.

BUT THAT DIDN'T KEEP HIM FROM
COMING....

FROM THE CRADLE IN BETHLEHEM TO
THE CROSS IN JERUSALEM WE'VE
PONDERED THE LOVE OF OUR
FATHER. WHAT CAN YOU SAY TO
THAT KIND OF EMOTION? UPON
LEARNING THAT GOD WOULD RATHER
DIE THAN LIVE WITHOUT YOU, HOW DO
YOU REACT? HOW CAN YOU BEGIN TO
EXPLAIN SUCH PASSION?