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## *From My Heart to Yours*

My dear sister,

God has given you all the ingredients for the best love story ever written. So don't wait for someone else to write it! In your personal love story, a ransom is paid for the life of the princess. The dragon is defeated, and the prince rises to glorious and loving power. There is great celebration and rejoicing! And that's just the beginning.

Your story will be filled with joy as your prince sings "My banner over you is love" and takes you to His Father's house for your wedding and the great wedding feast. You are not single after all! You are engaged and waiting for your divine Fiancé to finish the preparations that are even now being carried out. He wants everything to be perfect for your arrival.

Until then, please allow God to perfect you into a delightful bride. And when you get weary of waiting for the marriage celebration, remember He is waiting too!

With love in Christ Jesus,

*Michelle*

*From the very start  
there was only you  
you alone before the distractions  
the distractions of the lust of the eyes  
the lust of the flesh  
and the pride of life  
before me  
before it all  
there was you  
before serpents  
and temptation  
and beautiful gardens  
before there was light  
and sky  
before the earth was released  
from its watery grave  
before there was man  
before there was me  
there was you  
you longing for me  
to love you  
to worship you  
to place nothing  
before you...*

*From the  
Beginning*

From the beginning God had plans for our lives. Beyond our dreams of success, beyond the things we want to acquire, and beyond marriage. God created us on purpose with specific purposes in mind. As we dedicate our lives to Him and become who He created us to be and do what He created us to do, fulfillment comes. From the beginning, life was designed to be filled with pleasure and all the perks that come with kingdom living—right standing with God; peace and joy in the Holy Ghost; intimacy with Jesus. That is truly living *la vida loca*!

A life filled with the purpose of God blesses us. Our lives will overflow with abundant love, exceeding all we can ask, or even think of asking, for. And this flows into the people around us too. God loves seeing all He created thriving. This is what glorifies Him best. We are the evidence of His power and glory. I pray that we will walk in that knowledge and reflect His goodness.

## The Sureness of the Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

JOHN 1:1-2 NASB

*You* have my word,” he said.  
*Promises, promises*, I thought.

Sure enough he didn't do as he'd promised. I purposed never to trust him again. To do so would only set me up for disappointment. Better not to take the risk. And thus began the dismantling of my faith in people.

People are one thing; God is another. When God says, “You have My word,” He is saying, “You have Me, and in Me you will find all you ever want or need.” He *is* His word. He can't be separated from it. What He says He must do. He promises to supply all we need as we live for Him. Only in knowing His words and promises can we be sure of who He is and what He will provide.

To know God's Word, the Bible, is to know Him...and to discover more about His amazing love and faithfulness. God never lies. He can't go against the grain of who He is because He is truth. And His truth sets us free to trust and to hope. We can expect that He will do what He said because He always tells the truth. There is no greater or more faithful love than this. We have His Word.

What are your expectations of God? Do you trust Him to deliver what He promises?



*Precious Lord, teach me to rest in Your Word as I wait on You.  
Help me to know and trust Your promises. In Jesus' name.  
Amen.*



# Meditations of the Heart

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

GENESIS 1:2

The image of the statue “The Thinker” has always left me wondering, *What could he possibly be thinking about so intensely?* We’ll never know. The answer is locked away in the mind of the artist. However, when I consider what another artist—God—was thinking about as He hovered over the waters that lay beneath the heavens, I dare to offer the thought that He was thinking of us. Even then, with no one or anything else in sight except a globe covered with water, He was looking forward to meeting and fellowshiping with us.

In His foresight, He saw the earth longing to be filled with life. . .and He saw us longing to be filled with Him. So He prepared a place for us to dwell. A place He could visit and take up residence when we invite Him into our hearts. He who is greatest of all chooses to abide inside us, giving us a life in Him we only dream of before we know Him. This thought takes my breath away. . .and makes me contemplate God’s majesty and omniscience.

Is there a void inside you? What are you attempting to use to fill that space?



*Heavenly Father, in the moments when I grow aware of a void in my heart, help me once again to contemplate Your goodness. Fill my emptiness. Still the chaos and let me rest in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## *A Sure Foundation*

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

PSALM 102:25

*M*ake no mistake about who is responsible for who we are. Though we are to use the tools we've been given, the foundation of who we are was set in place by God. We are the work of *His* hands. Getting back to the core of who we are is essential to moving forward with life. To setting the right boundaries. To knowing our purposes and embracing them.

A tree never tries to be anything but a tree. It grows and flourishes where it's planted. It consistently grows the fruit it was created to produce. It doesn't strive to be a flower. It's not trying to be a bird. It is solidly and unapologetically a tree. The same holds true for us. We are God's creation. We grow and flourish where we're planted. We produce fruit in Christ. We are His.

Perhaps the disconnect for some of us is we're not aware of who we are and why we were created...from God's perspective. We struggle with being, with knowing we're significant in the scheme of life. Are we asking, "Who am I foundationally? Who am I as a woman? As a believer? How does my struggle affect my interactions with people? With my decisions? With the places I choose to go?"

We ask, "Who am I at the core of my being?" God knows the answer! All we have to do is ask Him!

Have you explored who you are in Christ? If yes, what did you discover? If not, why not start today?



*Dear heavenly Father, reveal Your will for my life. As I seek You, let me find You—and the me I'm supposed to be according to Your design. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## The Value of Wisdom

I [wisdom] was appointed from eternity,  
from the beginning, before the world began.

PROVERBS 8:23

Sometimes it seems as if God is taking forever to fulfill His promises for my life. And then I'm reminded that before me there was eternity. My lifespan is a small segment in time for an infinite God. God has all the time in the world to bring His purposes to pass.

You and I are bound by time and humanity. Our flesh cries out for what it wants now. But before you and me, there was Wisdom. She was appointed from the beginning and knows that perfection takes time. God's plans for our lives were birthed out of His omniscience, and Wisdom was part of God's big picture plan for us. Before the world began He knew what we would do, so Wisdom was sent to chart our way, to anticipate our mistakes, and to make ways out of what we think are dead ends.

From the beginning God had us in mind. Before we had questions, He answered them. He reaches down and gives us His knowledge to help us navigate through life and reach our destiny—our divine destiny.

What do you wish you'd known from the beginning?



*Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your wisdom that looks ahead and around the corners. Thank You for Your guidance that leads me toward the plans You've had for me from the beginning. In Jesus' name. Amen.*