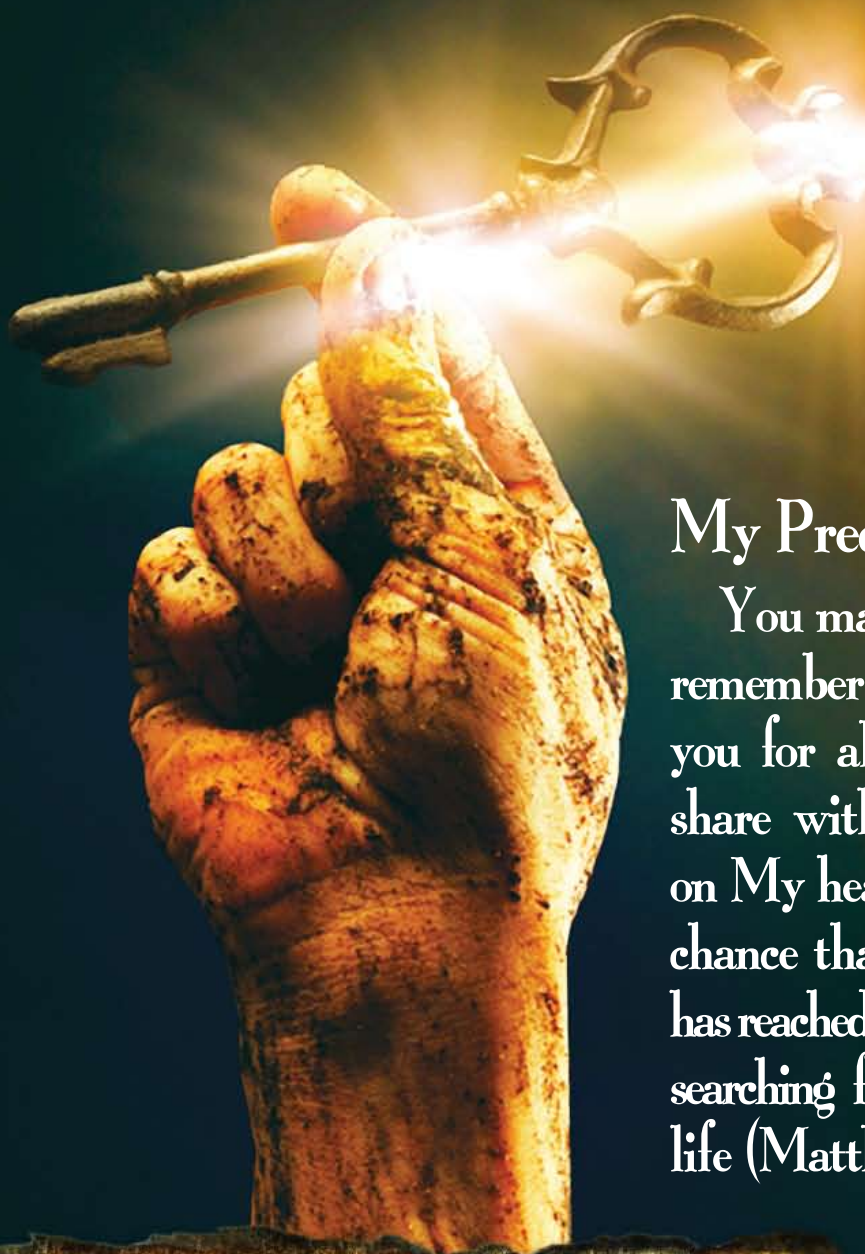


The Legacy



My Precious Child,

You may not know or remember Me, but thank you for allowing Me to share with you what is on My heart. It is not by chance that this message has reached you. I have been searching for you all your life (Matthew 18:12-14).

I am God your Creator (Isaiah 40:28), your heavenly Father and I care deeply for you (Matthew 6:26). You are of My royal lineage (1 John 3:1; Revelation 1:6) and heir of a priceless inheritance (1 Peter 1:3, 4). Our family's royal legacy is yours if you choose to accept it (John 1:12). It is an incredible legacy based on love and brings joy and hope (John 15:9-17)! I long to give you these treasures and for you to experience the joy of passing them along to My other children (Isaiah 58:10, 11).

MY GREAT LOVE FOR YOU!

Though you are one of many, I love you as if you are My only child (Psalm 33:13-15; Luke 15:4-6). I planned your birth before I created the world (Ephesians 1:4). At that time I carefully penned your existence and the purpose for your life in My book (Psalm 139:16). Then, when that special day arrived, I formed you in your mother's womb, precious in My sight and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-15). My child, I realize this might be hard to believe but, though I breathed the universe into existence and keep it in perfect order (Psalm 33:6-9), you are still constantly in my thoughts (Psalm 139:17, 18). I even know the number of the hairs on your head (Matthew 10:29-31). Because of my great love for you, My deepest desire is to deliver you from the bondage of sin that is destroying you (Hebrews 2:14, 15). I long to give you peace, hope and a wonderful future (Jeremiah 29:11). But, before I can do all this, you must trust and choose to allow Me (Psalm 84:11, 12).

I AM LOVE~the Origin, the Source and the Definition of it (1 John 4:16). The depths of My character and foundation of My government are grace, compassion, justice, mercy, and truth (Psalm 86:15; 89:14). My child, absolutely nothing can separate you from My love (Romans 8:37-39). It doesn't matter how you act, what you have done, or if you even believe I exist; I have loved and will always love you with an unconditional and everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). However, because I love you so much I will always continue to give you the freedom to choose Me or not (Isaiah 1:18). I don't mean to overwhelm you! I could literally go on for hours about my love for you (Psalm 40:5), but instead I will sum it up for now by saying that the height, depth, width and breadth of My love is far greater than you can ever fully understand (Isaiah 43:1-4; Ephesians 3:18, 19).

HOSTAGE BY CHOICE

You may be thinking, "How am I a hostage?" This fact may sound strange but, long before you were born, a betrayer in My kingdom kidnapped all My

earthly children and holds them hostage by his lies (Genesis 3:1-5). By deception he has led you to join in his rebellion against Me by distrusting My love and My Word (Genesis 3:6, 7). He desires to take My throne (Isaiah 14:12-14) so he has attacked My character before the entire universe. His accusations are that I am unjust and without mercy. He wants you to believe I am responsible for your suffering and that I am a tyrant looking for reasons to punish and destroy you. But this popular belief could not be further from the truth (Psalm 103:8). In fact it is the desire of my heart for every child of Mine to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

In reality it is Satan the Rebel who has caused the pain and suffering that you have experienced in life (Job 2:7). He has deceived and abused you from birth and, like a lion seeking its prey, his goal is to ultimately destroy you now and for eternity (1 Peter 5:8). He will go to any length to attain his desired end. But the good news is that all of heaven has gone to even greater lengths for your rescue (Romans 5:6-11). I sent my Son not to condemn you but to give His life to save you. All you have to do to receive this gift is to believe and ask (John 3:16, 17). Through this incomprehensible gift Our family's legacy lives on (John 15:13).

YOU ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT

Since the deceiver hates Me, he hates you also. First, because I love you so much! And second, because I created you in My image (Genesis 1:26, 27). He is the father of lies (John 8:44) and his goal is to keep you from experiencing the blessing of your true legacy. He offers you a legacy of lies, humiliation, and ultimately destruction in its place (Ephesians 6:12).

He has instigated and perpetuated the lie that you evolved from a random accident in space. He would have you embrace the legacy that your ancestors were animals (Romans 1:21-23). You are My child and NOT an accident or the descendant of a monkey (1 John 3:1)! The deceiver mocks us both when you don't realize, or choose to deny, your true origin. He knows that if you choose to believe this lie instead of the truth it will eventually separate you from Me, strip away your identity, degrade you, and leave you without hope (Romans 1:24-32). My child, don't believe this deception (1 Timothy 6:20, 21). The truth is I created you in a miraculous and wonderful way (Psalm 139:14)! Once you realize your true heritage is from Me you no longer have to question who you are, where you came from, or what is your purpose in life. The truthful answers to these questions which I long to share with you will set you free (John 8:32).

If you allow Me I will fill the void in your heart with joy, peace, and hope. You will no longer feel driven to pursue the temporary pleasures of this world (Romans 15:13). You will no longer have to experience the emptiness, scars and destruc-

tion that slavery to sin always bring (Romans 6:20-23). I long to break the chains that bind you (Isaiah 58:6). I want to bless you with freedom from guilt and give you the happiness that you desire (Psalm 103).

THE ULTIMATE INVITATION

Because I am a perfect Gentleman and will not ever force Myself on you, I can bring peace into your life only if you choose to come to know and trust Me (Isaiah 26:3, 4). I realize that everything I am sharing will take some time to understand. I also realize you are a very busy person and I don't want to overwhelm you. Can I ask you to spend just a few minutes with Me each day (Proverbs 8:17)? We can both share what is on our heart. It is My joy to listen, to share, and to give good gifts to you (Matthew 7:7-11).

Always remember you can talk with Me like you do with a friend (Psalm 86:6-17). You can do this out loud or in your mind. I am listening and can hear you at any time and from any place (Jeremiah 23:23, 24). And, though you may not hear my audible voice, I will always answer (Romans 10:12). Because I love you the answer may not be when or exactly in the way you asked; but because I AM a good Father, I will answer in the way that is best for you (1 John 5:14, 15).

Because of the separation that sin has caused, I cannot visit with you face to face; the brightness of My glory would harm you and I don't want that to happen (Exodus 33:18-23). But, if you chose to, there are several ways we can communicate. These are through nature (Romans 1:20), by My Spirit impressing your mind (1 John 4:13), and through My written Word (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

DISCOVER THE LEGACY

Most people refer to My written Word as "the Scriptures" or "the Bible." This is a collection of letters I have written through men that have come to know Me well. It is through them that I have chosen to communicate to you the details of My legacy (2 Peter 1:21). Skeptics say, "It is an ancient book, not relevant for today" (2 Peter 3:3, 4), but nothing could be further from the truth! Like my spoken Word, it is living, life-changing, powerful (Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 29:3, 4), and will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8). My legacy of truth and love runs through its pages like a golden thread through a magnificent tapestry (Psalm 119:160).

I encourage you to give My Word a chance in your life, I believe you will be surprised by what you read. It reveals not only the past so that you may learn from other people's mistakes, it also reveals the future so that you may plan and have hope (Isaiah 46:9, 10). If you at first find it hard to understand or even enjoy, please don't give up. As the days go by it will become a blessing as I sharpen your ability

to discern My Words and hear My voice (1 Corinthians 2:9-16). I have inspired its pages so that all, whether simple of mind or brilliant, who search them with an open heart will find peace and direction for their lives (Psalm 119:105, 130, 133).

If you don't have a Bible on a shelf somewhere, you can likely get one in a store or from one of My children who is already sharing My legacy. I really want you to have one so, if you are looking, I will in some way bring one into your possession (Matthew 24:14). You will notice that in this letter I have put references to its passages. I encourage you to take the time to look each one up and, with an open mind, read what I have written (1 Thessalonians 2:13). It will confirm that this letter is really from Me and help build your faith and trust (Roman 10:17). If you are not familiar with My Word, there is an index in the front to help you find your way around.

MEET JESUS MY SON

As you read My Word, you will read about Me and also about My Son, Jesus (John 5:39). He came to earth to demonstrate My legacy first hand and ultimately He did this by paying the ransom for your freedom (Isaiah 53) and providing you with the opportunity to experience an abundant life (John 10:10). The stories about His life are largely recorded in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. This is a great place to start to get to know Us. At times you may be confused about which One of Us the Bible is talking about but that is okay, We are as One (John 10:30). His love for you and desire for you to share in Our family's heritage and enduring legacy is as strong as Mine (1 John 4:9, 10). So in effect by taking steps to know Jesus Christ My Son you will be getting to know Us both (John 14:9; Matthew 11:27). I will ALWAYS LOVE YOU and that the beautiful eternity We are planning with you would never be the same if you are missing (John 14:1-3). Each day We will be watching, hoping, and longing for your company (Luke 15:20).

God~ your Heavenly Father

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