

Be The *Eve*

That

Eve Wasn't

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to Stewart Mudge of Bungendore.

Stewart, your acceptance of and excitement at the release of my first book,
“And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,”
was such a blessing to me and an encouragement.

Thank you.

Then that incredible weekend of fellowship at your property in Bungendore, where
you ministered to us and spoilt us so beautifully,
and where this book was born.

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You are a very special man in God with ears to hear and eyes to see.
A spiritual man.

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In the beginning He gave me four young women and one young man. It is now five years later. The gift of being allowed to take a small part in their lives as they grew into the wholeness and maturity they have achieved, and most importantly, to witness their relationships and their intimacy with their heavenly Father, has been the most precious gift He could ever give me. It is worth more than all the treasures I could ever desire. There is nothing as beautiful as seeing the Lord Jesus set a soul free.

Then early this year, I met Louise, a gentle warrior, so young and yet a true disciple. The intimacy she has developed with her Heavenly Father and her ability to hear from Him so clearly, in just nine months, is inspiring. Louise, God loves you so much and so do I.

I thank you all for the walk you have chosen. You are amazing people in God.

Then there are the truly godly men. I have dedicated this book to Stewart but there are two others He has put across my path.

David Hefferon, you are an amazing man of God. You brought your family to our nation from Ireland because you knew He had a purpose for you to be here. How many men would walk so intimately with God to know His will, and to be obedient as you were. I praise God that I was a part of that purpose. I am grateful to you for being the man who would be so obedient, and to your wife and family for coming with you. You read my first book and gave me such valuable encouragement in my hearing from God, when I myself was still asking, "Who are you to think God would ask you to write a book". I am now much more secure in this knowledge thanks to you.

But the deepest gratitude I have for you is the way He used you to bring me back to the catholic church, after thirty two years of not being permitted to take communion there. Thank you. My prayer for Adams everywhere if that they would all come to hear from the Lord God as you do, and be as obedient as you are.

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Forward

When I wrote my first book, *“And His Bride Had Made Herself ready,”* I really struggled. It took me five years to write it. I would put together a chapter, read it through, then I would think,

“What am I doing? Why do I think I can write a book?

I would put the paperwork away for a few months, then I would retrieve it and read through it again. I would think,

“This isn't so bad, in fact I think it could be quite good. I will try again.”

So I would write for another month or so. Then go through the whole process again. Put it away in a cupboard where I could not see it.

Yet I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt the Lord God wanted me to write the book. I had been found and healed by Him miraculously, after being put in a psychiatric hospital with an obscure illness where my mind was causing the nerves in my legs to not function at all, where I had no reflexes, yet I was in extreme pain. I had suffered an abused childhood which had caused me to live in dysfunction emotionally, mentally and socially for twenty years. At age fourteen, I had closed myself off from participating in life as it was too painful. My life was hell.

When the Lord God rescued me out of this, He gave me the gift of hearing from Him in a number of ways. Quite often, in the beginning, an audible voice. Also the ability to hear Him give me a sentence or two, yet understand an hour of teaching. It is very hard to explain how He does this, but it is an incredible way for Him to communicate with me and to teach me. I would not have lived past my thirties had He not come and found me after I called out to Him in desperation. I was so grateful, I had given Him permission to use my life in whatever way He chose to. Only I didn't know at that time it was the God of the universe I was calling out to. You can read my testimony in my first book, *“And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready.”*

I am very pleased with my first book. It is everything I had hoped it would be. No, not financially, but in helping people become set free. As the Lord Jesus Christ says in scripture, Luke chapter 4 verse 18,

*“He came to set the captives free,
and to loosen the bonds of those who are bound up.”*

This is what He did for me, and it is my desire for any one who is suffering as I did, to have Him set them free. The first book is helping people do this.

I tell in my first book about a night where I went to a meeting being held in a catholic church in Canberra, Australia, and was ministered to by a priest named Father Luke. He had a healing ministry in Sydney at this time where real miracles were taking place, and where people were getting out of wheelchairs and walking. This was in the nineteen seventies. He was eighty three at this time and yet, after preaching, he prayed for every person in the room, some three hundred people. I was the second last person to be prayed for. I had not come for prayer and told him so, but he insisted. I am so glad he did. He prayed in tongues over me, then interpreted his own tongues. The message was simple,

*“You are like the disciple John,
with his head resting on the chest of Jesus,
and He will tell you things He will tell no other.”*

I have found this word has been true for all of my walk with Him, some thirty six years now. He has told me things He has told no other. I have been so blessed to have been given a deep relationship with Him, and to have had Him teach me how to become healed of the illness and the dysfunction in which I lived. To, in fact, become whole and free.

One Corinthians chapter 4 verse 1 says,

*“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ
and stewards of the mysteries of Christ.”*

I consider myself a servant of Christ and a steward of His mysteries.

Very shortly after the first book was written, He began to give me ideas for three more books He wanted written. I was very confused for awhile, as I was trying to write parts of three books but not being able to concentrate on one.

Then one weekend I went with two of the young people who are part of the Bride of Christ, to a tiny town outside Canberra, for a two day break. On the Sunday morning, He started to speak to me about one of the books. I wrote down what He was saying to me. It was based on chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis. He had given me some teaching from these chapters during the early days when He was healing me, and I had written about this in my first book.

After I returned home, I would get up early in the mornings, and write about what He had told me. As I did this, I found He was expanding the information He had originally given me. More words and deeper understanding would come as I wrote. This is not automatic writing where you just write and have no idea what is going to

appear on the page as is done in the New Age Movement and in some christian movements. He was opening up the scriptures every morning to me, and deepening my understanding of them, verse by verse.

I have continued like this for some weeks now, and I am greatly enjoying writing this book. I get excited by what He is revealing each morning. Of course, I have walked intimately in hearing His voice for many years, so I know what I hear is coming from Him. I am a sheep who does not listen to the voice of any other but Him. For many years He has shared His heart with me as an intercessor, about His church and the way He would have us walk.

So I offer this book to you. I hope you read it with ears to hear and eyes to see, for there are many things He has given me to write here that have astounded me. But I am His most obedient servant and I write what He tells me to. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed writing it.

Introduction

It was a Friday morning in July, 2013. I had finished writing this book and was editing it. I was driving down to Manlyvale to feed my grandson, Joshua's, lizard as he and his mum were in Queensland on school holidays. I had pulled up at the first traffic lights waiting for them to turn green so I could get out into the early morning traffic. Suddenly the tears started to flow down my cheeks.

I quite often cry when I am driving in my car. It is a time for me to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with praise and gratitude for all He has done for me, and this often means tears. However the tears this morning went on and on. When this happens, I realise it is not ordinary crying but intercession. The tears continued to flow all the way to Manlyvale and while I was feeding Puff, still continuing as I was driving home, a total trip of about fifty minutes.

Then He started to talk to me. He asked me why I thought Stewart Mudge was a spiritual man? I had written the dedication to this book the night before, and made this statement. I answered Him very quickly and without thinking about what I was saying.

“Because He considers the horses.”

Stewart practices natural horsemanship. He does amazing things with problem horses. He uses gentleness and patience in breaking in horses to be ridden. I was not aware I had been so impacted by his ability with horses and could not have given my reason for believing him a spiritual man. The belief was something deep inside that I had been unaware of.

The Lord God reminded me of how, when satan was saying to him that all mankind was evil, He had answered him with the words,

“Consider my servant Job.”

He began teaching me why the word consider is so important to Him. He told me that Stewart's “considering the horses” went back to the command to Adam to look after the animals. Stewart did this because he is a spiritual man operating under the Lord God's spiritual laws. People do not always understand his way with horses because he takes his time and “considers” the horse instead of forcing it, but it is about who he is as a person; spiritual. It goes back to the Garden of Eden.

I was pondering this when my mobile phone rang. I was still driving so I pulled off to the side of the road to answer it. It was my young friend Sarah. She had not been coping with her job in childcare for some months, and had asked her employer if she could go back to three days a week. This had been in early May, but she was told it could not be arranged until July. It was now the third week in July and it had been put back to sometime in September.

She was unable to go to work at all this Friday morning. She was sobbing and could not stop. She just kept saying over and over that she could not go to work.

I felt to tell her the story of Stewart and the “considering the horses”. Be aware here, to use the word “consider” in this way would not be how I would normally express myself. My answer of Stewart “considering the horses” was a God thing. He wanted to tie it into His word, so He could give me the teaching.

Then Sarah rang me later in the day and told me how the sentence “considering the horses,” had gone into her spirit, and the Lord God had been speaking to her about all the instances in her life where people had not considered her, and still were not considering her. Her employer hadn't. This had brought Sarah to breaking point. But it was a different “considering” He wanted her to come to. It was to realise she did not consider herself either because her Original Lie was not completely healed. It was the Lord God taking her through another healing, a really deep one, and strengthening her in protecting herself.

This is how intimacy with God works. It is the Lord God doing everything in us. He knows what we need even before we know and can ask. Matthew chapter 6 verse 8. And He is already working on the problem. Sure, we can call for the elders of the church to pray for us. But to come to a place where the Lord God is everything to us and we allow Him to be everything for us is what this book is about; the intimacy we lost in the eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and where we need to be if we want true intimacy with our heavenly Father.

For Sarah this morning, it really started with Him asking me to dedicate this book to Stewart. He knew Stewart had a quality of character that He wanted written about because it is opening up to be very important. Then to cause me to write “a spiritual man” so He could then ask me the question as to why I believed he was this. I had not thought of Stewart in these terms, I just knew he was a very special man. But when He asked me to explain why I thought he was spiritual, the answer came immediately from deep inside me; all so that I could tell Sarah the story when she was upset, and give the Lord God the opening He needed to heal her more deeply.

This is how He works with us when we have submitted our lives to Him. This is Intimacy.

I had another phone call the same morning where I again told the story of Stewart “considering the horses” and which led to another being healed by the Lord God. This concept and its importance will be written about in my next book, to be called True Spiritual Warfare [Worship].

I only want to say here, the word “consider” in its depth as the Lord God uses it, means to me to fully see the value in someone or something, as in a damaged horse or a damaged person, or a servant of the Most High God.

In one dictionary, it gives the meaning of “consider” as: to think carefully before making a decision. This was the meaning that applied to Sarah: her employer did not consider Sarah or her needs when she kept putting the date back. She made the decision based on her own staffing requirements.

So this book is about the spiritual world and how it operates and how to live in it. The spiritual world is His world which exists side by side with the material world, and is there so those who wish to, can find it and live in it today. It was the Garden of Eden. We can go back and live in the Garden today, no, not in the physical but in the spiritual. The Lord God can become for us everything He was to Adam and Eve, when we realise it is possible and desire it with all our hearts.

Another word for the garden of Eden could be the Kingdom of God.

There is one thing I want to make very clear here about being able to live in the garden again now. I write things about Eve that, if you do not have the Lord God's concept, could cause you to misinterpret what I am writing. Women today can do and do very special things, and that is how it should be. I do not write to change any of those things. But they have to battle to get the right to do these things as women. I write to say that, to be able to do them in the freedom of the Lord God's spiritual laws, is how we are meant to do things, not by the knowledge of good and evil gleaned from the tree we were never meant to eat from. There is a better way than the way the world operates today; a way of freedom for both Adams and Eves everywhere.

Chapter One

The Toilet Seat

I rarely find anything that really annoys me, but one thing I do hate is women complaining about their husbands not putting the toilet seat back down when they have finished doing what they have to do. I mean, really! What is this about? Do husbands complain that their wives do not put the toilet seat back up when they have done what they need to do?

Is this a big issue, for us to have to put the toilet seat down when we women need to use it?

How much effort does it take to put a toilet seat down?

I doubt that you would lose even a gram a day if you had to put it down ten times every day! So very little effort is required at all.

So what can be the real reason that women complain about it so much? The one thing I am convinced of is that there is a very deep reason behind our irritation at such a small issue. I find the Lord God allows me to feel frustration or even anger at seemingly trivial issues, but it turns out there is always a deep spiritual meaning behind it. The toilet seat is a perfect example. He is allowing my anger so He can show me a much deeper reason for the anger women have about it. I say anger here, but it may be a number of different feelings women have depending on the individual woman and her experiences in life.

*The complaining about the toilet seat
is actually the tiniest indication of a huge spiritual problem
between men and women.*

The other interesting issue from this is,

Why do husbands let their wives complain? Do they agree that we women have a legitimate complaint?

I know a lot of women feel they do have a legitimate complaint. But how do their husbands feel about it?

I have just stayed a few days with a bachelor in his new home. As I live alone, I don't get the opportunity to experiment in toilet seat areas. So I decided to put the toilet seat back up after every time I used it. It really was a non event. It didn't inconvenience me at all. By the end of three days, I had developed the habit of doing it, and didn't even have to think about it. It certainly did not annoy me to have to do it. No, I am not giving an argument for why husbands could easily do it for us. I am making a very important point about being the Eve that Eve wasn't.

Of course the bachelor I was staying with didn't even realise what I was doing. He was accustomed to being able to leave his toilet seat up and not having a wife criticise him for it. Also, because he is a bachelor and always leaves the seat up, I had to put the seat down each time before I could use it, then put it back up so it was ready for him to use. It was still a non event.

I don't know how many wives really have the attitude that their husbands should put the toilet seat down for them. In Australia, it seems to be something everyone jokes about, and of course, in joking, there is always an element of truth. So I believe it may be a wide spread attitude.

I wrote in my first book, *"And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready"* that everything started with Adam and Eve.

This toilet seat strife definitely goes back to the Garden of Eden. The anger it generates goes back to what Adam and Eve did to each other in the eating of the fruit from the tree.

Are you surprised by this statement?

I am serious.

It is about a heart attitude.

Something went horribly wrong when Eve ate the fruit and handed it to her husband, who was with her, to eat. I believe we can go to the garden of Eden and understand what happened there in order to understand almost any relationship problem between husbands and wives today.

Am I serious?

Yes I am!

So this book is to be looking solely at chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis, to see what we can understand that will help us with relationships today: all relationships but particularly between husbands and wives, and between the Lord God and His people.

Chapter Two

The Beginning

I want to go firstly to the Garden of Eden and the lifestyle Adam and Eve had before the fall. I was staying for a few days on a magnificent property outside Canberra. I had risen early and done some writing then went back to bed for some more sleep. A young friend was sharing the room with me. We had asked the Lord God a question the night before. We had been asking this question for some time, in fact I had asked it for many years. I teach those I disciple to ask God a question they really need an answer for, then to look for their answer first thing the next morning. It works for me.

Suddenly the Lord Jesus was giving me the answer. Of course it was in Genesis, the first book of the bible, in chapters two and three. I had been given some knowledge from these chapters about six years ago, and written of them in my first book, *“And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready”*

Now He was giving me deeper revelation of these scriptures.

I want to reproduce here these early chapters so it is easy to follow what He is saying.

Genesis chapter 2.

verse 7

And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and man became a living being.

verse 8

The Lord God planted a garden eastward of Eden,
and there He put the man whom He had formed.

verse 9

And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow
that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food.
The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

verses 10 to 14 tell of the four rivers that are the boundaries of the garden,
and are not relevant to this story.

verse 15

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden
to tend and keep it.

verse 16

And the Lord God commanded the man saying,
“of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

verse 17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,
for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die.”

verse 18

And the Lord God said,
“It is not good that man should be alone;
I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

verse 19

Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field,
and every bird of the air,
and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them.
And whatever Adam called each living creature,
that was its name.

verse 20

So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air,
and to every beast of the field.
But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

verse 21

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam,
and he slept;
and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.

verse 22

Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man,
He made into a woman,
and He brought her to Adam.

verse 23

And Adam said:

“This is now bone of my bones,
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.

verse 24

Therefore a man shall leave his mother and father
and be joined to his wife,
and they shall become one flesh.”

verse 25

And they were both naked, the man and his wife,
and they were not ashamed.

Chapter 3

verse 1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field
which the Lord God had made. And He said to the woman,
“Has God indeed said 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?”

verse 2

And the woman said to the serpent,

“We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

verse 3

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden,
God has said,

'you shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' ”

verse 4

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

verse 5

For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God, knowing good from evil.”

verse 6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
that it was pleasant to the eyes,
and a tree desirable to make one wise,
she took of its fruit and ate.
She also gave to her husband with her and he ate.

verse 7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

verse 8

And they heard the sound of the Lord God
walking in the garden in the cool of the day,
and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God
among the trees of the garden.

verse 9

then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him,

“Where are you?”

verse 10

So he said, “ I heard Your voice in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

verse 11

And He said, “Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you
that you should not eat?”

verse 12

Then the man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me,
she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

verse 13

And the Lord God said to the woman,
“What is this you have done?”
The woman said,
“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

verse 14

So the Lord God said to the serpent:
“Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all cattle,
and more than every best of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

verse 15

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

verse 16

To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire shall be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”

verse 17

Then to Adam He said
“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife,
and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you,
saying, You shall not eat of it:
Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

verse 18

Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

verse 19

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are and to dust you shall return.”

verse 20

And Adam called his wife's name Eve,
because she was the mother of all living.

verse 21

Also for Adam and his wife, the Lord God made tunics of skin,
and clothed them.

verse 22

Then the Lord God said,
“Behold the man has become like one of Us,
to know good and evil.

And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life,
and eat and live forever,”

verse 23

Therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden,
to till the ground from which he was taken.

verse 24

So He drove out the man; and placed cherubim
at the east of the garden of Eden,
And a flaming sword which turned every way,
to guard the way to the tree of life.

Verse 7 of chapter 2 tells us what we all already know, that the Lord God created Adam first. Genesis chapter 1, verse 25 tells us He created mankind in Their image, that is in the image of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This to me means that Adam had a body, a soul and a spirit. He was made completely in the image of God, with all the qualities of God contained within him, yet he was not God. In this book, one of the things I want to focus on that is really important, is qualities.

Next the Lord God planted a garden and put the man there to tend it and keep it. This shows us Adam had intelligence. As gardeners everywhere would know, to tend a garden may mean weeding and watering and generally looking after it. But to keep a garden is a much more involved command. It would mean planting, propagating, feeding, cultivating and improving. This showed Adam had a number of skills.

Then the Lord God would come and talk to Adam about how the garden was going. They would have built up an intimacy between them as a lot of gardeners experience when they get together and talk about their common love. It is an intimacy a non gardener cannot share. You really must be able to talk the talk to have this kind of intimacy. Yes, the intimacy gardeners have together will only be in the area of their shared love of gardens, and for the time they are talking together. But between the Lord God and Adam, it was the foundation for a very deep intimacy.

Part of this intimacy was contained in verses 16 and 17. The Lord God gives Adam a command. He tells him there is one tree in the garden of which He does not want Adam to eat. He tells Adam he may freely eat from any tree in the garden, but from the tree in the middle of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He does not want Adam to eat. Adam accepts this and they have an agreement.

I wonder how many years Adam and the Lord God continued in the intimacy of caring for the garden, and in the obedience of Adam not eating from the forbidden tree? Was it months or a few years, or it may have been many years.

Can you picture it?

At the end of every day, the Lord God would seek Adam out and the two of them would walk around the garden, talking about how the trees were growing, and what may be needed to be done to further their growth. I believe they talked about spiritual issues also, as will unfold.

The one thing I believe is that it wasn't for a short time. In verse 18 the Lord God says,

*“It is not good for man to be alone;
I will make a helper comparable to him.”*

Then in verse 19, the Lord God makes all the animals and brings them to Adam, one by one, to see what he would name them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. I know the Lord God could have done all this in seconds. He is able. But this was a shared experience of looking for a helper for Adam, and for Adam naming each new animal. I believe the Lord God would have taken His time and enjoyed presenting each new creation to Adam, waiting to hear how Adam appreciated them and what he would call each one. However verse 20 tells us they did not find a helper comparable to Adam.

I believe they would have enjoyed their time together through this process, deepening their intimacy as they went. These times would have been very precious to both of them. There is a special intimacy built between two people when they work together on a project. Even more so when we are privileged to work with the Lord God on a project. And this was no small project. The tending and keeping of the garden was big enough. The creating and naming all the animals was even greater.

But the special project of finding a helper comparable to be with Adam, that was real intimacy. The Lord God could have just put Adam to sleep and made the woman without involving Adam at all. But the Lord God wanted the intimacy with the man. He has always wanted intimacy with man. That is why He made Adam in the beginning, and why He planted the garden where He could come and spend time with him every evening.

Scripture does not tell us how long the Lord God and Adam shared in this way. I wonder how long it may have been because of the Lord God's statement about it not being good for man to be alone. It comes straight after verses 16 and 17 where He gives Adam the instruction to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

My question is, what decided the Lord God that it was not good for man to be alone? Did He really do it as quickly as making man, planting a garden, and deciding it was not good for man to be alone in the time three verses following each other would indicate? After all He is God, He could have done it as quickly as the time frame of three verses indicates. He could have just spoken the garden into being in the same way He created the earth in chapter 1 of Genesis.

Here it says that the Lord God said, in verse 3,

“Let there be light, and there was light”.

This light was the separation of day and night, a major accomplishment. Then in verse 9 He says,

*“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place , and let the dry land appear”;
And it was so.*

He has this amazing ability to speak things into being. Yet, in dealing with Adam He does it a different way. He involves man in the decision. He plants a garden. It is a different way of creating than speaking it into being. Then He creates animals one by one and brings them to Adam to see what he thinks of each one, and what he, Adam, will name them. He takes His time and enjoys the process. One of His reasons for creating mankind is so we can enjoy each other. We are meant to enjoy the Lord God and He definitely created us so He could enjoy us.

In verses 26 to 28 of chapter 1 of Genesis, the Lord God creates males and females, human beings, and tells them to be fruitful and multiply. So He had already planned for there to be male and female, and for them to be different from each other, in order for them to be able to multiply and fill the earth. Yet reading verses 19 and 20, especially the second half of verse 20 of Genesis chapter 2, one could think the Lord God really didn't know what the female comparable to Adam had to be, or that it would not be okay for man to be alone.

When He made the statement about it not being good for man to be alone, did He really not know that man would need a female comparable to him? But He is God. Of course He knew that it would not be good for man to be alone. So why does chapter 2 of Genesis go into so much detail?

I believe this chapter is one of the most beautiful in the bible, when we come to the depth of what the Lord God was really doing. I believe He took His time and expresses this chapter differently because he wants us to know just how special this was and is to Him. In chapter 1, in verses 26 to 28, mankind could be seen to be just

the last of the whole of God's creation. Sure, because we are made in His image and the animals weren't, we could see that we were different and therefore special.

But in chapter 2 He is expressing His heart very clearly. He wants us to know how much creating us meant to Him. He wants us to know the depth of the intimacy He longs to have with us. The story of bringing all the animals to Adam to see if they were acceptable to him as a mate, is His way of expressing to us how important it was to Him, this creating of a man and a woman. He knew who the woman had to be to be comparable to Adam. But all of it, the planting a garden for Adam, the naming of the animals, the sharing of the experience with Adam, was to show His heart to us. This was very special to Him. He didn't want us to think we were just the last project in His creating of the world.

Genesis chapter 2 is about the Lord God saying to us,

*“This is my real plan, to build a world for you to enjoy,
where you and I can have intimacy together.
Where we can talk together and come to know each other.”*

So, through the story of Adam in particular, He shows us the depth of intimacy He wants for us to share with Him. He hasn't changed His mind about this. It is still the desire of His heart.

Chapter Three

Adam

Do we really understand who Adam was before the fall? It is not something I had ever thought about deeply before.

Now how I see it is, Adam was the same as we are today, with all the qualities we have today, except he was innocent. He had not eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But the Lord God had to tell him not to eat from that particular tree. And Adam had an agreement with the Lord God that he would not eat of it. So Adam had the free choice to be disobedient. He had the thinking ability to make a decision to not eat. He understood what the Lord God wanted, and he was able to keep his agreement. Yet the fact the Lord God gave him the decision to eat or not eat means he had the free choice to sin also. This didn't come into being only when the woman was tempted. It was always there. Adam had all the qualities we have, intellect, will, emotions, free choice. He just hadn't eaten from the forbidden tree.

What was God thinking?

He creates this beautiful garden and these two special people to tend it for him, yet He puts in the garden a tree which, when eaten from, He knows will destroy it all. Why would He do this?

Why would He give us the ability to sin when He knew where this would lead the world He had created so lovingly?

To me the answer is simple. He had a major, major project, and He needed man to work with Him on this. He deliberately gave us a flaw that, if we gave in to it, would lead us into disobedience. The amazing fact is He needed us to help Him defeat satan. He could have simply destroyed the fallen angels as He had created them, and what He has created, He can destroy. He has the power.

But He planned a different way. He created a beautiful place where He and mankind could build intimacy together, where man could come to know the Lord God and be known by the Lord God. Yes, in order for us to be special, we were to be different from each other also. So part of His enjoyment in creating us was to come to know each unique individual. The intimacy that would come from this would help the Lord God defeat satan through man's obedience.

But this could not work unless man was free to be disobedient. Having free choice always brings with it the possibility of failure, of making a mistake. Adam had to choose to work with the Lord God on the project. It seems so simple, to just not eat from one tree when he had such an abundance of trees from which to eat. And verse 9 tells us that every tree was pleasant to the sight, and good for food. But the Lord God really wanted to be able to have mankind's help to defeat satan.

Would we have done it any differently? I think not! In fact in my case I am sure not! The sinful nature was there and it is not easy to fight it. Satan's defeat needed to be spectacular. It needed man to choose to work with the Lord God to achieve it. It couldn't be easy.

We all know the story. Man couldn't do it so the Lord Jesus had to come as a man to achieve it. But what we don't fully understand is that the Lord God still needs man to walk in intimacy with Him to appropriate the victory Jesus won on the cross. So we and our ability to have intimacy with the Lord God as it was in the garden is still an integral part of the plan.

It is an awesome experience to work with the God of the universe on His project.

Everything that is written in the story of the garden is vitally important. It is God's spiritual plan. We need to understand how He made it to work. These first two chapters of the bible are full of the knowledge of who God is, and what His plan is.

Having established the ending, His plan to have us help Him defeat satan, let us go back to the beginning.

Chapter Four

Eve

Genesis Chapter 2, verses 21 and 22

verse 21

*And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam,
and he slept;
And He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.*

Even though the Lord God had made all the animals, and brought them to Adam to name and to look at as a possible helper, He knew all the time who and what the helper had to be. She had to be comparable to Adam. None of the animals were.

Here again the Lord God does it a very different way. When He made Adam and the animals, He formed them out of the ground. Even the female animals were formed out of the ground. Yet when He makes a female for Adam, He chooses not to make her out of the ground. He has a special plan for the making of the helper, and an important spiritual reason for doing this.

*And from the rib which the Lord God has taken from man,
He made a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

He causes a deep sleep to come on Adam and He opens his flesh and takes one of his ribs. Out of this He makes a creature He already knows will be the one comparable to Adam.

And Adam awakes and is delighted with her. She is bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. He names her “woman”. One of the realisations I had while reading through these chapters was that Eve did not become Eve until after they were put out of the garden, when Adam renames her. Before the fall she was the woman or the wife. I don't know if the Holy Spirit will open anything up from this later. At the moment it is just a comment.

So again, why does the Lord God do this differently? He has actually made the woman from the bone and flesh of man. But he has a special reason. He needs man and woman to be one flesh. The verse in scripture does not say He formed her out of the ground as it says with the animals and Adam. It just says He made a woman from the rib He took from Adam. And Adam doesn't just call her bone of my bone, he calls her flesh of my flesh.

One of the gifts He has given me is to hear what is being said by what isn't being said. Scripture doesn't say He took the rib and covered it with dust from the ground. The Lord God is very specific in what He says. So I believe He made the woman fully from Adam's flesh, so they could truly be one flesh. This was very important for the plans He had for them. It couldn't work any other way.

Adam now has the one who is comparable to him.

Isn't that a beautiful word? Comparable!

It really sets the tone for the relationship they had before the fall. Bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. So close to Adam that she was literally part of him. Can you imagine having a wife who was actually a part of you. Can you imagine having a husband who was the other part of you. Together they were complete. The agreement they must have had would have been amazing. The completeness had been in Adam but he really needed to have that someone comparable to him for him to relate to. This is why the Lord God had said it wasn't good for man to be alone.

Looking at the word comparable in my dictionary, it says it means “worthy of being compared, which to me is, as worthy as each other. This is the important aspect of the garden before the fall. Adam and the woman were worthy of each other. She wasn't under him until the curse came in verse 16 of chapter 3.

They would have had the same relationship as Adam and the Lord God had enjoyed before the fall. They truly were one flesh as we today can only dream of being one flesh. In fact we really have no concept of true one flesh. They had intimacy. They completed each other. This is the way we were meant to live; complete in each other and completing each other. The by product of this is they were delighting the Lord God. He now had not just Adam to come and talk with in the evenings. He could enjoy the interaction between the man and the woman and rejoice in what He had made.

Now He could really say, “it is good.”

Can you the reader take a little time here to reflect on what a relationship like that would have been like? The families that would have come from such a relationship? The world it would have created around us? So different to what we have today!

The Lord God had said He was going to make man in “Our Image,” that is in the Image of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. So Adam had all the attributes of God but he had them all inside himself. In order for him to really be made in the Image of God, he had to have another like himself to relate to, because the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is about relationship. Adam needed one of his own kind to relate to in order to be complete. The only place the woman could have come from to make this happen was out of Adam.

I believe everything the Lord God did in the garden was purposely and deliberately done to set a spiritual standard for the world to operate under. I was asked when I was talking to someone about what I was getting from these scriptures,

*“Why was the relationship Adam had with the Lord God not enough?
Why did the Lord God say it was not good for man to be alone,
when he had the God of the universe for company?”*

This was how the Lord God planned it. The relationship had to be two way in order for the world to operate as He had planned it. Adam needed another like himself to relate to, as well as the Lord God. It is still the same today. We were created to be in relationship with each other in order to be complete and whole, as well as having relationship with the God of the universe.

This was setting up the spiritual and emotional needs of the man and the woman. Of course, there was also the physical aspect. Adam would have had a hard time being fruitful and multiplying in the earth without woman. But the Lord God already had this in hand. In Genesis chapter 1, verses 26 and 27, He had created man as male and female. In Genesis 2, He was setting up the spiritual earth in the way He wanted it to operate.

The next verse after “bone of my bone” is still Adam speaking and he says

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.”*

How did Adam know this? It is a pretty amazing statement for the man to make. If the Lord God had said it, I could understand it.

How did Adam know about the one flesh concept?

How did he know about the leaving his father and mother?

These are both spiritual concepts. The leaving his father and mother did not mean physically only, it meant emotionally and spiritually. Adam hadn't been born of a woman. He did not have a mother or a father so how did he know about leaving them and cleaving to his wife?

Was this part of the intimacy Adam and the Lord God had in the garden before the woman came to be with them?

Did the Lord God and Adam talk about spiritual issues like we talk about spiritual issues today?

I believe they did. Adam would have been a spiritual being. How could he not have been? He only had the God of the universe to talk to, a God who enjoyed His creation and loved to come and commune with him.

Many years ago, I had a friend whom I had not seen for many years come unexpectedly to my door. She is an intercessor also. She stayed just a few days. But in those days, we talked spiritual issues all the time. When she left, I was talking to the Lord Jesus about how much I had enjoyed her visit. He said to me that this was the real refreshing; two of His people together talking about Him. This was in the time of the Toronto phenomenon, the laughing revival, where they talked about it as a time of refreshing. My visitor and I had both been told not to be involved in this movement so, when we talked, it was about the Lord God and who He was in our lives at this time. He was right, it was so refreshing. So I feel we had, for those few days, a tiny taste of what Adam and the Lord God had in the garden. And of course what the three of them had after the woman was made.

The last verse of chapter 2 says,

*“And they were both naked, the man and his wife,
and they were not ashamed.”*

They had not eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil yet, so the negative feelings that came from eating of this tree were not in their lives. I talked a little about this concept of being naked in “And The Bride Has Made Herself Ready”, and it will come up again later in this book. As I said and cannot say enough, everything goes back to the garden.

So now the Lord God has the man and the woman in the garden. Again, it doesn't tell us how long the three communed together before satan appeared.

Chapter Five

The Deception

Chapter 3 verse 1

*“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field
that the Lord God had made.”*

Enter satan.

One of the deceptions I think is very important is what the world has changed satan to look like today; a very ugly gnome-like creature with horns, and a tail with an arrow head on the end of it, dressed in red, and with a goofy expression on his face. Definitely not a good representation of who we are really fighting. Sure I believe this is trying to show the dangerous side of him, but it isn't the truth and has become a joke. Even children dress up as him on Halloween. He really doesn't frighten them. He loves it. It fits in with all his plans, to have people NOT be frightened of him. How could anyone be frightened of such a representation.

We even have this representation of him used on Valentines day, the day for love. Little red devils on red heart shaped cushions, with smiles on their faces, looking completely harmless. It makes my spirit sick every time I see him portrayed like this. This is not how he looks.

When the Lord God originally created him, he was described as the most beautiful cherub ever made. And he knew how beautiful he was. He became so obsessed with his beauty he thought he could have a throne higher than God's. Isaiah chapter 14, verse 12

Is it important how we see him?

Absolutely!

Will we be motivated to guard against a Valentines day portrayal?

I don't think so!

We need to see and understand the enemy clearly. He is still lucifer, the beautiful cherub, but with the heart that is evil, who wants to take each of us away from truly finding out who we are in God, and from having intimacy with Him. It is still the same battle between good and evil, the forbidden tree we should never have eaten from, between the Lord God and satan.

The only difference is that the Lord Jesus has won the battle. All we have to do is walk in what He has won for us. We will never do it if we see satan as an ugly red being with horns. That is just not the truth.

It is the extreme beauty hiding extreme evil that we really need to be frightened of. And no, I do not mean "frightened of" in that sense. I mean aware of and wary of. He is our enemy! There is no changing that. He is the one who came to the woman to deceive her, knowing full well what he was going to bring about.

Do you think the woman would have been deceived by the portrayal we have of satan today? Of course she wouldn't. He appeared to her as a serpent. But what it doesn't say is that he was still a beautiful creature. Serpents are quite beautiful, even in the natural. It just says he was cunning. He needs to use his beauty to hide the true evil inside.

The curse on the serpent after the fall, verse 14, says:

*"Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the cattle,
and more than every beast of the field;*

*On your belly you shall go,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.”*

This statement would seem to say the serpent did not go on his belly before the fall. He was most likely walking on two legs when he spoke to the woman.

How did the woman eat so readily when she knew everything they had with the Lord God? It must have been a very powerful experience for her, to cause her to go against who she knew the Lord God to be. We need to really rethink the misconception we have of who satan is, to the truth of who he is, so we are not deceived and can see our enemy clearly.

How can we fight an enemy we do not understand? This is his deception, to not let us know who he really is!

So why did satan choose the woman to come to with his deception?

Common belief is that it was because the woman was the weaker vessel. But we have already looked at the word comparable. Before the fall she was not the weaker vessel. She was comparable to Adam.

Does everyone know we do not see as the Lord God sees?

Does everyone know, as we come more deeply into intimacy with the Lord God, we come to understand, a little more clearly, how He sees?

Also, as we come into deeper intimacy with Him, He shares with us as He used to share with Adam in the garden. So we come to understand His heart more.

The sequence is; The Lord God creates Adam, then he plants a garden to put him in. He tells Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam agrees. Then He creates all the animals and brings them to Adam to name, in the quest to find a helper comparable to him. They spend a lot of quality time together. Then the Lord God makes the woman and she and Adam become husband and wife.

But Adam has had a lot of quality time with God before the woman is created. They have shared many things. I believe every word in scripture is there by the Lord God's design, for us to learn from. What is not said is important also. The Lord God does not say He told the woman about the tree in the midst of the garden, and to not eat from it. He creates the helper comparable to Adam, and they become husband and wife, one flesh. Adam has had the long experience of intimacy with the Lord God. The woman hasn't.

Adam tells his wife all the experiences he has had with the Lord God, and about His command to not eat from the tree in the midst of the garden, and his agreement to

it. The woman has not had the seasons of intimacy with the Lord God. To have the actual experience of God as Adam had, is far more powerful than to be told about the experience as the woman was. Again, we do not know how long is the period of time between the creation of the woman, and the appearance of satan in the garden.

The widely held belief that satan came to the woman because she was the weaker vessel just doesn't seem right to me. She was bone of Adam's bone, flesh of his flesh, taken from his side, comparable to him. Adam was delighted with her. There is nothing to suggest that, before the fall, she was a weaker vessel.

There is also the different relationship for Adam once the woman is created. He had only the company of the animals to enjoy outside of the times the Lord God came to talk with him before she was created. Now he has this delightful creature made especially for him. She is there with him all the time. The relationship the husband and wife would have developed must have been amazing. She would have become very important to Adam very quickly.

Remember we do not know how long he was on his own before the Lord God made the woman. While I do not believe Adam would have experienced loneliness, because it is a negative emotion and the negative did not come into him before he ate of the fruit, nevertheless he did have emotions like we do, and his delight in the woman would have been extreme. Did it take away from the deep relationship he had with the Lord God, even a little? I believe it may have.

It seems to me this can be a problem for us today. A man is following Christ when he meets a woman who is also following Christ. They think it is great. What things they will do together for Him. But human feelings come in and the relationship can become a little more important than God is to each of them.

Did this happen in the garden? They were created beings, human. It is possible it did.

So, why did satan target the woman? There is a scripture that says,

“to whom much is given, much is expected”.

Luke chapter 12, verse 48.

It was to Adam that much was given. He was the one who was told by the Lord God not to eat from the tree. It was Adam who had the long experience of intimacy with the Lord God. He was the one entrusted by the Lord God with the upkeep of the garden. The woman was his helper, but Adam was the one trusted by the Lord God with His command.

Satan knew this and that is why he targeted the woman. He knew she had not experienced the same intimacy and shared experiences with the Lord God that Adam

had, and so there was not the same deep knowledge of who God was that Adam knew. There is a very important spiritual principle here. It is the shared experiences with God that bring us the deep intimacy with Him. It is how we get to know Him and He gets to know us. Everything I write comes from my shared experiences with the Lord God, which has established my Intimacy with Him.

But satan is cunning!

This is where we see his cunningness coming in. He knew the woman did not have the same experience of the Lord God as Adam had, and therefore would be easier to deceive. This is why we need to seek to personally experience who the Lord God is for ourselves, to have true intimacy with Him, so it is harder to deceive us. This is an extremely important spiritual principle. We need deep intimacy with the Lord God especially today, as we are living in days of deception.

Luke chapter 12, verse 48 is a very important scripture. When the Lord God gives us much, He does expect more from us. He expected more from Adam because of the deeper shared experiences they had enjoyed and intimacy that came from this.

I have written about the things the Lord God showed me from the first verses of chapter 3, in my book, "And His Bride has Made Herself Ready," but I want to write them here again, because He has shown me this is the basis of humanity's problems still today. We can never hear it enough. This is how the Lord God opened these scriptures to me.

The first important learning from verse 6 is that Adam was with the woman when she ate. Yes, she was the one who saw that the tree was good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise, and so she made the decision to eat of the fruit. But the second half of verse 6 says,

"and she gave to her husband WITH her, and he ate."

Adam was there at the time. He had the experience of the God of the universe and the deeper intimacy, so why did he eat. He was the one from whom the Lord God expected more. In verse 17, the Lord God says to Adam,

"Because you listened to the voice of your wife!"

God expected more of Adam than He did of the woman. Adam should have said to his wife,

"No, we are not allowed to eat from this tree."

But he didn't. He ate and the next verse says it all.

*“THEN THE EYES OF BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED,
And they knew they were naked.”*

Is this another area where sin was already at work? Was Adam's intimacy with God not as strong as it should have been, that he did not go to God and ask if it was alright to eat from this particular tree? I believe this is the intimacy we are working towards, to ask God about everything before we do it.

I explained how the Lord Jesus gave me this amazing revelation about their eyes being opened together many years ago, in my first book. I was standing at the kitchen sink one morning making a boiled fruit cake. Words from scripture appeared before me on the glass of the window. Genesis Chapter 3, verses 1 to 7. The writing was very clear so I could read the words easily. When I read verse 7, I said to God,

*“It doesn't say that, does it? Were both their eyes opened together?
Why weren't Eve's eyes opened when she ate?”*

He told me to go and get my bible and read it. And of course it does say that. Their eyes were opened together when Adam ate. The woman's eyes were not opened when she ate. She would never have given the fruit to Adam if her eyes had been opened when she ate. Adam would not have eaten if her eyes had been opened when she ate! The change was too dramatic. He would not have followed her lead if she had suddenly become aware she was naked.

I have asked many, many people if they knew Eve's eyes were not opened until Adam ate.

No one knows about it!

But think of the spiritual issues behind this!!

It is truly the full importance and meaning of “one flesh”. Their eyes were opened together. This is God's plan also for the spiritual authority to rest on the man, not the woman. He was to always be responsible for his wife.

*Responsible to God, that is.
Spiritually responsible.*

This to me makes sense of why the Lord God did not make the woman when he made Adam. His plan was always to work through the man. Yes, she was the helper and comparable to Adam, but the Lord God had a spiritual authority plan for the world He was creating, and it was to work through the man.

I must make it clear here, in verse 1 of chapter 3, when satan talks to the woman, they are not standing near the tree. She answers satan about the tree that is in the middle of the garden. Verse 6 says,

“Now WHEN the woman saw that the tree was good for food.”

She had gone off and found the tree to have a look at it. This tells me two things. She and Adam had not been all that interested in the tree. She didn't really know what the tree looked like. I believe they knew they were not to eat from it, and so it held no fascination for them. This was before they ate. But the possibility of sinning was there, so when satan offered her the temptation, she just had to go and have a look.

Was the fruit so different from the fruit of the other trees?

I believe it must have been significantly different from the fruit of all the other trees, for she was tempted and she gave in.

The second thing was that satan wasn't with her when she found the tree and ate; Adam was. Did she tell Adam about the visit from satan or what he had said? Or did she just lead Adam to the tree on another pretext. Had sin already begun to have its way with her?

I have a young friend who contemplates the problems he has with young women today, not just those whom he may want to be in relationship with, but with female friends, acquaintances, flat mates. He knows about the garden being the start of all relationship problems. He wonders about differences between males and females today, in particular about the ability of the female to have hidden agendas, to have almost an innate ability to deceive.

Did the fact that the woman was the one to be deceived, and who gave in to the temptation by going to look at the tree, change her subtlety even before Adam ate? Very deep question!

I have no answers here right now, but I believe God has shown me that the woman really wanted to eat from the tree. The “being deceived” by satan had opened her up to who he is and, very subtlety, to take on in herself a little of who he is.

He wanted to exalt his throne above the throne of the Most High God. He had an “I want.” He was deceived himself in thinking this was possible for him. The woman took on an “I want” that had not been there before satan tempted her. God had provided for all their needs in the garden. There was nothing for them to want. But satan showed her something that was desirable; a tree that was beautiful to look at and whose fruit seemed like it may be more delicious than the fruit she had been eating, and it could make her wise like God.

Suddenly she had found something she wanted; to eat from that tree

To want things certainly is something we need to overcome today. I find in talking to people that, if they use the words “I want or I don't want” in their conversation regularly, it means there is an area in them that is not submitted to God. The woman had no “I wants” before satan's interference. Now she did, and it led to her eating of the fruit. She lived happily in obedience and intimacy with God. Yet one “I want” was about to lead her on a path that would affect mankind forever.

People wanting today, like more beautiful than what they have, or not wanting what may inconvenience them, indicates that there is a problem in their dependency and intimacy with God. I tell them they need to watch every time they say these words, “I want” or “I don't want,” and sort out what the problem lying underneath it is. It will be a problem of lack of submission to, and of trusting in, the Lord God.

I believe the woman wanting to eat from the tree could have caused her to not tell Adam the true story. She may have not mentioned satan's part at all. She may have devised a plan to get Adam to come and look at the tree to see how he would feel and react to it. Would he be tempted? Adam's response to God's question in verse 8, “she gave to me and I ate,” shows to me very clearly that he did not know what he was eating. He had been tricked and he was angry about it.

My young friend trying to understand women today calls it a propensity to trickery. One day when we were talking about it with one of the young women present, she had a bad reaction to the word trickery. She sat back, drew up her knees, and crossed her arms across her chest as if to stop the words from going in. Yet after a few minutes' discussion about the possibility, she admitted she was aware of the ability to use trickery in herself. She is an amazing young woman who has really had the courage to look at herself and all her stuff, and change.

What I am really saying here is that the story of Adam and Eve, whether it is a true story or not, is very important for looking at “where” we are in relationships today; husband and wife relationships, any male/female relationships, and most importantly our relationships with the Lord God. Intimacy in any form.

I chose to believe the story is true.

I have another question here for which I do not yet have an answer, but I will ask it anyway. The next part of the same scripture says,

“and they knew they were naked.”

Why was this the one thing, from all the knowledge they had received from eating from the tree, to which they immediately reacted strongly? So strongly in fact that

they immediately worked together to cover this nakedness. There has to be a very special reason for this. I am not able to answer this question yet. I believe the answer will eventually come as I keep writing what the Lord Jesus is giving me.

Chapter Six

Fig Leaves?

*“and they sewed fig leaves together,
and made coverings for themselves.”*

There is another very important message in this part of verse 7, chapter 3.

They had eaten from the tree and their eyes were opened. They would never be the same. They were dramatically changed. Yet they were still one flesh. They worked together to make coverings for themselves to hide their nakedness. But it was a different one flesh. It was a negative working together this time. They were working together to deceive God. Amazing that one bite from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and they thought differently to the way they had before that bite. How powerful is that? One bite! Well, two bites, one each.

Adam and the woman had shared intimacy with God. He knew who they were and they knew who He was. Yet this was now changed. They now thought they could deceive God and get away with it. Did they really believe He would not notice the fig leaves. Yes, they hid from Him, so they were afraid that He might notice. The powerful learning here is that they even contemplated that they might be able to deceive Him. I believe this is one of the major problems with us finding intimacy with God today. When I see those who call themselves His followers do things that He would not be happy with, they still think they can deceive Him. Or maybe they just hope they can deceive Him. I find myself asking,

*“Do they not know that He knows everything they do and say?
Do they really think He may not notice?”*

As I said in the beginning, everything goes back to the Garden . Everything!!! I wrote in my first book about being naked and trying to cover ourselves with “fig leaves”. We still do it today. Only today our “fig leaves” are good works, ministries, everything we do that is not done totally and genuinely out of love. Which, unless we have died to self and are in the Bride of Christ and not just in the Body of Christ, is everything.

Am I being harsh in using the word deceive? I know that the negative feelings have come into Adam's and the woman's lives with the opening of their eyes, and this would have been an overwhelming experience for them. They had only had positive experiences in the garden; happiness, fulfilment, love, intimacy. But now they were bombarded with negative emotions. They would have been feeling extremely

confused. Imagine not ever knowing evil and suddenly, after one bite of the fruit, they know it all. It must have been an incredibly horrendous experience for them. They would have been feeling shame, guilt, unhappiness, failure, fear, so many feelings they probably could not even name. I do not lessen in any way the impact of these feelings on causing them to try to cover themselves.

But my purpose here is to look at the deep spiritual impact of what the fullness of the garden experience means for us today.

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 24, verse 3, after the Lord Jesus has been teaching in the temple, He is seated on the Mount of Olives with His disciples, and they ask Him,

*“What will be the sign of your coming
and the end of the age?”*

Jesus' first words to them, in verse 4 are,

“Take heed that no one deceives you.”

To be deceived is something we opened ourselves up to, both to the ability to deceive ourselves and to be deceived. Scripture says,

“The heart is deceitful above all things.”
Jeremiah chapter 17 verse 9

We need to accept that we have the ability to deceive ourselves. Scripture says it! And that means all our hearts. Mine, yours, everyone's.

This is the deceiving I am talking of here. Adam and the woman were immediate examples of this, in that they thought they could deceive God. In my first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,” I tell in chapter 3 how feelings are not what it is all about, because behind every feeling is a thought. We are rarely aware of the thought, only of the feelings. But feelings are not able to be healed. They can only be released and so give us a measure of peace. But as long as the thought is not healed, it can always cause the feeling to come back in all its fullness at any time. This is the principle Jesus taught me in order for me to be healed of dysfunctional thinking, and for me to be set free. I have never found it to fail.

So, back to Adam and his wife making a fig leaf covering to try to deceive God.

Adam and his wife were afraid. This fear, which is the feeling, would have come from a thought, or in their case, a number of thoughts; we have been disobedient to the Lord God, He will be so angry with us, He will punish us. This then leads to behaviour, which was sewing together fig leaves to try to cover themselves, thinking

they could deceive the Lord God. Of course they could not deceive Him, he knows everything. They just thought they could. Thoughts are powerful.

Thoughts cause feelings cause behaviour.

There are three other places in the gospel of Matthew chapter 24 where The Lord Jesus warns us to not be deceived; v5, v11, and v24. He actually puts it as, in 5 and 11, “will deceive many,” and in 24, “to deceive, if possible, the elect.” The first of these is a definite statement of many being deceived in the time of the end. The second is more worrying as it says that even the elect could be deceived.

Of course the other side of deception is being deceived as Eve was deceived by the serpent. Or in our times, by the fear of the things that are happening in the world. How do we protect ourselves from being able to be deceived? Scripture says,

“My sheep know My voice and they will follow no other.”

There is a beautiful illustration of this I read many years ago. I do not know where it comes from and I have no way of finding out. If there is a copyright on it, I ask for there to be rejoicing that it has been used to help bring sheep closer to intimacy with the Lord God. It says this.

There was a watering hole in Israel and many shepherds came to water their flocks at this place. One day there were three shepherds with their flocks watering there. The sheep milled around and intermingled. A man was watching this happen and wondered how the shepherds would sort out the sheep when it came time to leave. Then one of the shepherds started to move away and, as he went, he sang. Sheep began to come out of the huge body of woolly creatures until his whole flock was following the singing shepherd as he walked away. The other two shepherds then walked in different directions, each singing their own song. Again the sheep separated and each flock followed along the path their shepherd was walking. The man watching realised that the sheep knew the voice of their own shepherd as they had spent many years hearing him sing and talk to them in the wilderness.

I love this illustration as it says it all. We need to know the voice of our Shepherd from having listened to Him sing and talk to us in the WILDERNESS. This is absolutely true for me. I learnt the voice of my Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, from Him walking and talking with me in the years after I was rescued by Him. I am a sheep who recognises her Shepherd's voice and will follow no other.

As I was looking for the reference for the above scripture, I came across the following, and write it here, because I had not noticed it before or realised the full relevance of it.

John 10, verses 14 to 16.

*“I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep,
and I am known by my own.*

As the Father knows me, even so I know the Father;

And I lay down my life for the sheep.

*And other sheep I have which are not of this fold;
them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice,
And there will be one flock and one shepherd”.*

What a beautiful picture of the Bride of Christ. One flock and one shepherd, all knowing the voice of their Shepherd. I can't wait for that day to come. Everything I do is for this one agenda; to do what I can to help Him build this Church, this one flock who will all know His voice.

Chapter Seven

Hiding

Now the Lord God comes walking through the garden in the cool of the evening. He is coming to talk to the man and the woman as was His custom to do. But they were not there to greet Him, as was their custom to do. They were hiding from Him. What a massive change. They were not able to face Him, their creator, the one with whom they had known such intimacy. It was all gone!

Six thousand years have passed by and we still hide from Him.

On the Wednesday before Easter this year, 2013, the Lord God woke me at 4.40 am. I had been getting up early every morning to write. But this morning was to be different. He took me into a space where He showed me a number of truths, but mostly about me and where He was asking me to go in Him. Just briefly, He first took me to the truth about the Original Lie in each of my children. He asked me what would happen if they were the three who never came to accept this truth in their lives, and so never came to freedom and abundant life.

He did not say they would not be saved. Fighting the Original Lie is not about going to heaven or not. This depends solely on believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Overcoming the Lie is about being set free to become who we are meant to be in God. Unfortunately many go through their whole lives and never come to find out who they really are in the Lord God. Would my children be three for whom this would be true.

It was very painful to go to this place, especially with my younger daughter. But I went there and allowed myself to fully face the truth of what could happen. Understand, the Lord did not say they would never accept the truth of the Original Lie and so not be set free. It was an hypothetical question but I had to fully face it as reality, even though it may not turn out to be reality. Of course my answer to Him was that it would make no difference to the way I choose to walk in Him and will continue to walk in Him.

He then took me into five hours of a trance like state where He spoke to me and gave me insight into things He wanted me to know.

One of these was an experience of Jesus on the cross. The morning this happened was two days before Good Friday. He allowed me to feel some of the depth of sin that is in the world today, only a very small portion, but very frightening. It was humbling. Then He said to me that this was what the Lord Jesus was experiencing when He called out from the cross,

“Father, Father, why have you forsaken me!”

Mark chapter 15 verse 34

Only Jesus was carrying the sin of every person who had ever lived, who lived at that time, or who would ever live in the future. Every sin ever to be committed; past, present and future.

He then told me an amazing thing.

*He told me it was the weight of that sin, our sin,
that had blocked out the view of God from Jesus for those few seconds.*

He, God, did not turn away from His Son, not for any reason.

They were in this together.

*But the weight of the sin was so great,
it blocked Jesus from feeling or knowing His Father was still there.*

This is what happened in the garden with that first sin. The man and the woman could no longer feel or know God as they had, because their sin blocked their view of Him.

“Where are you?”

The Lord God is calling to Adam. The man is not there to greet Him. Adam answers,

*“I heard Your voice in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.”*

Because I believe we do not read scripture slowly or thoughtfully enough, I want to go through this verse looking at what it says in its entirety. I also believe we read scripture by what we already understand instead of asking for fresh eyes every time we read. I certainly find I do this, and I find sometimes what it says is not what I have always understood it says.

The first thing I questioned when I read verse 9 was,

“Why did God not already know that Adam had eaten from the tree?”

He knows everything! He would have known as soon as it happened. He would have been instantly aware of the change in the spiritual realm, brought about by the breaking of His one commandment. One thing I learnt very early in my walk with Him is that we do not live solely in this physical, material world, we also live in a spiritual world, but we are unaware of this world around us. I have always been very aware of the spiritual world and have lived more fully in it than in the physical world. In fact, to me, it is the real world. The spiritual world and its God-established laws

impact the physical world we live in, but we are unaware it is happening. It is the opposite way also. Everything we do or say in the natural world impacts the spiritual world. If we do or say something in love, we impact it positively. If we do or say something that is not loving, we impact it negatively.

It is a circle. God established the spiritual laws and they operate in our lives, whether we live in accordance with them or whether we break them. Everything we do in the physical and material world has an effect on the spiritual world. This especially applies to us carrying out words spoken by the Lord Jesus, such as the words He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount. Gospel of Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7.

If I willingly also give my shirt to someone who asks me for my coat, it has a very big impact on the spiritual world, positively. If I see someone in need and I can easily or not easily help, and I choose not to do it, it has an immense effect negatively in the spiritual world. I believe the deterioration of our world is due to the negative impact we have had on the spiritual world, by acting and speaking in an unloving manner. I believe love is what it is all about.

Is this too simple? I believe everything is simple. We make it harder than we need to. God's ways are simple for they can be understood by children.

I do not want to write any more about my understanding of the spiritual world being the real world, as it is the subject of the next book I am writing called, "True Spiritual Warfare!" Maybe those who are interested will search out the real meaning of this for themselves. God would be delighted if you did, as you would be building deeper intimacy with Him, the desire of His heart.

So, back to God knowing Adam had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He would definitely have felt the loss as soon as it happened. But God does not react as Adam and the woman reacted. He went on as He would normally do, calling to Adam to come and talk to Him. But Adam was unable to respond as he normally would, for he now knew he was naked and he wasn't handling this knowledge. It caused his behaviour to totally change. He was no longer able to be who God had created him to be.

Are you able to hear the progression here?

Adam has no fear of God before eating the fruit he was not supposed to eat. But he also has no knowledge of good and evil. He has lots of other knowledge, but not this particular knowledge. But now he has the knowledge he was never meant to have, so fear has come in. He is afraid of the God he has had such an intimate relationship with, and whom he knows and trusts. The fear has brought with it behaviours that he has not experienced before. Hiding from God, thinking he can deceive God, not being able to be real with God, needing to cover himself.

This goes back to the distance the Lord Jesus felt on the cross. Adam has sinned and he is no longer able to see or know God clearly. His sin blocks his view of God. Where he was that day God came calling his name is exactly where every one of us is today. Our view of God is blocked by the sin in our lives. Scripture says,

“all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”
Romans chapter 3 verse 23.

There are none who have not.

Of course you can say that you have repented, but true repentance is turning and going the other way fully. Which means to me never sinning again. Is this a place anyone feels they are at? I can't say I am at such a place. I have to watch the words of my mouth every day, in line with Proverbs 6 verse 16 to 19. I am like Paul. The things I would not do, I do, and the things I would do, I cannot do. Oh wretched woman that I am.

Many years ago, after my first marriage broke up, and I had returned to Queensland with two of my children, and we were living in one bedroom at my mother's and stepfather's house, the Lord Jesus took me through deep, soul searching repentance. Even though I had an abusive and dysfunctional childhood and an horrendously abusive marriage, and was sinned against over and over, He took me into every little thing I had done wrong. The process lasted about two weeks, and it changed me completely. True repentance means all the principles written about in the next chapter. It means taking responsibility for everything we have done and going down on our knees until we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we do not want to sin ever again, because it hurts Him, and ourselves and others. Anything less than this is not good enough.

He has shown me over the last few weeks that there are two areas where we can be in sin but not aware of it. He reminded me of a time when I was going to a women's meeting. The meeting was being taken by the very godly wife of the Uniting church pastor from the local nursing home. On this day, she was looking right at me as she spoke.

“Anywhere where you are struggling in your life is an area where you could be breaking Exodus 20 verse 12.”

*“Honour thy mother and father
that your days may be long upon the land
that the Lord your God is giving you.”*

I was immediately convicted in that I criticised my mother for drinking and smoking, yet refusing to continue paying for piano lessons for me, when the teacher

said I had extreme potential. I loved learning and practised diligently. In one year of lessons I was way ahead of where I should have been. But my mother said she could not afford any more lessons and I could play well enough. I had unacknowledged resentment about the money wasted on cigarettes. I was breaking God's only commandment to children. I had to give up my resentment. Funny how, with all the abuse I suffered from my mother in my childhood, written about in my first book, this was the one thing to cause resentment.

To not honour one or other of our parents can be a place where we can have hidden sin, to have anger or resentment against them that we have not acknowledged.

The second area the Lord Jesus has shown me is the gospel of John chapter 6 verses 28 and 29, where the disciples ask Jesus what they need to do to be in God's will. His answer is to believe in the one God sent. This of course is the Lord Jesus. Do we believe in Him so as to fulfil the requirements of the Father's will. This is a deep place only the Holy Spirit can take us into. I know in my life He has shown me that I needed to grow from a believe with a lower case b to a Believe with an upper case B. There needs to be an acceptance of the lack of depth we can have in our believing in Him before we can grow to the second place. I will be writing about this in my next book.

I do not believe we can ever come to a place of never sinning, or we may be in danger of thinking we really are God. I believe we all need to be ever aware of the ability in us to sin, to keep us from sinning. It is this awareness that is the important attitude. To know He is God and we are men and women. The ability to sin was in Adam and the woman before they ate of that fruit. It is still in all of us. I believe this is about overcoming, which is learning not to give in to sin or to allow it to rule in our lives. I do not believe the propensity to sin ever goes away. This is how we defeat satan in our lives. We don't give in to it as Adam and Eve did. Yes, even though Eve tricked Adam, his sin was not listening to God only.

Chapter Eight

The Consequences

I have written about the next few verses in my first book. Genesis chapter 3 verses 11 and 12 contain principles the Lord God gave me when I first met Him and He was with me every day, teaching me to come out of the dysfunctional illness that had caused me to be withdrawn, suicidal, living in absolute fear for twenty years. I want to write about them again here, as I believe they are the foundation for all problems in all relationships today. I don't want to copy what I wrote before, but to rewrite it to see if there is more the Lord God wants to put in here. It is five years at least since I wrote the original and He has taught me many things in these years. He has also healed me, deepened my relationship with Him and changed me dramatically. I hear more clearly than I did even five years ago.

After the Lord God has called to Adam, and Adam has answered Him and told Him he, Adam, now knows he is naked, the Lord God asks him who told him he is naked and has he eaten from the tree he is not supposed to eat from? Adam's answer to this starts it all.

One of my interests is communication and how we speak to each other, answer each other, listen to each other. Especially how the way we listen causes our response. Adam's answer to the Lord God's questions is a perfect example, and I could be very sure his style of communication now was different to how it would have been before he ate the fruit of that tree.

True communication from Adam to the Lord God would have been,

“Yes, I have eaten from the tree therefore I now know I am naked.”

Both questions answered perfectly. Because, of course, the woman couldn't tell him he was naked because her eyes were not yet opened. It was the eating of the fruit that gave him the knowledge.

But Adam doesn't answer the question of how he knows he was naked. And then the real trouble begins!

“The WOMAN whom YOU gave to be with me,

SHE gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

This is what the Lord Jesus taught me to call “dumping.” It is the major problem with people today, and why our relationships, both with our fellow man and with the

Lord God are so bad. Adam set us the example right there, right in the beginning. You are the real problem God and she is also a problem. And today we still do it.

Dumping is very destructive but very easy to understand. If you are in a relationship where you are being dumped on all the time, it can destroy you. At the very least, those who dump on others are doing satan's work for him. They are diminishing the other person. If you are not aware of exactly what dumping is and how it can affect you, it can leave you feeling constantly confused and, over time, destroy your vision of who you are in God.

Once you become aware of dumping, you will hear it everywhere. Husbands and wives do it. Parents do it. Friends do it. Employers and workmates do it. Sometimes it is said as a joke, but it is not a joke. You can always tell when you have been dumped on. It leaves you feeling shaken up and confused.

More importantly, Adam refused to take responsibility for his own behaviour. This response is the blockage to us ever growing or maturing in Christ. Until we learn to take responsibility for everything we do, everything we are and everything we say, we cannot progress. We will stay exactly where we are in maturity. We need to do what Adam didn't do; take responsibility.

Adam's response was worse than dumping and not taking responsibility for his own behaviour; he blamed his behaviour on the Lord God.

Would we ever, before Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, have blamed the Lord God for anything? I don't think so. Yet look at what people blame Him for today. Adam's response set up a principle, absolutely loved by satan, of blaming God for everything. It is irrational. It is total lack of intimacy. The Lord God is the good guy; He didn't cause the separation; Adam did and the woman did. And definitely satan did. He achieved his plan to separate man from the Lord God, and we have been battling to find our way back ever since.

So why do we blame Him?

Because Adam did?

Yes!

As I keep saying, "everything goes back to the garden"! "Every principle Adam and the woman brought into being in the garden is still in operation today."

And unless we become aware of how satan's plan is still functioning today, we unknowingly still do all the things Adam and the woman did after they ate from that tree. Normally I would not use one word three times in such a short space but I

deliberately leave the word “still” in here so that it goes into everyone's subconscious. We STILL do it today exactly as Adam and the woman did it in the garden.

This is the simplicity of the battle. We need to stop doing what Adam and the woman did, in order to stop satan having the victory still.

I need to say here, satan's greatest victory is in getting people to not be aware of him and his devious methods. He loves it! I have had one person refuse to read my first book because I mentioned satan three times on one page. I am not someone who sees demons everywhere, but we need to be aware of exactly what part he played in the separation between man and the Lord God, and of his plan to destroy lives, as many as he can.

His success with Adam and the woman was instantaneous and devastating to mankind. Do not underestimate him. He is alive and active today. Just keep balanced about him. We have nothing to fear from him. The Lord Jesus Christ has won the victory.

Then comes the woman's response in the garden.

“The serpent deceived me and I ate.”

What she should have said was,

*“I allowed myself to be deceived by the serpent,
and I ate.”*

Again, failure to take responsibility for her own behaviour. But the woman did not dump. She brought another communication problem into the equation. She did what the Lord God taught me to call “justifying”. It wasn't me, it was the serpent made me do it.

Well no, no one made her do it.

She willingly took on wanting the good things she expected to get from eating of the fruit of the tree which appealed to her eyes for its beauty, and to her senses for its power and knowledge and the ability to make her wise like God.

Justifying is something we all do every day. We make excuses, we explain, we justify why we had to do the things we do. The gospel of Matthew chapter 5 verse 27 says to

*“Let our yes be yes and our no be no.
Anything more is from the evil one.”*

No added embellishments.

Justifying sounds harmless, but it is one of the things the Lord Jesus is for us; our justification. His Justification of us is all we need. Our justifying why we did something is another part of our separation from God, of thinking, deep down inside, that we don't really need Him. It is buried deep inside us. Even when we are His followers, we still have this attitude inside us. Become aware of how many times every day we explain why we did something or excuse our behaviour, even when our behaviour is good. We do it all the time. It is insidious. Because we all do it and it is an integral part of our present day communication, we are not aware of what we are really saying. It is about self sufficiency.

These are my reasons for what I did. See! I know what I am doing. I am in control of myself.

*Justifying is not destructive to the other person, like dumping is.
But it is very destructive to us if we continually use it.*

There is another form of justifying the Lord has reminded me of. This happens when someone wants to stop their relationship with us but does not want to acknowledge their real reason for wanting to end it. They bring forth a reason from something we have seemingly done wrong, probably years before, and use this as their justification. One example of this was when my son decided to stop me from seeing he or his children ever again. He could not give me the right reason because he was unaware of it. He could not give me the reason he thought it was, which was not wanting to repay money he had promised to give me back before I needed it for his sister's wedding. He would have put himself in the wrong if he had given that reason. So he decided it was because I had favoured his younger sister to him. I hadn't. I had always favoured him. But he needed a reason with which he could justify his behaviour.

This kind of justifying does hurt the other person. I had no argument to put up against his words. How could I prove I hadn't. I couldn't.

Let us look at the depth of how these four things, not taking responsibility for our own behaviour, dumping and justifying, blaming God, affect us today in our male/female relationships. When the Lord God created the woman for Adam in the garden, the man valued her. He knew what it was like before she was made, how he had no one comparable to him. The Lord God had said it was not good for the man to be alone, and the man must have experienced this. Then she comes along and completes his life. He valued her. He knew who she was and what she gave to him, the difference she made to his life. Truly one flesh.

Then she goes and lets herself be deceived by satan and eats from the tree, and worse still, somehow convinces him to eat also, thus causing him to be disobedient to

the Lord God. This is how he would have seen it. This is why he dumped on God and her. So his valuing of her disappeared. When he spoke forth those words after he had eaten, he totally broke their true one flesh. He ceased to value her. He ceased to see her clearly. She was no longer the delightful creature who completed his life, the one made especially for him by God. She had a flaw he could not come to terms with. And it is still the same today.

The words we speak impact the spiritual world. It is very important that we watch the words we let come out of our mouths. They create, even to life and death, the death spoken of by the Lord God in His warning to Adam to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I write in my first book about my third husband, Tim, when we had travelled into western Queensland on a prayer journey. Spiritually, Tim and I were one flesh. We had pulled into a caravan park in Cloncurry to stay a couple of nights to visit a delightful Aboriginal elder we had met earlier on our trip. She lived in Cloncurry and had invited us to visit her when we arrived there.

The spot we were directed to with our very large camper van was beside a contingent of road construction workers and their wives and children, who had been in the area for some months from a firm in Mount Isa. They were drinkers and very noisy after their hard days work. We had our Blue Heeler, Kimba, with us. She slept in the front of the truck on which our camper van was built.

The first night we were there, I felt unrest in my spirit. I have a strong gift of discerning of spirits. I knew Kimba was in danger. I didn't know why, I just knew she was in danger. I asked Tim if I could bring her into the van to sleep that night. He refused to let me do that. It was the first time ever he had not listened to my discerning of a spiritual situation. He went off to bed to sleep, but I could not settle. The unrest in my spirit became stronger. I took my pillow out into the front of the truck to sleep with Kimba. The men around the camp fire beside us would not have seen me do this as the door out of our camper was on the opposite side to where they were sitting. A short time later, the men around the camp fire beside us began to speak about what it would be like to have sex with a Blue Heeler, only they did not use a nice expression like have sex with. They used much cruder words. This woke Tim up. He came out to the front of the truck and yelled at me.

“Get the dog in the truck, you stupid woman!”

He did not take responsibility for his own behaviour. He had refused me permission to bring her into the camper van even though he knew, when I discerned something, I was usually right. He didn't take responsibility for this.

He dumped on me.

“You stupid woman!”

He had never done this before.

Tim had been an emotional mess when I first met him. In the seven years we had been married, he had gained immensely in confidence. He could hold down a full time job. He was worship leader in the church we were in, and a very good one. He was able to play and sing, for the first time in public, in prisons, in concerts, even in a pub in Port Douglas where they were very well received, the exceptional country gospel music he had written. He walked a solid spiritual walk, including a gift of discerning demonic spirits in houses and the cleansing of such. He had grown because God was walking with me in being the Eve that Eve wasn't, and it was helping him to grow in God. He valued me as a wife.

Those three words destroyed everything. Never again did Tim value me as his wife. He never again believed me when I said something was wrong in the spiritual. We could no longer be one flesh. For those who have read my first book, you will know of another instance the following morning on the road to Winton where I discerned another situation which could have been dangerous. This time the presence of Kimba saved us.

I believe Tim also justified. The “you stupid woman” was his justification also. It was okay to do it because I was stupid. I wasn't. But now he had voiced these words forth, they became reality for him. He now saw me as stupid instead of valuable.

The last learning I got from this was he did not call me by my name. He didn't say,

“Sandra, get the dog in the truck.”

He called me “woman”. He reverted to the name Eve was called before eating the fruit in the garden. I do not have the fullness of what this means yet, but I mention it here because it was what Tim did. He had never done this before. Neither of us knew the significance of what we were walking through at this time. The Lord God would not make that known to me for some years, and in fact He only gave me the last piece of the puzzle yesterday.

The really important part of what Tim did in Cloncurry is the losing value for me as the wife I was to him. He would never value me again. He would eventually leave the marriage. We were never again the one flesh we had been in the spiritual, and so were not able to be used by God as we had been. After we returned home, I could no longer be in church beside him watching him worship. No, it was not unforgiveness. It was the awareness of the destruction of the true one flesh we had had. I called it the spiritual divorce. The Lord God had married us in the spiritual and Tim had divorced me in the spiritual. I was experiencing the consequences of the breaking of the protection of the spiritual marriage I had lived in for six years, and

there was nothing I could do to bring it back or make it okay. This is where I also see He could have blamed God. We both knew He had put us together, but Tim no longer valued the marriage, and everything God had given us.

There is another spiritual principle that comes from the taking of responsibility for our own behaviour. This is the matter of apologising for our behaviour, of saying we are sorry.

There was a young man who spoke forth a word as a prophet a few years ago. He spoke three things, one of which was,

“Do not say you are sorry hurriedly.”

The Lord God had already spoken to me about this so I knew what it was about.

If we apologise quickly, we do not take the time to take responsibility. We need firstly to look at what we have done or said, and sort out exactly what it is we have done wrong. It may be that we have actually done nothing wrong, but our Original Lie is telling us we have. Or it may be that we have done something wrong but certainly not everything that we believe we have. Or we may have done a lot wrong. We need to be very sure exactly what we are responsible for. Then we can take responsibility for what we have done. It is a much stronger spiritual principle to actually voice to the other person what we have done wrong than to say I am sorry for what I did. Being specific about what we have done or said wrongly is us again letting the Lord God come to know us. To just say we are sorry isn't. It also is more helpful for the person we are seeking forgiveness from if we are prepared to admit our exact wrongs.

If we just immediately say “I am sorry,” we feel we have done all we need to do. We have apologised. But have we done what the other person needs us to do so they can work towards forgiveness, which is to voice the exact nature of our wrongs?

I had a friend many years ago and we were in an RSL Club having lunch when she suddenly said some very nasty things to me about my younger daughter. The things were untrue and I did not know why she had suddenly spoken them forth and at such a time and place. I said nothing back to her. Next time I was to pick her up to go somewhere, I was overcome with panic and could not go near her. I had to ring her and tell her I could not come and get her as I was still very upset about what she had said about my daughter a few days before. She immediately said,

“I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry.”

I still could not go and be in her company and told her this then rang off. I was told she waited at home for me to apologise to her. She felt she had done what she needed to do by saying she was sorry. But she had not taken responsibility for her

behaviour, and without this, I could not trust her not to do it again. I was never able to be in her company again.

It is much more healing for both parties for us to not be in a hurry to say we are sorry, but to be honest in taking responsibility for exactly what we have done. Admit the exact nature of our wrongdoing.

Chapter Nine

Taking Responsibility

The Lord Jesus showed me yesterday there are two different “taking responsibility”. I had not understood the second one, but it is the more important. A couple of weeks after Tim and I returned to the Gold Coast, he had what he called a “funny turn” one morning about 2am. He was convinced he was dying. He asked me to ring for an ambulance. While we waited for one to come, he spoke these words to me;

*“Thanks very much, you have been a good wife,
but I am going home to the Father.”*

I felt as if I had been hit in the stomach with a cricket bat. I could not respond. Something major had been broken in the spiritual. Words and actions break the spiritual. The words Tim had spoken had been totally unconcerned with what was to happen to me if he died. Not one thought or word of concern or comfort. Just “you have been a good wife, thanks very much.”

I had done my job and done it well, but there was no responsibility taken for me as a wife. He was okay and that was all that mattered to him. He was even excited about “going home”. I became very angry and could no longer be the good wife I had been. Yet I struggled every day to regain what I had lost. I did not understand what had happened to me.

Of course Tim did not die. In fact the hospital could not find anything wrong with him. He did not once look at what his part may have been in why our marriage struggled and died from that night on. He did not take responsibility for anything. Five years later, when I was no longer able to be the wife he wanted, he left. No discussion about how we could fix it or about what had really gone wrong. This was a marriage God had put together by asking me, in an audible voice, if I would lay down my own desires to stay on my own, and marry Tim.

The Lord Jesus has revealed to me that there are two different “not taking responsibility.” The first happened when we were in Cloncurry, and continued to this incident. This was the “not taking responsibility for his own behaviour. And it is extremely important. But the second was that night, “not taking responsibility” for his wife, the one the Lord God had specifically given to him. The one who had helped him to do so many things he had not been able to do. The one who had been a good wife to him. This “not taking responsibility” had totally smashed the one flesh we had.

Going back to Adam in the garden, when he dumped on the woman, he refused to take the responsibility for her that was shown when her eyes were not opened when she ate. Adam was the one in the beginning who was made responsible for the woman the Lord God made especially for him. When the Lord God found the man and the woman hiding, naked and ashamed, it was to Adam He called and it was of Adam he asked the question:

“Have you eaten from the tree?”

Adam always was, from the time of the woman's creation, responsible for both of them before God. He still is today. God has not changed anything.

This is where it really all went wrong. In order for everything to come back into the Lord God's blueprint, Adam has to take responsibility for the eating of the fruit of the tree, even though it was the woman who first ate, and who gave it to him to eat and even though she may have tricked him. He always was and always will be responsible. This was how the Lord God created it, knowing that if we followed the blueprint, it would all work.

Would the outcome have been different had they thrown themselves on God's mercy, even then, and taken responsibility for what they did? I do not know the answer to this, but I personally believe they would have still had to reap the consequences of the sin of their disobedience of eating from the tree. Their eyes were open and could not be closed again. They now had the knowledge and had to go through the process we all have to go through to learn how to deal with this knowledge we were never meant to have.

So, what exactly is the blueprint? The name and purpose of it is Intimacy with God. If we have this we have everything we need. So the Lord God creates Adam and spends time with him, creating a garden for him where he can be fulfilled, tending it and keeping it, enjoying the animals he has named and meeting with God and sharing with Him daily.

Adam was God's man.

The Lord God gave him authority, as in naming the animals, responsibility in tending and keeping the garden, decision making in deciding who was comparable to him for a helper, and intimacy in his relationship with his creator, in the time they spent together alone, working and building together. He gives him the companion who is to be the helper for him. Everything he needed to live a fulfilled life. But the plan is to work through Adam. It is a spiritual plan for the operation of the world. There has to be a spiritual plan because the world we live in is a spiritual world governed by spiritual laws. I do not know why the Lord God made everything to rest on Adam's shoulders. But I am sure the blueprint would work if we accepted it and trusted in God that He knew exactly what He was doing.

We needed to trust in Him completely. In order to trust in Him completely, we needed to be free to choose to trust in Him completely. In order to be free to choose, we had to be able to not choose. We had to have the propensity to sin in us, so we could choose not to sin. It was not going to work without mankind freely choosing to obey God.

The blueprint is still the same today. The Lord God hasn't changed it. It is still about us choosing to trust God completely, by choosing to live by the spiritual blueprint He set up. How are we going to fix the mess we have created? By choosing to live the Lord God's way.

What mess?

The mess families and marriages are in today. The dysfunction in relationships. The damage to children. The destruction of society and much more.

The Lord Jesus has done everything else on the cross. We just have to live it by appropriating the victory He has won for us. He has defeated satan. We do not have to do this. But we are called to live in the victory that is already ours.

Chapter Ten

The Solution

The Lord Jesus has shown me that when I get really angry about something, I do not necessarily have a problem with anger, nor am I sinning. I am often reacting against a deep spiritual issue. This is the foundation of my anger about the toilet seat.

I got really angry when the Reverend Peter Jensen came on TV and said he wanted the word “submission” put back into the woman's marriage vows. He did talk more fully about it and how the man had to love and cherish his wife

“as Christ loved the church.”

But he wasn't going to change the man's vows to reflect this. Just put submission back onto the woman. This is the way men see how to fix the problem. If women would just be submissive to men, let them do their job, then everything will be okay. We will give them a law to obey their husbands.

Well, no guys. It won't work!

It is a spiritual problem, going back to Adam and Eve, and it can only be fixed by spiritual laws.

Adam unknowingly handed his authority to Eve. He has to take his authority back by God's ways. The problem didn't come about by Eve giving Adam the fruit to eat. It happened because Adam ate. The spiritual solution is firstly for Adam to take responsibility for what he did. He has to go back and change all the things he did wrong in the garden.

What do I mean when I say Adam unknowingly handed his authority to Eve? It was Adam's responsibility to hear from God. It does not matter what the woman did or why she did it. He was responsible to hear from God and obey. This was the plan always. This is why Adam was created first, and had all the intimacy with God. This is why God called to Adam after they had eaten. Of course when I say Adam has to do it, I am saying all men today.

I feel to say here very clearly, the only real solution for mankind and for this world is for Jesus to return and take authority. No other way will do it. We as mankind, women and men, can never fix the problems. What I am talking about when I say “fix it,” is for us to become aware of God's ways and His spiritual laws and original plan, and to make ourselves as ready as we can, to be the Bride the Lord Jesus Christ

is returning for. The Bride who has made herself ready by walking in intimacy with and in obedience to Him.

1 Peter chapter 3 verse 7 says of the woman that she is the weaker vessel. I do not disagree with what Peter has written in this chapter, except for the word “weaker”. In fact this chapter goes a long way to helping us get the blueprint right. But with regard to the word weaker, this is how the Lord showed it to me.

Men and women each have strength areas unique to them. I think we would all agree with that. When the Lord God made Adam from the dust of the ground, he put inside him all the strength areas. Adam was made in the image of God and he had within him all the strengths and qualities of God. This had to be so for him to be made in the image of God. He was made in the image of God, but was not God.

When the Lord God took the rib from Adam and created the woman, He took some of the strength areas out of Adam and put them in her. This means that the areas each is strong in leaves them weaker in the areas the other is strong in, because the strengths in Adam were divided so some are in the woman now. This goes back to the Lord God not creating the woman from the dust of the ground, but totally from Adam. She was truly bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. This is the true “one flesh”. But true “one flesh” is each one operating in their strengths and complimenting each other in their weak areas. The Lord God took the one, Adam, and made two, Adam and Eve, who then became one again, Adam and Eve together. The two together were stronger than the one on his own, even though he had all the strengths in him. There is something spiritually strong in the working together of two.

If the Lord God had taken every strength out of Adam and given them to the woman, leaving half strength in Adam and half strength in the woman of every strength, they would not have needed to compliment each other, and so could not have been one flesh. They can only be one flesh when one of them has a weakness and the other has a strength. This is how they compliment each other.

Adam and the woman still had to be made in the image of God even after He took Eve out. They each had to have both maleness and femaleness in them as God has. Both had to have some of all the qualities God has for them to be like Him. It was just that Adam had far more of the maleness and strengths and less of the female qualities and, of course, the woman had the opposite. But they both had to remain made in the image of God as it said in Genesis 1.

From the time satan deceived the woman in the garden, she has been seen as the weaker vessel. However this world, ever since the eating of the fruit of that tree, has been controlled by satan's lies. Since satan deceived the woman and made her believe it would be good to be like God, our lives have been controlled by lies. It is a lie that the Lord God made her a weaker vessel. He made her comparable to Adam.

He did not say that either one was better than or stronger than the other. He only said that she was comparable to him.

He left the authority and responsibility with Adam. But this did not make him better than or stronger than her because he needed the strengths God took and put in the woman, his helper, to do what he had to do.

What the Lord God actually did in separating the woman from Adam was to make them stronger when they worked together, because it was not good for man to be alone.

This is evidenced by the scripture,

*“One can put to flight 1000,
Two can put to flight 10,000.”*
Deuteronomy 32 verse 30.

What we all need to get back to in this world is seeing as the Lord God sees. He sees the woman as comparable. He sees the male as the authority. This is the first step in making ourselves ready as the Bride, to see each other as the Lord God sees each of us.

So from there the way leads to each of us believing the blueprint and walking in the part the Lord God ordained for each of us, so we can operate as the one flesh we are meant to be. The Lord God ordained for Adam to be the authority, and to have the responsibility for the two of them before Him. He also gave Adam responsibility for looking after His creation. This is his role and woman should accept this and in so doing, learn to trust the maker of the blueprint. We are not meant to do the job the Lord God ordained for Adam to do. But unless we accept that and walk in the role He has ordained for us, Adam cannot walk in his role correctly. We usurped his role in the garden and we need to hand it back to him. Neither Adam nor the woman can ever be happy or fulfilled unless they each accept each other's roles and let each one do what the Lord God ordained for them to do.

Chapter Eleven

The Roles

In the beginning, when the Lord God made Adam, He had a specific role for the man to play in this new creation. He set this role up in the Garden. He had a blueprint of how the whole of creation would work and what He wanted the role of the man to be, so it would all work perfectly. He put into man all the attributes he would need to perform his role. And the man was performing his role before he ate of the fruit of the tree.

When the Lord God took part of Adam to make the woman, He did not take authority out. This has always been the male quality and always will be. He left in Adam all the qualities he needed to live by the blueprint that would ensure the correct functioning of this new creation. There needed to be one authority figure and the Lord God chose for this to be Adam. This is shown very clearly by the fact that the woman's eyes were not opened when she ate of the fruit of the tree. It took Adam to eat for her eyes to be opened.

Having the authority meant that Adam's role was to love his wife and take responsibility for her. He was to be the authority figure in the lives of his children, training them up in God's ways, loving them so they did not become damaged.

*“Fathers do not cause your children to become angry.”
Colossians chapter 3, verse 21.*

He was to take care of the garden, i.e. the world, ensuring it was tended and kept, the issues of environment and ecology, peace and balance. He was to take care of the animals, to see that they flourished, and did not become extinct as is happening everywhere in our world today.

Think of the mess this world is in today because Adam has not been able to perform his role correctly. He ate from the fruit of the tree, which caused him to refuse to admit to being responsible for the consequences of this act, and look at the results we suffer because of this.

The part of Adam the Lord God took to make the woman gave her all the qualities she needed to be the helper the blueprint decreed she was to be. To me, the most important of these was spirituality. He gave her a gentle spirit, a listening spirit, a perfect companion.

But satan came and planted some lies into her mind. She listened to him and tricked Adam into eating of the fruit. She is still trying today to walk in the authority

she took from him that day. But she can't have the authority because God did not take it out of Adam to give to her. It is not something she needs to perform her role. The blueprint only works the way the Lord God planned for it to work in the beginning. Let me say, I do not think the woman deliberately wanted Adam's authority. She was just taken by the beauty of the tree, and the qualities of being like God. She didn't even know she was reversing the roles as the Lord God had ordained them. Satan knew. This was his plan. He knew what the consequences would be. This is what he wanted to achieve.

Unfortunately once she had tried, even unknowingly, to reverse the roles, it changed something in the spiritual realm, and that is still in operation today. The problem is when we step out of our God-given roles to try to operate in the others' role, it doesn't work. It is simply not meant to be. Everything the Lord God put in place was and is perfect. But we need to stay within the perfect blueprint in order for it all to work correctly.

Yes, we can both play each others roles, but it will never be as powerful as it would be if we could both be entirely satisfied with the roles God gave us and stay in them. This is where the real power lies, to be fulfilled in the role we have been given, and to complement the other in the role they have been given. To work together in the perfect plan God established.

A beautiful example in scripture of a husband and wife playing their roles correctly is the story of Mary and Joseph. Mary is found to be with child before she is wed to Joseph. He, being a just man, decides to put her away quietly. But an angel comes to him in a dream and tells him that she is with child by the Holy Spirit, and that he need not be afraid to take her as his wife. Joseph believes the dream and does as he is told. He hears twice more from the angel in a dream concerning the safety of the child and his mother, and each time he does as he is instructed.

Joseph is in his role of being the one to hear from God. God speaks to him, he tells Mary and they are obedient. He takes responsibility for her.

Mary is in her role of being cared for by her husband. She believes he has heard from God and allows him to take responsibility for her.

The blueprint working perfectly, enabling the child to be protected. But imagine how hard it would have been for them, especially for Joseph. To take as wife a woman who was with a child that was not his. Joseph walked incredibly in his knowledge of who the Lord God was and in his faith and trust in Him, leading to him being able to be totally obedient to God. Think what a different world we would live in today if husbands walked as Joseph walked. Joseph had true Intimacy. He has such a quiet role in scripture yet, if we look deeply at who he really was, he was an amazing man of God.

One day, after my two young friends and I returned from Canberra, we had a meeting together to follow up on what the Lord had begun to teach us while we were away. The young man told us a story and opened up a question that needed answering. It was the same as my toilet seat question, only his was about a toothpaste tube. It was something that annoyed him, so I knew the Lord God was saying to look at the issue of the spiritual principle behind his annoyance.

He wanted to know why men made sure the toothpaste tube was squeezed from the bottom so the toothpaste was always at the top of the tube. His flatmate, a female, squeezed it from the top. I don't know if this is a definite thing males do and females do. That day, both the young woman and I admitted we squeezed the tube from the top, so I think it may be mostly right. He had been discussing his annoyance with a mate and discovered he had the same problem, and that it annoyed him also. His mate was married and had the problem between he and his wife. He had tried to get her to do as he did and push the toothpaste up from the bottom of the tube, so the tube was flat after taking her toothpaste out, but to no avail. She just couldn't seem to get it. It wasn't a priority for her. The husband's solution, to try to stop his annoyance, was to buy two tubes of toothpaste, his and hers, so she had to deal with the consequences of the unflattened tube when she could not squeeze any more toothpaste out, as it was all at the bottom of the tube.

After our meeting that day, I commenced to push the end of the tube of toothpaste flat each time I used it, just to see what happened. I was amazed. It was so hard for me to do it. It felt almost impossible. Then the young lady who had been with us said to me one day that she had been trying to squeeze the toothpaste from the bottom of the tube and was finding it impossible to do. It was going against something in her. We decided it was saying something important.

Don't you just love the Lord God's sense of humour in that He uses toilet seats and tubes of toothpaste to illustrate spiritual principles?

The next time the three of us met up, we discussed the issue. The young man had the answer. Surprise! Surprise! It was about the different roles of the male and the female and was the perfect example of how not to work together. It went all the way back to Adam and his wife in the garden. It was about what the Lord God had left in Adam when He took strengths out of him to put in the woman. It was about efficiency. This was a strength He had left in Adam so it was strong in him and important to him. Because He left the strength of the quality in Adam, it was weak in the woman. Be aware here, I am not saying women cannot be efficient or that men are always efficient. I am saying that we all have areas that go back to the garden and these can cause friction in relationships when it is something that is strong in one causing annoyance because it isn't strong in the other. And He uses ordinary every day issues to illustrate a principle that, if understood correctly, can help us work together as the Lord God made us to as one flesh.

What He revealed to me is that the correct working of the roles each was assigned to would have been for this husband to BE the authority figure, no, not by demanding his wife's submission, but by simply pushing the toothpaste up the tube whenever it needed doing. To recognise she was not strong in that area and he was, and to simply walk in the strength God had left in him, and make sure the tube of toothpaste was being used efficiently.

The toilet seat area would be for the wife to walk in her role of helper and realise her husband was not strong in the area of awareness of small things and simply put it down each time she needed to use it. She could be an incredible Eve and put the seat back up ready for him to use, each time after she uses it.

There would be a thousand areas where this would be evident in a relationship, but that is not what we are looking at here. We are looking at the respective roles of the man and the woman, recognising that each has God-given roles and God-given strengths and, in order for the blueprint to work correctly and allow us to be true one flesh, we need to see the picture clearly and enjoy performing the role the Lord God gave to us.

It isn't a matter of making a list of all the small areas that annoy us and trying to change them. It is about becoming aware of what your individual role is when something annoys you, sorting out your strength and your mate's weakness and walking correctly in your role so they can walk correctly in theirs. Truth is if you are the one who is annoyed, then you are the one with the strength and so the one who needs to come up with the loving, one-flesh solution.

If we were able to see each other by these principles, there would be a major shift in how our relationships worked. If we each took responsibility when we were frustrated with our mate, and looked for the true one flesh way to walk in, instead of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, our relationships could be amazing. Can you see how it could work?

I write here about male/female relationships. But to learn these principles and to operate in them is something we all need to do.

Take a woman on her own who has never been married or been in a long term relationship. If she doesn't learn the principles of the roles and how to function in them, she will find areas of life that are hard, because she is struggling against spiritual principles.

I am very aware of the roles and seek to live my life in accordance with them. This is especially in the male's role of authority. Because of my desire to be obedient to His blueprint for the operation of His world and because I have learnt He always has my best interests at heart, the Lord God has, for many years, given me men to listen to and to come under authority to, for my good. The first of these was a very special

man named Tony, a New Zealander with a Welsh family line. I knew him and his wife before Tim left me, and they have always stayed in my life.

When I bought a new car in 2002, Tony told me that if I wanted the motor to last and to serve me well, I should make sure I had the oil changed every six months. After the initial three years of servicing were over, I found out that the company that were servicing the car were not changing the oil every service, only when they decided it needed changing. I was very annoyed. If Tony had not given me this wisdom, I would not have known to challenge this. Now every time I put it in for a service I make sure they change the oil. And, of course, I have it serviced every six months.

Then just last year, another man who drives clients home after they have dropped their car for a service, had a talk to me about how I should treat my car now that it was ten years old. I drive to Queensland twice a year to see my family, and I always drive at the full speed limit so I can make the trip in one day, twelve hours driving. This means speeds of up to 120 klms per hour for a large part of the trip. This man told me that if I wanted my car to last, I now needed to never drive it over 100 klms per hour. I now spend two days travelling and stay overnight in some small town on the way, and I don't drive my car over 100 klms per hour.

When I had my car serviced a few week ago, I mentioned to the mechanic that I do this, do not drive my car over 100 klms per hour now it is getting older. He said to me that I did not need to do this, it was quite okay to drive my car at 110kms at least. I did not take any notice of him. He eats from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The other man was used by God to give me specific information. I will still follow his advice and stay under 100.

If I did not know the authority given to the male to look after the female, I would not have listened to either of them. I would not have the wisdom to look after my car correctly. I find having to look after a car as a female is a hard job. It is not something I have a lot of knowledge about and I so appreciate the knowledge given to me by God through these men.

In my village there is a very special and giving man who is a wizz at computers. This is another area I find very frustrating. But he comes and helps me, gives me advice. He has told me that my old desk top hard drive is one of the best ever made and to keep having it repaired for as long as it is possible. To not replace it with a new one which will be a lesser quality. Also, as our units are very tiny and my computer desk is in my bedroom, and I am very limited in the space I have to move around in, he reorganised the placement of my furniture in my computer corner so I have more room to move around, which means less stress and less chance of tripping over something. I do not have the capacity to think like he does. I would have gone on being inconvenienced by the lack of space forever. I am grateful the Lord God uses this man's kindness and patience to help me in areas I am struggling in.

There is another man in my village who parks his car next to mine. He sees me wiping the windows of my car with a rag on a winter's morning, so I can see to drive, but it does a very ineffective job. Then he tells me if I use the hose, it takes only a few seconds, is far less messy and does a much better job. It may be hard for some to understand but this kind of efficiency is something I lack. I literally would never think to use a hose. It would not occur to me. So I am grateful and appreciative of this Adam's input into my life to make things easier and more efficient for me. My young friend who knows about the qualities God left in Adam says efficiency in getting things done is one He definitely left in him.

Only one of these men call themselves christians, and yet they have very christian hearts. I doubt any of them know about the fullness of the Adam and Eve story or that they have authority to look after random females in their lives. They just do it. They have love as their essence. They are givers.

Because I recognise the role of the male to look after the female, I can learn from and be obedient to many and varied males in my life, and so make life easier for myself.

Of course this will also work for males who are not in a marriage or a long term relationship, and who would come to understand the spiritual principles, and recognise the role of the Eves in their lives and accept their wisdom to help them in areas they are not strong in. They also would make life easier for themselves.

Chapter Twelve

The Blockage

One morning just two weeks ago, the Lord God woke me up at 4.40am. This is not unusual. It is in the early hours of the morning that He has me writing, most days. But this morning He had a different purpose.

I know I have written about this in chapter 7, but it is important, and I have written it a little differently this time. I also believe because I have written it twice, the Lord God wanted it this way. There is something here for readers to hear directly from the Lord God in regards to their personal relationship and circumstances with Him. Maybe He wants to give you an experience like this to build your trust in Him. I didn't realise I had written it twice until after I had finished this chapter.

He began by talking to me about my family. He showed me the lies that control their lives, especially my younger daughter who has a call of God on her life. It was very painful looking at some of the things I have had to walk through because of the Original Lies in my children's lives and in the lives of their spouses. Things that I am still walking through today. I have stated before, in my first book, that the way the Lord God asks me to walk for Him is to allow Him to break my heart. In the walking through the breaking of my heart and yet me continuing to love, he is able to use my walk with Him to achieve spiritual ground. Continuing to love when you have been hurt is a powerful spiritual warfare weapon.

By the willingness to forgive, the refusal to hold resentment, the always praying, genuinely, for good things for those who have severely hurt me, the servant heart, going the second mile, the desire for truth above everything, the willingness to pay the cost, the hating the things He hates, the walking in intimacy with Him, the always seeking to see others as He sees them, the being hated and not hating back, and even more, a true disciple's walk, He is able to win spiritual ground for His purposes because it is a mere woman defeating satan.

He called me to this walk many years ago, and I willingly walk in obedience to Him, because He saved me at a time where I would have taken my own life. I have nothing without Him. I am nothing without Him. Saying all the things I have said about myself could sound like pride, but I know deep within my spirit that I am nothing without Him.

No good thing lives in me except what He is in me.

After He had shown me all the things about my children, He asked me a question.

“What if your children never come to believe in the power of the Original Lie, and are the ones who never come to healing and wholeness?”

My immediate response was,

“I will still follow you. I will always follow you no matter what the cost.”

I realised later He was asking me how much I loved Him, as He had asked Peter, on the beach after He had risen from the grave, how much he loved Him. Did I love Him enough that, if I never received the most important desire of my heart, wholeness for my children, when I have been able to help others to receive it, would I still love Him and follow Him with my whole heart?

With my answer that I did love Him as much as this, He was then able to take me into a place I can only describe as a type of trance, not where I saw things, but where I heard and experienced things. He has taken me into this place twice before. The first time was when I had been yelled at by a lady for an hour and I had not answered back a word, which led to Him asking me to write my first book, laying bare my whole life for His purposes.

The second time was where Sam[chapter 6 of And his Bride Has Made Herself Ready] had first made his interest in me clear and I had to decide whether I would give up my single, free life that I loved, and commit to be the wife on a man sixteen and a half years older than I was, a man of almost eighty one, and to really love him.

Each of these two trances lasted for three days where, even though I could do ordinary things, I was not there. I was still in the trance with Him. So I understood what was happening to me. Both these experiences are written about in my first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready.”

The place He took me to this time was the foot of the cross. The Lord Jesus was at the place where He cries out,

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”

Mark chapter 15 verse 34.

In this place, He let me feel the weight of the pain of sin. It was what He was feeling when he cried out to God, only I felt just a tiny portion of this, I believe the sin of myself and my family members. That was bad enough! The Lord Jesus was feeling, in fact carrying, the weight of all the sin ever committed, from Adam and Eve right through to the moment He was dying, and for all the sin that would be committed for all the generations to come after His death. Can we even begin to imagine what this would have felt like?

“But it was for this purpose He chose to die on the cross.”

The gospel of John chapter 12 verse 27

Then the Lord spoke into my spirit words I had never heard or understood before. He said it was the weight of this sin that had blocked His view of His Father. The Lord God had not left Him, but the immense weight of what He was carrying blocked His view of God. He then explained to me that it is the sin in our lives that blocks our view of God, of who He really is. It is the knowledge of our own sin, largely sin we are not aware of, or haven't had the courage to search out and admit to, that stops us from seeing God clearly. This is why we get angry with Him and blame Him, just as Adam did in the garden. It was his sin not admitted to and not taken responsibility for, that had caused Adam to blame the Lord God and the woman in the garden. It started right there.

I want to share something of great importance to me which I have seen in the way the Lord Jesus handled people He spoke to in the time He walked this earth. It is one of the things He did that I would love to be able to do also.

When the Lord Jesus asks us a question like the one He asked me when he said what if my children never come to believe in the power of the Original Lie to set them free, He does not ask the question He is really asking. He did not ask me,

“Will you still follow me if your children never get healed.”

No, He doesn't ask the question straight out that He really wants an answer to. But this is the question He was really asking me. He phrases it in a way where I hear what He is really asking, and answer the real question He is asking.

He does this with Peter in the end of the Gospel of John where He asks him three times if he loves Him. His purpose in asking this is not to find out if Peter loves Him. He already knows this. He asks the question so Peter will find out that, even though he has denied Jesus three times, he really does love Him.

By asking the question in this way, He lets Peter know that the truth is that he is a frail human, and frail humans sometimes hurt someone they love because of the fear inside them. It doesn't mean the love they feel is not real. It is just our human condition and we can overcome this if we do not give in to self condemnation. By Jesus asking the question in the way He did, He set Peter free to find his own answers and go on to do the incredible things he did in the Acts of the Apostles.

A godly man whose walk in the Spirit I value highly spoke to me about the Lord Jesus asking Peter this question three times. He believes the reason for this could also be that He was asking Peter if he believed in the Trinity. One “do you love me” for each of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He believes He was establishing in Peter's heart the truth and reality of a triune God. This is very deep and I do not know whether it is correct or not. I am not a scholar and I admit I

do not use the word Trinity. I use each word separately, even though I believe in a triune God. I put this in here for people to discern if the Lord God is saying something to them or not. It goes back to chapter 11 where I allow godly men to speak into my life although I always have to have Him confirm it is truth. It is much harder to do this in this situation than it is to accept truth about how to look after my car.

Also, in this book you may have noticed that I use the title the Lord Jesus and the Lord God instead of just Jesus and God. I do this because there is a growing awareness in me of the importance of using our correct, full name. It has spiritual significance as in the Lord God changing Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah. I am using in this book the way the New King James translation refers to the Lord Jesus and the Lord God. It is about reminding myself each time I speak of them, just exactly who they really are. Not just Jesus, but the Lord Jesus Christ.

Satan caused the woman to call the Lord God just God when he tempted her in the garden. She allowed him to do this to her, and it was the beginning of him being able to deceive her.

Back to the way the Lord Jesus asks a question to get the answer He really wants. I would love the ability to ask a question that would lead to someone being set free without having to explain everything and counsel them. I have always found it is the truth we find out for ourselves that stays with us. We can tell truth to people, and they may listen or they may not. But if they come to the truth by themselves, it stays with them forever.

Many years ago, when I worked for a crisis accommodation, there was a man who worked there as a public relations man. He said to me one day,

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. If necessary, use words.”

This is another way of doing what Jesus did. If they are convicted of the truth of the Gospel by the lives we live rather than by the words we speak to them, it makes an impact that satan cannot destroy.

Chapter Thirteen

From Where?

No! Men are not from Pluto and women are not from Neptune. They are both from the Garden of Eden where it all started. It may seem that we are from separate planets, but we aren't. It really all goes back to the garden. Everything that happened there still affects every man and woman today, especially when we get into relationship with each other. I hope you get my little attempt at humour here. I am told Pluto is the closest to earth and Neptune is the furthestest away. They are the two with the greatest distance between them.

It is about the roles we play. We have been given roles by the Lord God, but our fall from Grace in the garden ruined all His plans. So we no longer operate in these roles. We now operate under satan's plan, the Original Lie that controls each one of us, and the consequences of the curses from the fall.

I have a special friend whom I met about eighteen months ago. She is an intercessor also. One who is really God's intercessor. We meet once a week and we talk about the things of God. She is one who really has a heart to follow God and become as He wants her to be. She is married to a really beautiful man, but the principles of the problems of what happened in the garden happen in their marriage. Because I am writing this book at this time, and because she is married, we talk a lot about how to be the Eve that Eve wasn't. She is determined to become a good Eve to her husband. She is delightful. She has become like my prototype for being a good Eve. She has changed dramatically in the time we have been talking and I am sure her husband notices and appreciates who she is becoming.

We laugh a lot. Sometimes it is over this very subject: the difference between men and women, and how it does go back to the garden.

She came in one day and I was eating my lunch. She began to talk about what had just happened at her home where she had been making lunch for her husband and herself. She told me of the difference between them just in the simple making of a sandwich. It really was an example of seeming to come from different planets. She said that when she has finished making lunch, she always sits down and eats her lunch before putting away the ingredients she has used in the preparation of the simple meal; a sandwich. This annoys her husband as he would put the ingredients away before he eats his meal. I took her out into my kitchen. There on the breadboard was a jar of peanut butter, a knife and a loaf of bread. We laughed and laughed. No, we were not laughing at her husband nor even at ourselves. We were laughing at the simplest thing that illustrated the huge differences between us that prevent us from being in one flesh, even in the act of making a sandwich.

It really isn't funny. I think we laugh because it is so very sad. There would be hundreds of such examples as this small one. But think of the friction it all causes. For my friend and myself, we can laugh because we are seeking the solution. There is no judgement for who Adam is nor for who Eve is. We are walking in the truth of how we live today. When you really embrace the truth, the Lord God's truth, and take responsibility for who you are yourself, there is no judgement for anyone. You learn to see as He does. In fact you can love more deeply and honestly. That is the journey we are on; to learn to love more deeply and honestly. Judging ourselves and others comes from eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The one thing I have really learnt from my walk with Him is that, as I embrace His ways, I am becoming more loving and judging less. The simple act of accepting that what happened in the garden 6000 years ago still affects us all today, sets me free to be able to begin to return to the principles of the Lord God's blueprint, and to accept and walk in the role He has ordained for Eves everywhere. I will never remarry, but I can still be a good Eve to Adams I may meet during the rest of my life.

I think this is a good place to put in something I have missed out on explaining both in “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready” and in this book. It is really important and was picked up by the man to whom this book is dedicated.

I frequently use the scripture,

“Know the truth and the truth shall make you free”.
John 8 verse 32

In actual fact, this scripture says,

*“If you abide in me, then you are my disciples
and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”*

The scripture is conditional. It is one of God's “if you do this, then I will do this.” I write about this in “The Bride”: especially 2nd Chronicles chapter 7, verses 13 and 14. There are many conditional scriptures in the Bible.

Another translation of the “know the truth” scripture says,

*“If you abide in me, then you will obey me,
and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

Of course if you are His disciple, you do hear his voice and you do obey Him.

Chapter Fourteen

This Generation

This generation is very different, I believe, to any other generation that has been before. I am speaking about all those who are under thirty. Has the Lord God done this? I believe He has. Why do I feel they are different? Many of them are searching for that which is real. They will not settle for less. And they judge people by whether they consider the person is real or not.

They hate fake! And I do mean hate! Again this is their yardstick for judging people. Are they real or fake? They will very quickly tell someone if they think they are fake, or if any of their friends are being fake at any given instance, they will hear about it very strongly. It is very important to this generation to be real.

For myself, I do not like the word “fake”. It reacts negatively with my spirit. But fake is the opposite of real. And being real is what it is all about. I do not believe they should be telling each other or others they are fake. But this is who they are. It is part of what they see as them being real and not being able to handle, or wanting to be in even the slightest way, fake.

I believe they have a very important truth and the Lord God has caused them to be this way in this generation. The real and fake and the difference between them is their simplistic way of describing an important spiritual truth for these days. I believe the Lord God has done this. He has planted a love for real and a hate for fake deep within them so He can lead them to the place He really wants them; finding out who they are in Him {real}, not finding out their true identity {fake}. Unless you have an ear to hear, the difference between these two can be such a fine line. However, in their young hearts they can hear the difference.

Now we need to go back to the garden as it all started there.

We have Adam and his wife who have sinned and now are separated from God. They have lost their intimacy with Him. They no longer see clearly who He is. They still know He is God, but His qualities are now blurred. They think they may be able to fool Him about their being naked: to hide it from Him. But they can't. They thought or at least the woman thought, that they could be like God. But they are about to find out that God is still God and they are still only created beings.

But a very important spiritual consequence has taken place. It has two arms. They no longer see the Lord God clearly and they no longer see each other clearly. A number of the young women I speak to today have a deep longing to be known for who they are in God. Their cry is often,

“Why doesn't 'Adam' see me for who I really am?”

The desire for realness is bringing them to find out who they really are in God. But “Adam” doesn't see them in the way they are seeing themselves because of finding out who they really are in God. They are starting to see who Adam really is because, as you find out who you are in God, you begin to see others more clearly.

This world will be a much better place when we can be free to see each other clearly because we have fought our Lies, [satan's plan for each of us], found intimacy with the Lord God and learnt to love each other as He has loved us.

Another of the things the eating of the fruit [lack of intimacy] does to us is we cannot believe in the goodness of each other. I had an experience when I was working for the crisis accommodation years ago. I had met a man who had been in the rehabilitation program. He would come and have fellowship with us. It was winter time and he had no coat. I bought one from the opportunity shop, and mended it and gave it to him. The others, who were women also from the rehab. decided that I was in love with Peter. I wasn't. I could see who he was, a very genuine, decent man. They could not see him as I saw him. They saw an attractive man. I saw a need and filled it by buying him a coat. They could not see that I just did something nice for him with no hidden agendas. They caused him to stop coming for fellowship because of their inability to believe someone could do something for an attractive man just because he had a need and she had a mother's [nurturing] heart. No hidden agendas. I was also 20 years older than him and my Lie was healed. I was free to be me with no hidden agendas.

I believe there is a really deep problem here. We constantly judge the motives of each other's hearts, and we get it wrong all the time because we cannot see clearly the splinter in the other's eye until we have removed the log from our own eyes. Matthew chapter 7 verse 3. We need to stop judging and start believing in each other's goodness. I believe that most of the time we would then get it right. On the few times we would get it wrong, we would not be the losers, because to trust someone is to do something for ourselves. I am not talking here about money. I am talking about being on each other's side in a world where we all have a difficult time.

There is another issue here that I feel I need to mention. It is not about the garden, but is necessary, I think, because of all the fear it brings up in people. The Lord Jesus calls this time we are in now,

“The time of His coming and of the end of this age.”

The gospel of Matthew chapter 24 verse 3.

When we shorten it and just say “end times” we are giving a wrong impression to those who do not know the truth, or the babes in Christ like our young generations.

Once fear gets in, it is very hard to remove it, and people do not hear correctly while ever it is there. Through writing, I am learning to call issues from scripture as He calls them. There is a great difference in meaning between the phrases “end times” and “the time of His coming and the end of this age.” The first produces fear and the second doesn't. I find a lot of young people are afraid of “end times” but calling it “the coming of Jesus and the end of this age,” opens them up to further discussion. Godly discussion.

Chapter Fifteen

Why Are They Different?

My young friend Sarah and I were talking about why the younger generation is so open to the truth of the Original Lie and the older generation isn't. She was saying to me that the walk I took through the healing of the Original Lie inside me was for this generation specifically. I spoke forth some words to her that I believe came straight from the Holy Spirit. This happens to me sometimes. I do not have any idea of what I am going to say, and it is nothing I have ever thought of before. It is amazing to hear from the Lord God like this.

What I said was that this generation was the one that had lived through the consequences of their parents and grandparents living in their Original Lies for their whole lives, and subsequently damaging the children. They are the ones who have suffered more damage than previous generations as it seems to get worse as time goes on. Also it is not only that the damage is more widespread but it seems the damage is more severe in this generation. I was severely damaged in my generation, but this was unusual for that time. Now there are many who are damaged as badly as I was.

This generation is the one who are starting to say;

“Something isn't right here. There has got to be a better way.”

And the ones to say,

“We are not going to put up with this any more.”

“We do not want to have our children suffer as we have suffered.”

“We are going to find the Truth.”

And so they have made different decisions about their lives from the previous generations. They are open to different solutions than their parents and grandparents, because they are the ones who are the third and fourth generations of the sins of the fathers being passed on. I am taking this from the time of the first and second world wars, which I believe was the start of spiritual change, through deterioration firstly and now through growth to maturity.

They are the generation God has chosen to search for truth and to walk in it. Even those who do not follow the Lord Jesus are open to seeking out their Original Lies and dealing with them. They know what they are carrying inside them and they do not want to have this thing controlling their lives. They are choosing freedom.

I was asked last night what scripture the Original Lie was based on. The whole truth of it is contained in the scripture,

“For as a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.”
Proverbs 23 verse 7.

This is the whole truth of the Original Lie. We have been told in childhood that we are many things, most of them very negative things. Children believe what they are told. When they are told the same negative stuff, or have the same negative experiences happen, over and over, it goes into their little spirits and they believe what the words and experiences are telling them about themselves. This, at puberty, the most vulnerable time of our lives, becomes a core belief; an Original Lie. Read chapter 3 of “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready” for a full explanation of the concept of the Original Lie.

I have explained in the eighteenth chapter of this book, called “Nakedness,” how the first Lies came to be in Adam and Eve. It is satan's plan to have one planted in each individual so he can stop them from reaching their full potential in God in this world. All he had to do was plant a Lie in Adam and Eve, and sit back and watch the consequences take place. There were more consequences of the eating of the fruit of that tree than we have been aware of. The Original Lie planted into the original man and woman is one of those consequences. We have all suffered since. You only have to look at our relationships to know something is horribly wrong.

The lady I have mentioned above, who asked the question last night, was actually saying she did not believe in the Original Lie truth. I had just explained to her how her Lie was causing her to have excess sympathy for a young lady, and how that was not helping the young lady and it was hurting her son, and how two Lies, one in her and one in the young woman, can hook into each other when we are not aware we have a Lie within us, or refuse to accept that we have one.

The strange thing is this lady says she is a prophet of the Lord God and believes she hears from Him regularly. What she hears is not all based on scripture. A lot of her hearing comes from researching the internet, i.e. from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She may hear from God and He may call her to speak forth for Him. I would not presume to say otherwise. Yet she cannot accept that He speaks to me and calls me to write and teach the Original Lie truth. It has been proved in my life dramatically and is now helping set free other captives. The fruit of this teaching is very good. It is the Lord Jesus setting the captives free. Yet she cannot see that I hear from the Lord God just as powerfully as she believes she does. This is how deceptive the heart is. Scripture says,

“The heart is deceptive above all things.”
Jeremiah 17 verse 9

The reason she cannot see the Original Lie in herself, or believe in its existence, all goes back to the garden. Everything does. She is unable to accept responsibility for her own behaviour. In particular that we all damage our children and cause Lies to be planted in them. Her children are all working on their Original Lies and becoming free. But she is unable to accept her parenting caused the Lies to be planted in them, or, in truth, that she has an Original Lie in her that caused Lies to be planted in her children. Of course, as I have stated in my first book, there is no condemnation for any parents anywhere in any generation. But we need to be able to accept that we have not done a perfect job, so we can be set free.

She then, last night, said a number of things to her son, untrue things that reinforced in him the Lie he already has planted inside him and that he is fighting to become free of. She told him he is selfish, not walking God's way, not being the person she had brought him up to be, inconsiderate. All he wanted her to do was to listen to him as he had a genuine concern. But her Original Lie made her unable to do this for him. He went away feeling rejected and uncared for, not as valuable as the young woman who is not her daughter.

This truth about the Original Lie is the greatest tool we have to fight the damage that has been done to us. It is the Lord God taking what satan has designed to destroy us and use it powerfully to set us free. We are captives to the Original Lie while ever we do not accept it is there controlling our behaviour, as this lady so perfectly illustrated last night.

I have another young friend called Chris. He and I were talking one day when I again spoke forth words straight from the spirit.

*“ God is going to use all those who have had horrendous childhoods.
He is going to reward us by giving us true intimacy with Him,
so he can use us in these times.”*

Chris walks very strongly in the Spirit and he heard the truth of the words.

I have always believed this to be true but it is the first time I had spoken it forth. The Lord God knows exactly what we have gone through and He cares. It is the children He cares about the most. And those of us who have really suffered as children are still and always will be His precious children. He knows what we have gone through, even though He could not stop it, He knows and He cares.

The gospels of Matthew chapter 18 verse 6, Mark chapter 9 verse 42, and Luke 17 verse 2, give proof of this very strongly.

He knows what we have been robbed of and the injustice of what has happened to us. No, not because of our parents and grandparents, but because of satan and his

plan. This is the generation where the damage has become concentrated, where the Original Lie has robbed us of so much. The Lord God knows, and it is His time, in this generation, to right the wrong. This is the generation to whom He has brought the knowledge of the Original Lie, and they are being set free from it, because they are hearing the truth of it and working out their Lies and defeating them.

Matthew chapter 7 verse 21 to 23 talks of a time when many will come to Jesus and say,

*“Did we not do many wonders in your name,
cast out demons in your name,
and prophesied in your name,*

Then I will declare to them, I never knew you.”

The Lord Jesus has shown me very clearly that the working of the Original Lie in our lives and being set free of it is the way He comes to know us. He already knows everything about us, but when we share it all with Him as we have the courage to walk through our damage, that is Him coming to know us. Because we make a choice to share everything about ourselves with Him, He comes to know us.

Chapter Sixteen

His Time

One of the godly men the Lord God has given to me to read through this book for me asked me a question. He wanted more of an explanation for why this generation is different. He wanted a fuller understanding of the last two chapters; “This Generation,” and “Why are they different?” I didn't have an answer but the Lord God did.

One morning He began to talk to me about the line I had written saying that the young people were not going to put up with the way the world is, that they felt there was a better way and they were determined to find it. The words He spoke to me were,

“I am the one who has had enough!”

He told me that this time is His time to reveal Himself to the world. He has been working on this for many years now, and He took me through the progression in my life, of one of the ways He has worked this out. Of course He is doing this many times over in many different places in the world. He knows that for people to really get to know Him and His ways and to choose to walk in them, will stop the damage being done to the children. For this is what it is about; the damage being done to the children.

This is how He showed it to me.

In 1977, a young woman who had just been diagnosed with an unusual psychiatric illness cried out in desperation. She had lived in severe abuse and hopelessness for thirty-four years and she could not take any more. She had had enough. She would have taken her own life and left three beautiful children with the damage of a mother doing this to them, or even worse, taken all their lives.

But the Lord God had had enough also. He heard her cry and decided He was not going to let this happen to these children and their mother, who was herself still a severely damaged child. He decided to supernaturally intervene in her life, to come and make himself known to her so incredibly that she would know beyond any doubt that she had met His son, Jesus, and that she would follow Him with her whole heart from that day on.

Why did He choose to intervene in my life in such an incredible way. Because He had had enough and He had decided to do something about it. He needed to start somewhere. I have asked Him many times why He choose me, for He did choose

me. I could not have chosen anything. His intervention in my life was as powerful as Saul on the road to Damascus, with the same result. I knew I had met Jesus and I have never doubted. He has possessed my life since that day.

So He chooses to start with a severely dysfunctional, insignificant female. It wouldn't have been my plan but scripture says,

*“His ways are not our ways.
They are so much higher than anything we could think or understand.”*
Isaiah chapter 55 verse 8.

His plans are long term. He is so patient in working out His ways. It takes over thirty years of helping me become whole before He can begin to use my life to help Him to achieve His plans. That is a long term plan. But He really wants people to come to know Him. So He begins with me coming to know Him.

But I was so dysfunctional during these years that I could not have told you one way He had taught me or helped me. I could not have told you about the Original Lie. But He gave me years of building intimacy with Him, of coming to know Him and trust Him. He taught me to be a disciple. He remoulded me to be the way He wanted me to be for His purposes. He built my character and my attitudes. He brought me to become the person He had ordained me to be from the beginning of my life, the one satan had tried to destroy. All I had to do was allow Him to do it.

I do not know why He chose me except He knew I would follow Him and be obedient to Him. I had been so desperate, when He made Himself known to me, I became eternally grateful to Him. Of course it was Jesus I was following. I did not equate the experiences I was having with the Lord God. But, as the Lord Jesus says, He and His Father are one.

Then He gets two young people to invite me to a seminar at a Uniting Church on the south side of Sydney, somewhere I would never take myself. At that weekend, a time of healing emotions, I was not affected at all. I asked Him why, and He told me it was because my mind was healed. The emotions can only be healed when the mind is healed. He had taught me how to heal my mind, so my emotions were not being affected. I then spent 2 hours listening to Him teach me the Principles of the Original Lie, while everyone else was crying and rolling on the floor and yelling, releasing their emotions. I wrote it all down, but it was also going into my spirit deeply.

He then started to call me to teach this truth in all its fullness, because the Original Lie is satan's way of trying to destroy us, and the Lord God is using satan's own plan to destroy us to set us free and find intimacy with Him.

He took me to a conference in Adelaide, again a place I would not have gone to

except some other christians invited me to go. During these three days, I could feel one of the guest speakers had received some discernment concerning me. Every time I came up for prayer, he would make sure he was the one to pray for me. There were about four hundred people at the conference and four speakers praying for them. It was quite incredible to experience this as I had spent so much of my life being invisible to people. On the last day, he came over and gave me his mobile phone number and told me to find information on a man called William Branham who had a healing ministry in the 1950's. If I could not find anything, I was to ring him and he would help me find the right information.

After this experience, I was invited to go to Israel with one of the young people to a world wide conference, and of course I went. William Branham was not mentioned but, on the book and DVD sales table were a couple of small books about him and a series of sermons he had given that had been put on DVDs. I of course bought them all. I found out that one of the speakers was very impressed by William Branham and sold his teachings wherever he went.

William Branham was a man who, when photographed, would have a halo of light around his head that could not be seen by the naked eye. He had grown up in America in what is described as dirt poor circumstances. He had had a very hard life. But God used him mightily in a healing ministry. He was a very humble man who would not preach if the congregation tried in any way to worship him, to take any glory away from the Lord Jesus.

I have never found any likeness to William Branham in me except for the hard beginnings. I do not know what the guest speaker saw that he passed this information on to me so strongly. I believe he definitely saw something and I look forward to the fulfilment of what he saw.

I was then taken to a conference in a church in the south of Sydney, another place I would not have gone, by the same people who took me to Adelaide. I was being taught by the Holy spirit and I needed to only hear from Him to keep what He was showing me true. I had developed a strong gift of discerning of spirits and it was very uncomfortable for me to be in some places. At this time, the Lord was showing me things and speaking to me, and I was very affected by anything that was not total truth. I had made a choice to only listen to his voice and to go to the local church I was going to. I had also already started writing my first book and I only wanted to hear what the spirit was saying to me. I had asked the Lord God and knew He wanted me in Adelaide and the few other places I had gone.

At this conference, a man called John Crowder was speaking. I discerned that he carried the presence of God very strongly. He held a communion service on the Sunday morning that was profound. He used no music at his meetings. He would just come in and start speaking, and the presence of God would fall strongly on the entire place. He had written a book called "The New Mystics", a truly God anointed

book. It was about men and women of God who had carried His presence and His anointing over hundreds of years. It contained the story of William Branham.

Sarah had read “The New Mystics” and had said to me many times that I was one of them. They were older people who, by their walk in God, had set a ceiling for the younger generation to use as their floor, to continue on from in their journey with Him.

I apologise if I am being long winded in telling this, but I need readers to know how God led me and more importantly, how He is working to bring about His purposes.

I came to see that she was right by the way the Lord God had chosen me, then led me on a healing journey, teaching me things I could then use to help a generation that were suffering badly the consequences of their families living under the Original Lie. Everything I had gone through could be used to help them.

The only way I can make sense of why He chose me is because of Gideon. God chose Him when he was trembling in fear and hiding from the Midianites, and called Him a “mighty man of valour.” He wasn't, but he became so because God called him out as this. Gideon was, by his own words, the least son, of the least family, of the least tribe, of all the tribes of Israel.

As I have written in my first book, my mother did not even have the same father as her siblings. She did not ever come to know who her real father was. This caused a difference between her and her siblings. They were the children of an English aristocrat, and she had no idea where she had come from. She was the youngest child, the one who did not belong fully, the one who did not look like the others, the least of the least. I felt this very strongly as I grew older, the sense of not quite belonging, as other extended family members treated my mother, my sister and I as different and not as valuable as them. But He chose me and called me to true intimacy with Him, even as the disciple John had. He called me “disciple” when I was still so dysfunctional, and I became one. It is all about Him.

In my mother's family, except for my beautiful Aunt Jo, my mother and I became two of the strongest believers and followers of Him, in a family who prided themselves on their christianity.

I believe God does chose the least of the least today, just as He did in Gideons day. I believe we will see this more and more in these times.

King David, the man with the heart God loved, was also the youngest son, the one his father and brothers did not think God could be choosing. But while he was still a shepherd boy, God called him a king and he became so. 1 Samuel chapter 16 verse 1 to 13.

I believe the Lord God has planted something deep inside this generation that has not been in any other generation. He has planted a desire in them to come to know Him, because He wants the world to come to know Him, to seek intimacy with Him. It is all about Him and His desires and plans. He has had enough and He is beginning to move.

He is revealing Himself to this generation as He revealed Himself to me. It is His time. He has had enough of this world not knowing Him.

And this is His incredible plan, to use ordinary men and women, quite often very damaged young men and women, to come into intimacy with Him, so they can show Him to the world around them because of their love for and intimacy with Him.

What a privilege!

He gave me the experience when Tim and I travelled into western Queensland in 1994, of meeting some very amazing people. Pastors and their wives living simple lives in small churches, sometimes as small as ten people. Beautiful church congregations. Yet I heard the word of God preached so strongly and so truthfully, that I could have stayed in any one of a number of these small towns just to be where I was hearing truth so powerfully, and to be part of these communities. I tell in "The Bride" how Tim put his head on his hands and cried as we left one of these small towns, he had felt so close with the people we met there.

As we were nearing home on our return trip, the Lord God spoke to me about these people. He said He had allowed me to meet some of the seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal. 1 Kings chapter 18, verse 19. This is the story about Elijah thinking he is the only one God has, after he has defeated the prophets of Baal. But God shows him He has seven thousand more. He was showing me that He has many everywhere that he has ready to use for His purposes. The west of Queensland is not the only place. He would have them all over Australia, and in fact all over the world.

I loved receiving this revelation. I feel so blessed when He shares with me what He is doing.

The really important thing is, The Lord God of Heaven wants to be known by this earth He has created and the descendants of the man and the woman He created to have intimacy with. This is His time. He has had enough. He wants to be known.

Chapter Seventeen

A Subtle Difference

One of the most important things that is still with us from the garden is the love of the knowledge of good and evil Adam and Eve received when they ate from the forbidden tree. I see this as a huge blockage between us and the Lord God today. I talk to a lot of people, and He leads me to some very interesting conversations. They are conversations I rarely join into, but I am a listener and I love to sit and hear what people are thinking. There have been a couple of these conversations lately. One particular one led me to experience very strongly how there is a way we can help ourselves and grow. We can build our own “self esteem”. We can achieve some of our dreams all by ourselves. I was never able to do this as I had been too badly damaged in my childhood. I really could do nothing without Him.

But some can. The deep sadness I heard in one such conversation is that people really are so taken by knowledge, they believe God just does not exist. Although they don't say this as strongly as “not believing”. They down play Him and say they are not sure He exists. When Adam and the woman ate from the tree, they set up the love of knowledge. Although, for them, I believe they were very sorry, very quickly, that they had eaten. Even though they had separation from God, they still knew He existed and they had the knowledge of who He was. They lost the intimacy, but not the knowledge that He really exists.

Adam was there when the woman was created. He watched all the animals being created. He knew where he came from. He did not have to choose, as we do today, whether to believe God exists or not. He knew God was real.

Today we still have the love of knowledge, but, in losing the intimacy, as the generations have come and gone, we have lost the surety that He really exists. For someone who really knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that He exists, it caused my eyes to open as to how good a job satan has done in that he has people believing he doesn't exist as well as believing God doesn't exist either.

How can we desire intimacy with a God we do not believe exists? For that is the whole solution, to come back to the desire for the intimacy we had in the garden but lost. How can we desire the pearl of great price when we have been blocked from believing He exists by our love of knowledge. And it still goes back to that tree.

What He allowed me to feel was the huge chasm that is between our loving knowledge and our desiring intimacy with Him. If we can build an identity we can believe in, then we can begin to achieve the things we deem necessary to our lives, and we can leave God right out of the equation. We can have a comfortable life.

When we can be successful in our own eyes and have the acclaim of others, why do we need God? No, I am not talking about people in the world. I am talking about searchers for truth, including those who call themselves christians; the lady who opened my eyes to this is a christian in church every Sunday. And they find a truth of sorts. It satisfies to a degree. It allows them to believe they have got it right. But they have their version of truth in their own self sufficiency.

Until someone like me comes along and says the exact opposite of everything they are using to build their comfortable lives. Someone who has experienced the real truth and true intimacy with her Heavenly Father. Who calls it “finding out who we are in God,” instead of “finding out our true identity.” Sounds the same doesn't it? But one leaves God out and the other doesn't. It is so subtle.

I have to state some strong beliefs here because that is what I want to write about. I waste my time otherwise.

There is no truth unless God is in it. There is no intimacy unless God is in it. There is no love unless God is in it. He is Truth, Intimacy, Love. You cannot have real truth, intimacy, love without Him. We are unable to really love, to have true intimacy with anyone, to know the real truth unless we know God, for He is all these things in His essence. So we can have something that resembles these things, but they cannot be the real thing unless we have them in God.

For me God is in everything. This is a different “being in everything” to what a lot of “enlightened people” believe it means. I read books many years ago that put forward the belief that everything is God, the trees, animals, even inanimate objects, that everything is God experiencing Himself, by becoming everything.

No, God is creator. He created everything because He is Love, Intimacy, Truth. He wanted to share these qualities with a world He created. He didn't become His creation. He is still God and we are His creation. The difference is there.

Chapter Eighteen

Nakedness

It is 3.12 am and I have been awake for a couple of hours. The Lord Jesus has begun to talk to me about the “knowing they were naked”.

We really need to be able to put ourselves into the position of Adam and the woman at this time. They have been in the Garden of Eden for an unspecified time, having intimacy with the Lord God, having all their needs provided for by their creator. There was no doubt that they knew the Lord God had created them. Adam was there when the woman was created. It wasn't a choice they had to make like we do today; “do I believe the 'story' of creation or not?” They knew! They only had to obey one command to keep all this. Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But they had eaten. Suddenly their eyes were open and they now knew good from evil.

God had taught them in the Garden to see everything they did as a learning experience. They made decisions about how they would do something, and this may turn out to be right or wrong. But the right was just a learning experience, one they could do again. Or the decision could turn out to not be successful. Again this was a learning experience. Only this time they learnt to look for a different way to do it, until they found the best way to do it. Getting something right or wrong were both just learning experiences.

Now they had their eyes opened and they had a different way to see themselves. Now instead of right and wrong, it became good and evil. And this carried a judgement of themselves they had not experienced before. They could now look at all the learning experiences they had had, and redefine them as good or bad. In an instant, this is how their judgement of themselves and everything they had done was reinterpreted by them.

Can you imagine this? The turmoil that must have been in their minds. It would have been incomprehensible to them as to what exactly had happened to them. So their first action was to make a fig leaf covering to try to hide their nakedness. I cannot believe they really understood what being naked meant. They did what came naturally to them. They reacted without knowing why. And we have all been doing the same thing ever since. Reacting without knowing why.

Remember the equation from my first book;

“Thoughts cause feelings cause actions or reactions.”

To me, an action is something we decide to do, rightly or wrongly. A reaction is caused by something inside us that we are unaware of, that has control over our actions when we are triggered.

Adam and the woman were massively triggered. They had no idea what had happened to them. They had never experienced this before. Satan had told the woman that they would be like gods, knowing good from evil. But this didn't feel like they would have thought it would feel like to be as gods. It felt really bad and they had negative emotions they had never known before. They couldn't cope with the feelings.

You see, to be like gods is not to be gods. God could cope with good and evil. The man and the woman couldn't. Eating the fruit didn't make them gods, it only opened them up to knowledge they were never meant to have. And they couldn't handle it.

They automatically did what we all still do today. They reacted by trying to cover themselves. In my first book, I speak about how to work the equation backwards to find out the thought behind the feelings, behind the reaction.

Let us do this by working backwards from the reaction of the man and the woman. What would have been the feelings that caused them to try to cover themselves. We can probably come up with quite a few; shame, guilt, fear, confusion would have been the strongest. So what thoughts do you think they would have had that caused these feelings. Remember they now had access to all negative thoughts.

"I have disobeyed God, therefore I am a failure."

"I have let God down.

I only had to do one thing and I could not even do that.

Therefore I have no value.

How can I be valuable if I cannot do even one thing right."

"I am a really bad person. I deserve to be punished."

"How could God love someone like me? I am not worthy of His love."

Their eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil planted the first Original Lie into them. The disobedience was the original sin. Please be aware here, I am not making a statement of belief or non belief in the doctrine of Original Sin. I am not a theologian. I have no doctrinal beliefs in this concept. I am simply lining up what the Lord Jesus taught me to call the Original Lie with what was the first disobedience to the Lord God, the only commandment He gave them to obey. This therefore, to me, makes it the original sin. I only write what He gives me to write. He called the first "lie" the Original Lie. This I believe because I know He knows what He is doing, and He knows why He called it that. The only doctrinal beliefs I

am strong in are those He has talked to me about, and He has not spoken to me about original sin.

But the Original Lie is different. When the woman let satan deceive her, she opened herself up to more than just the deception of thinking she could be like God. The eating of the fruit of the tree caused her to take on satan's plan for all mankind. She opened herself up to satan planting an Original Lie in her that would rob her of intimacy with God. This is and always will be satan's plan, to rob us all of intimacy with God. Because if we do not have intimacy with God, we cannot be used by God to help Him defeat satan. Did you hear that correctly? Can you hear clearly the battle? Us coming into intimacy with God is the way satan can be defeated finally. God needs this more than we do! This was His plan from the beginning!

Adam and his wife did not have parents to damage them and cause an Original Lie to be planted in them. They did not live in a world where just the living of life caused damage to be done to them. There were no significant others to speak damaging words into their lives. They lived in a perfect world. They were the ones who opened themselves up to satan's deception. Their disobedience to God's command brought on the planting of the Original Lie directly into them. He knew it would. This is why He told them not to eat from this particular tree.

I wrote in my first book, the Original Lie was planted by satan to stop everyone from having intimacy with the Lord God, and so never being able to become fully who they are in Him. Satan also knew the consequences of the eating of the fruit, their inability to handle the knowledge of good and evil, would cause them to be in extreme confusion. It was a natural consequence. This would enable him to whisper words into their minds that would cause them to see themselves and their learning of right and wrong in a negative manner. When they accepted his lies, and he was sure they would because they had already lost intimacy with God, then the Original Lie would be planted into them. Satan cannot create anything. He can only deceive us and get us to listen to him and accept his lies. He still does this today. This is why the Lord God is still in control of the Lie and the ultimate consequences of us fighting it; we would defeat satan in our lives. The Lord God has a plan for every one's life, a plan to fulfil us and to grow us closer to Him, to live the abundant life He has made for us, to mature us in Him, to destroy satan's counterfeit plan to stop us from coming into the fullness of God's plan. As God has a plan for everyone, so satan does also, only the Lord God is always in control.

The difference is the Lord God does not will that any are lost.

John chapter 10 verses 28 and 29.

Satan wants to take as many as possible with him.

The Original Lie is his way of trying to make sure we do not return to intimacy with the Lord God. Just because we live in a fallen world, every one lives by the

Original Lie that comes into them through childhood. No one escapes. Many can “do” life well, seemingly, but they never fulfil the Lord God's plan for their lives in regards to intimacy with Him. Satan's master deception is to keep us deceived that we have this Lie planted inside us, and to not be aware that it manipulates our lives, even when we seem to be successful.

When I was writing my first book, a pastor who did not like me changed the name of the Original Lie to the “first lie”. I knew he was trying to make me feel I was not hearing from the Lord God, and I did not know how to answer him, even though I knew he was wrong. I had not had the revelation then of how, when Eve ate of the tree, she gave permission for the Lie to be implanted into her when she opened herself up to satan's lies. But now the answer is there. I was right in calling it the Original Lie. But look how satan can use even a reverend to try to deceive people about his true plans and nature. We can be so easily deceived.

I hope everyone has read “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready.” This book gives a fuller explanation of this Original Lie, its purpose, and how it gets there. This is the first time the Lord God has shown me how the first one came into being. I always wondered why the Lord Jesus called it the Original Lie when He taught me the principles of it to set me free from severe dysfunction from my childhood. Now it is clear, the original sin of Adam and the woman caused them to align themselves with satan's purpose in them, the same purpose that he has for us; to rob them of intimacy with the Lord God. This was the immediate consequence. They went from everything they had in God in the garden to fear, shame, guilt, confusion, and no longer knowing who the Lord God was, because they thought they could deceive Him about their nakedness by covering it with fig leaves.

They would never again be who they had been in the garden. The rest of their lives would be very different. They still knew God, and could talk to Him and hear from Him, but the intimacy was gone.

We now, all of us, every single one from Adam and the woman onwards, have an Original Lie inside us that controls our reactions and keeps us from fully living the life God planned for us, and still plans for us today. Until we become aware of the damage it does to us, we continue to live under its control. This is based on the scripture,

*“If you abide in me, then you are my disciples,
And you shall know the Truth
and the truth shall set you free”.*
John 8 verse 32.

This scripture is the key. Until we become aware that something is lacking in our lives, search for God, come to know Him and His plans, and realise satan's plans and

overcome them, we cannot be free, even though we fool ourselves we are free, that we are doing well and are good people.

To me the big picture is simple. The Lord God created a perfect world where He hoped mankind would choose to follow Him willingly. We allowed satan to rob us of this. The Lord God sent Jesus to win back the victory. We now have the task of choosing to fully live the Lord God's way and appropriate the victory the Lord Jesus won for us, and to return to living in the intimacy we had with Him in the garden; an intimacy He longs for far more than we do. He has waited a long time to have this again and, I dare to say, He is getting impatient. For too long satan has had the victory, and we have all been robbed. The Lord God is looking for worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth, and who will choose freely to follow Him. John chapter 4 verse 23. Those who will join Him in overcoming satan and become the Bride of Christ.

Will you?

I feel to say here a couple of sentences about another book the Lord God is calling me to write. It is a book about the difference between the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ. There is a very big difference between the two. Almost all church goers are in the Body of Christ. But a small number have made the decision to move across from the Body to the Bride of Christ, from milk of the word to meat of the word. This is why I always talk about the Bride of Christ and not the Body.

I have made the decision to come into the Bride. Intimacy with God.

Will you?

So this is why the nakedness impacted Adam and the woman so much. The realisation of their nakedness was the realisation of the loss of intimacy with the Lord God that they had suffered. Be very sure here, the nakedness itself was not the cause, it was the realisation of the nakedness that caused the man and the woman to no longer be able to be in intimacy with the Lord God. They had always been naked. The Lord God created them this way. He wasn't bothered by their nakedness at all, and neither were they before they ate of that fruit. It was the knowing what nakedness really was, that caused the inability to be intimate any more. Spiritual, emotional, mental and physical nakedness.

Of course their solution to their loss of intimacy was to try to cover it up, to pretend it hadn't happened, to try to deceive themselves and God. This solution came from the Original Lie that had just been planted. They had an enormous reaction to the knowledge of being naked, and so the Original Lie was in control of their "solution." And it still happens exactly like that today.

Chapter Nineteen

The Curse

We come now to verses 16 to 19 of Genesis chapter 3, where the Lord God is speaking forth words to the woman first and then to Adam.

It sounds here as if He is angry with them and is pronouncing severe punishment on them. But this is not the God I know. He is a God of love, in fact He is Love in it's purest form. What I read about here is a God with a broken heart. Yes, when He created Adam and the woman, He knew what would happen because He knows the beginning from the end. But what I read about is a God who hoped against hope that Adam and his wife would not eat from that tree.

Scripture says we are made in His image. We have residing deep within us the ability to hope against hope. I believe we would all have experienced a place sometime in our lives where something was wrong, and where there was no hope for a good outcome. And yet we hoped against hope for that good outcome. Sometimes, we can never really understand why, we get a good outcome. It doesn't happen very often but, just occasionally, we get surprised and it does. Scripture says every good gift comes down from the Father above. James chapter 1 verse 17. The good we can experience in ourselves and others, is who the Lord God is, because we are made in His image.

So what I see here in these verses is a broken hearted Father who had made a world and peopled it with His heart's desire; men and women He could have intimacy with. But in order for everything to work, He had to establish spiritual laws to keep everything running properly; sow and you shall reap, give and it will be given unto you, forgive and I will be able to forgive you, do the right thing and you will be blessed, do the wrong thing and you will be cursed.

There are so many more, and they were and still are necessary for the world to function as the spiritual place it is. If these laws were not in place, the world would be in chaos. We experience today the results of what happened in the garden where the first spiritual law was broken. Do not eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for if you do, you will suffer consequences, dire consequences.

So what we really have in verses 16 to 19 is a broken hearted Creator telling His creation what their lives would now be like.

When He says to the woman, "I will greatly multiply your sorrow," He isn't being mean or nasty. He is simply stating that He put spiritual laws in place because they

were needed, and it was now out of His control what the consequences would be that they would have to go through, because they broke the one spiritual law. The breaking of this one law released all the others, so that chaos would not reign totally. While they were in the garden they only needed one for everything to work in order. Now they needed many.

Verse 16[b] says,

*“Your desire shall be for your husband and
HE SHALL RULE OVER YOU”.*

This is where the idea of submission originally came in. It is a spiritual law, but one from the curse. It is not a blessing to us. It is where one of the strongest battles happens between men and women. As women, our desire IS for our husbands. It is innate within us. But we can no longer have the husband we should have because the spiritual law says he will rule over us. We want the husband we had in the garden. So we battle against the “ruling over us”. We know deep inside that we had something incredible, and we lost it because we let satan deceive us. But it is entrenched in our [essence](#) to desire the husband we can have intimacy with, and with whom we can truly be one flesh.

I believe it is innately in Adam today to try to prevent what happened in the garden from repeating itself. He tries to prevent himself from being deceived by his wife by ruling over her. It doesn't work for either of us, and so we have conflict and struggle. Verse 16[b] is not God being a punishing God but simply a loving God telling His creation how they will now have to live in this new world they were entering.

Also, Adam's trying to prevent everything from happening again has set up a lack of trust by the man, all Adams today, for the woman, all Eves today. They are ever wary of being led astray by the woman, deceived again by her, led into sin again by her. It is not conscious, but it is still there as a consequence of the deception in the garden.

And it leaves all Eves today with a responsibility to be responsible for what she did. Although Adam is always responsible before God, Eve has to do whatever she can to understand this lack of trust in Adam for her, and to always act in a trustworthy manner. She is to take responsibility for her behaviour only.

The curse [consequences] to Adam was exactly what we see in men today. Instead of the Lord God being the provider and Adam being the tender and keeper, now Adam was to be the provider.

“Cursed is the ground.”

It was going to be hard work instead of strengthening and fulfilling as it had been in the garden.

“In toil you shall eat of it.”

You will suffer in pain physically. This was to be a demanding, never ending, thankless task.

“Both thorns and thistles.”

Blockages and problems will be present for you to deal with. It will not be easy. You will find it very frustrating.

“You shall eat the herb of the field.”

They had been eating from the trees of the garden. These were already established and producing in due season. They only had to be tended and kept. Now the herb of the field had to be replanted every year in order for next year's provision to be there. This was a whole new way of doing things. Adam had to learn to save the seed from one year's crop to be planted next year. He was responsible for doing this otherwise they would not eat. It was so much more work to grow the herbs of the field for food for his family.

When the Lord God led the Hebrew nation into the promised land after forty years of wandering in the wilderness, having every day's provision waiting on the ground every morning, He told them the land would provide for them for two years. But in the third year, they would need to eat the fruit of their own provision. I believe it was the same when He sent Adam and his wife from the garden. The provision would have been there for the first two years. But Adam would have had to use these two years to learn a new way of providing for his wife and the children to come, and to prepare by saving the seed, to be the provider.

“In the sweat of your face.”

The responsibility was to be all his. If he didn't work to provide the food for himself and his wife and children, it wouldn't be there. It was going to be achieved by hard work. This makes me think that Adam had never sweated in his work before. This was to be a new experience for him, and it wasn't going to be a pleasant one. It also makes me think of men in their work situations today. It is a responsibility and a hard one, often not fulfilling.

The story of Cain and Able tells us one was a tiller of the soil and one a breeder of sheep. They had learnt to provide for themselves by the sweat of their face.

“Till you return to the ground.”

The concept of death had not been in the garden. Now they knew there was a limit to the time they would live.

Then back to verse 17a for Adam. I have left this till last because it is a very important spiritual principle, and a key to the whole solution of their problems.

“Because you listened to the voice of your wife.”

Adam was the one the Lord God held totally responsible, because he listened to the voice of his wife. This is very clear. It was always Adam God addressed before the fruit was eaten. It was the blueprint. The Lord God speaks to Adam and Adam tells his wife. The blueprint hasn't changed because they did the wrong thing and now have to suffer the consequences. Adam had always been the one to hear from God. He was the one who had the time of intimacy with God, long before the woman was created. It was Adam the Lord God called to when they were hiding. This was always God's desire: to have this incredibly special relationship with the man He had so lovingly created.

In order for the blueprint to work correctly again today, it is necessary for Adam to be the one to hear from the Lord God and for him to tell his wife what he hears. For him to take the full responsibility for the disaster in the garden, because he listened to the voice of his wife and not to the Lord God. Of course, in areas where he needs her wisdom or her agreement for his plan, Adam is to listen to his wife. It is in the areas of godly authority and responsibility that he must listen only to God.

I have been asked why I believe this, that we have a responsibility in the areas we did the wrong thing.

Didn't Jesus achieve all this on the cross?

Wasn't the first Adam's sin cancelled out by the second Adams, Jesus', obedience?

Absolutely true. But the spiritual consequences are still there. We have to overcome. We have to defeat satan in our own lives. We have to walk in Jesus' victory. We are accountable for what He won on the cross. He says,

*“In the world you shall have tribulation,
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*
John chapter 16 verse 33.

He achieved it all for us, but we have to overcome and appropriate it into our own lives. The promises of Revelation are to overcomers. Very important.

Let us understand more about the blueprint. The Lord God had established the blueprint and it was working. Adam had always lived by the God given sequence; He heard from the Lord God and then he told his wife.

We have wondered and asked,

“Why did satan choose to deceive the woman and not Adam?”

We have said it was because she was the weaker vessel, but we now know she was comparable to Adam. She was not weaker, just different.

There is a big picture emerging here. Can you see it? It is all about the blueprint. In order for satan to achieve his purpose of establishing his throne above the Lord God's throne, he had to destroy the blueprint. He had to reverse the sequence. He had to get the woman to tell Adam, and for him to listen to her. He succeeded, but he did not achieve what he thought he would. He did not exalt his throne above the Lord God's throne.

He only succeeded in having to spend the rest of his days on his belly. He still doesn't realise he is a created being and only the Lord God is God. The best he could do was cause a whole heap of problems for the man and the woman.

For God is still God and always will be.

Of course satan doesn't yet realise the full impact of his defeat either. He cannot see the big picture, which is that the real consequences of all the trouble he caused humankind is each of us establishing such deep intimacy with the Lord God that we will never lose it again.

Chapter Twenty

Satan

I often hear christians say,

“I don't want to give satan any glory.”

How do we get it so wrong?

How deep that first deception has carried on through the 6000 plus years since we ate of the forbidden fruit in the garden. I think the deception is still very strong in the churches and in christians. There was no glory for satan in what he did in the garden. He didn't achieve what he really wanted for himself. He is still today no nearer to exalting his throne higher than the Lord God's throne than he ever was. As I said in my first book, “And His Bride,” God always was and always is and always will be in control. Satan can do nothing to change this.

The Lord God never lost control. He already had a number of plans to defeat satan, starting with the flood. But the final plan of sending His Son to die on a cross defeated satan once and for all. Satan has no power and no authority, and certainly no glory. He has to ask the Lord God before he can do anything to any of us. It shows this very clearly in the book of Job, in the Old Testament.

The only power he enjoys now is the way he is still able to deceive christians into thinking he has power and authority. This is shown very clearly in the ones who say they do not want to give him any glory. He never did have any glory. He has never had any and never will. Those who are afraid of speaking about him in case they give him glory, give him glory by even thinking he could have any glory. He has been defeated completely by the cross, and we cannot give him any glory by saying what he has done. Even when we allow him to interfere in our lives, there is still no glory for him. He will never achieve anything except what we allow him to in our lives.

The original battle was between satan and God when satan thought he could be greater than God. It is still the same battle today. The ultimate design of God's blueprint is for men and women to become the Bride of Christ, and to come into full intimacy with Him. This is the ultimate ending for satan. For us to go back to where we were in the garden, and live naked spiritually, and unashamed with our God, fully obedient and trusting of Him only, and listening to His voice only. Satan has been defeated by the Son of God as the Son of Man. But to be defeated now by men and women who choose to follow the Lord Jesus and appropriate His victory in their lives, this will be the greatest humiliation for him.

Do you think we are not still deceived as the woman was? I have a daily reminder of how deep the deception still is, and how totally unaware we are that we are being deceived at all. In writing my first book, and in this one also, I refuse to give satan a capital for his name, unless it is the beginning of a sentence. I will not give him any glory.

My computer does not like it. The word satan keeps coming up in red. It wants a capital letter put on his name. I press the “ignore all” button and it obeys me for that day only. Tomorrow morning I will go through the same process again, when sixteen chapters with satan starting with a small “s” come up instantly in red. And it happens every morning. No, I am not stupid enough to think the computer is behind all this. Some man or woman somewhere wrote a program that said the word satan needed a capital “S”. They did not question whether he deserved a capital letter or not. They just input it. And every time someone changes it to a capital “S,” satan rejoices.

Why?

Because this is the deception he enjoys. That men and women everywhere, especially christians, do not realise how real he is and how dangerous, and they unthinkingly give him a capital “S” that he does not deserve for his name.

Insignificant, you think?

Definitely not!

It is a tiny sign, like the toilet seat and the toothpaste tube, of a deep spiritual issue. He rejoices that mankind, largely, does not recognise who he is, or how dangerous it is to be deceived by him.

But look at the facts. I am very much a fact person. He was able to say just a few words to Eve and she was tempted. He didn't need any lengthy arguments to convince her. In fact he used the truth. No, he did not tell the whole truth but he used the truth to deceive her. The fruit he pointed out to her was exactly as he described it. Only, as always, he twisted the truth. He always does, because he only uses a portion of the truth. He just made her aware of the tree and the fruit. She saw how beautiful it was. He knew she would.

As one beautiful friend commented, this was the first time he had humans to tempt and it was so successful. What does this say about his ability to still deceive us today.

He told the woman God had lied and she would not die, and she didn't, not straight away. What he didn't tell her was that it was immediately a spiritual death and ultimately a physical death many years later. She wouldn't understand the spiritual

death straight away. She would feel it and react to it, but she wouldn't understand exactly what had happened.

He told her that her eyes would be opened, and she would know good from evil, just as God does. Again he told her correctly. Their eyes were opened and they did know good from evil.

What he didn't tell her was that her whole life would change as she was exchanging Heaven for hell. He didn't tell her she wouldn't handle knowing good from evil because she wasn't God, and could never be God. He only told her she would be like God, knowing good from evil. And he told her the truth there. But he didn't tell Eve the consequences. This illustrates the huge difference in satan's plan for us and God's plan for us. Satan wants us deceived and suffering. God wants us free and whole.

The greatest deception here that satan is fooled by, and controlled by, is that he still thinks he can be like God. Satan obviously knew about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as he could tell the woman what it was. Yet he is still deceived that he can be, not only like God, but higher and better than God. He forgets that, like us, he is only a created being and can never become God. Notice here the difference between satan, and the man and his wife. Satan knows the truth and yet he is still deceived and still hopes he can defeat God. The man and the woman eat and they are immediately shattered. They know they can not be like God. This is because they have experienced intimacy with the Lord God. Satan has chosen to not have intimacy with God and so he can still deceive himself. Is it intimacy with God that prevents us from being deceived? Is there a lesson in that for us? Just asking.

There are people today who follow his ways and believe they can and are God. How big a deception is that. I speak of the New Age movement. Their bottom line belief is that we are all God. We aren't and can never be. We really need to chose intimacy with God and Truth. This is our protection.

The same beautiful lady who made the comment about the first time satan had the opportunity to tempt humans, questioned my statement that God was no longer in control after Adam and Eve ate the fruit. This is how I see it. He made spiritual laws for the running of the world, otherwise there would be chaos. When they broke the one spiritual law, "do not eat from the tree in the centre of the garden," they caused many other spiritual laws to come into force. They were spiritual laws God had already put in place in case they ate from the tree. They had to then walk through the consequences of the breaking of the one spiritual law. This was part of His plan. It was part of the new spiritual laws. He could do nothing because this was the way He had made it. So in effect, He was no longer in control of what happened to them as a result of eating from the tree. He could not stop it as He had made the law. But He was and is in control because He made the spiritual laws and the consequences and

He has a purpose in this. So He actually is still in control even though He cannot stop the consequences for men and women.

He had knowledge that we and satan did not have, which was that having to suffer the consequences of breaking the one law would ultimately lead to the defeat of satan completely. Jesus would come and die on a cross and win the victory. God could then work in the lives of those who believed in Him and help them to appropriate this victory in their own lives, coming back to true intimacy with their Heavenly Father. He was, in a sense, not in control of the consequences because He choose not to be. It had to be the obedience of Jesus to come and live as a man and die on a cross and then the giving up of their free will by mankind to live in the victory He won.

There is also the spiritual laws themselves that were already in place, like the “if” and “then” scriptures all through the bible, the important one for this being,

*“all things work together for good
for those who love the Lord”.*

Romans 8 verse 28

I have found this scripture to be so powerful in my life. He always brings good for me out of any situation, because I love Him. My first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready” has many illustrations of this scripture being fulfilled, no, not always directly in my life, but in His wider plans.

There is a spiritual issue the Lord Jesus has been speaking about to me lately that I need to fix up right now. One of satan's greatest achievements has been to get the world to call him by a different name to who he really is. Names are really important. To me they are a prophesy of who we will become. My name means “helper of mankind”. I have found this to be one of the qualities I have become in my journey. Also when my youngest grandson was born, my older daughter called him Joshua. I rejoiced because of who Joshua is in the bible. Spiritually names are very important. God changed Sarai and Abram's names to Sarah and Abraham because the added “h”denotes royalty, and that was who He was making them.

So why do the church and the world call him satan when his real name is lucifer?

Lucifer was created by God as the most beautiful cherub in Heaven. Yet he had a deep flaw. He had rebellion in his heart. He thought he was better than God. His rebellion was so powerful, he deceived a third of the angels, causing them to rebel against God also. They were all thrown out of Heaven with him onto the earth.

I believe when we changed his name to satan, whoever and whenever it happened, it was satan who was behind the change because he wanted to keep his true identity hidden. To me, satan is an ugly name but lucifer is an unusual name. But the truth is the word satan has become non threatening, a joke even. We need to give him his

right name, because it states who he really is; deceiver, rebellious, destroyer, liar, in fact in the words of the Lord Jesus, the father of all lies, and as I write in "The Bride," the originator of the Original Lie that is planted inside every one of us so he can try to destroy us and take us with him to his ultimate destination; the lake of fire. Even more the name lucifer denotes great beauty covering a rotten, ugly, destructive, core essence. It is the deception of the great beauty we have to not be taken in by.

The name satan means adversary, i.e. our enemy. But we can have many whom we could see as our personal enemies today; in the workplace, in the neighbourhood where we live, even in our families, among our acquaintances. Adversary just doesn't do it for me. It is not truthful enough. Whereas calling him lucifer reminds me of exactly who he is and what his plans are for me.

I read a book on the beginnings of the New Age movement many years ago. In it he refers to himself as lucifer when he introduces himself to a man he wants to deceive. If he had referred to himself as satan, the man may not have been deceived. This to me means the man was not wary of the name lucifer, whereas he should have been. He probably did not really know who lucifer is. Also the person who introduced himself as lucifer was described in the book as being very impressive, well dressed, attractive, well spoken. He deceived the man into following him and so the New Age Movement started.

For the rest of this book and any others I write, I am going to call him by his right name, lucifer, with a lower case l, so I will remember exactly who he really is. Every time you see the word lucifer written or hear it spoken, remember his true qualities.

Chapter Twenty-one

The Knowledge

There was a knowing good from evil that came from eating of the tree, but it is not the knowing God wants for us. He says in scripture numbers of times,

*“He who has ears let him hear what the Spirit
is saying to the churches.”*

Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

This knowing we hear when our spiritual ears are open is the knowing He wants for us because it is pure truth. This knowing we can handle because it sets us free.

The knowledge of good and evil that came from eating of the tree in the centre of the garden put us in bondage. The immediate consequence of eating caused Adam and his wife to know they were naked, and to feel crippling shame. They could no longer be in intimacy with God.

I believe we are still in bondage to this tree today. We are still deceived that having the knowledge of good and evil is what we need to live by. We seek the fruit of this tree in our lives.

Yet when your eyes are opened to hear what the Spirit is saying, we hear a very different concept of good and evil.

Yes, it is the same knowledge as Adam and his wife received from eating of the fruit of the tree. But we were never meant to understand it and walk by it in the eyes of our own understanding. To walk by it in our own understanding is the only way we can walk in it now we have eaten of its fruit. We were meant to get all our understanding of it from a loving Father who planted the seed and grew the tree. He is the only one who can interpret the tree in love, because He is Love. Interpreting the tree outside of Him causes us to judge because, of our own understanding, we cannot interpret it in love. We need intimacy with Him to do this.

The Lord God proved He interprets in love by His care for Adam and his wife after they had eaten. Even though He had to let the consequences of their sin be worked out in their lives, in chapter 3, verse 21 it tells us He made tunics of skin and clothed them. He showed me once, a long time ago, that He had to kill some of His precious

animals to make these tunics. There had not been any animals killed before the fruit was eaten. Now, there was a sacrifice of animals to make skins to cover the man and woman's nakedness.

Of course He could have just created garments to cover their nakedness. But He was establishing a new spiritual law that would ultimately lead to the Cross and the spilt blood of Jesus.

Also, to me, He had another option. He could have sent them out into the world naked. But He understood how they were feeling and He provided the covering for them. This was saying to them,

*"I cannot undo the consequences you have brought on yourselves,
but I forgive you for what you have done, and I still love you."*

The drastic step of spilling the blood of the animals to make tunics for them to cover their nakedness was the opening of the door to reconciliation with Him. It was Him caring for them.

I also believe He was showing them they would have to kill some animals at times to make coverings for themselves as they went out into the world. He would no longer be their provision so He taught them a skill they had not needed in the perfection of the garden: to make coverings to protect themselves from the weather, yes, but more importantly, to hide their shame which was too overwhelming to them.

He was still their Father, loving them and caring for them.

I will go back to this later in the book. The need to hide ourselves behind our coverings is still with us today, and is the sign we still do not handle the knowledge of good and evil without the filter of the Lord God's Love, Justice, Mercy and Grace. We are still not capable. We need true intimacy with Him and dependence on Him, to be able to live as we need to, in love, and in understanding of the knowledge of that tree.

There is one more point to make here. There are only two sources of knowledge. The one that comes from above, from God, and our intimacy with Him, and the one that comes from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, knowledge we were never meant to have. The first is clear, simple, and easy to understand. The other is confusing, and leaves us in a position where we have to make judgements on which way to go. The decisions that come from the knowledge of the tree are never clear, simple and easy to understand. They quite often leave us with fear of having made a wrong decision.

Chapter Twenty-Two

Delightful

When the Lord God made the woman and Adam awoke and saw her, he was delighted in her.

This is another very important spiritual principle. The woman was made, not so she could delight the man, but so he could be delighted in her. She was the gift from God after a time of Adam experiencing what it was like to be alone and to have no one comparable to him. All the animals had someone, but he had experienced having no one and for a time the length of which is unknown to us.

So the Lord God presents him with this incredible creature in whom he can delight.

Adams everywhere, when you stop delighting in your Eve, your marriage is in trouble. It is not about Eve delighting you. You are the one responsible to make it work. When you are able to keep being delighted in your Eve, you set her free to always be delightful for you. This was the original blueprint established in the garden. As I have said and will keep on saying, everything goes back to the garden.

The opposite of this principle is what happens in so many marriages today. And it is a result of the curse.

Eve's desire is for her husband. This is not the blueprint. It is the curse and it will never produce a fruitful marriage. Her desire for her husband is bondage and can never make a good relationship. It allows him to rule over her.

Adam becomes too busy with the results of his own curse; thistles and thorns, and the sweat of his brow. He ceases to take time to be delighted with his wife. But the blueprint works. If any Adam anywhere could decide to again delight himself in his wife, the blueprint would begin to work. It is a spiritual principle and it would work for any Adam who decided to follow it.

Can you imagine the marriages we could have if Adams everywhere decided to put God's principles into action. Eves everywhere would be set free from their curse and be able to be the helper they were created to be.

It could sound here as if I am making it too simple. Could Adam make a decision to be delighted in his Eve, and then everything would be right again.

No it isn't that simple. But the making of the decision is the crucial part of the solution. Making the decision would then mean he had to follow through with all the other principles; taking responsibility, forgiving, dying to self, loving as Christ loved etc. What I am saying is that to just try to do all these things to make everything right is very hard.

But the Lord God has put into place a spiritual principle that will make everything easier, much easier. If the man makes a decision to again be delighted with the woman, he comes into agreement with God's blueprint, and so being able to do the weightier matters becomes easier.

Why do I say Adam is responsible, apart from this being God's plan. There is a scripture in the Old Testament that says,

“A man must stay home from war for one year from the date of his marriage and make his wife happy”.

What a honeymoon!

Staying home from war means so much more than the exact words state. I leave you to sort out with the Holy spirit what “staying home from war” means in your individual case.

I have just spent some time with my ex husband, Tim. I had given him my first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,” to read. He was not happy with some parts of the book. In particular, he was not happy with my statement that Sam was my true soul mate, and I had never experienced happiness or true intimacy before, in a marriage. As I pondered on why this was, I realised it was because Sam delighted in me. And because he delighted in me, I was free to be for him the delightful creature God created me to be.

Tim had never delighted in me, so I was unable to be this for him. In fact none of my three ex-husbands delighted in me.

Right at the end of my relationship with Sam, I was given two tickets to Handel's Messiah in the town Hall in Sydney. I asked Sam to go with me. We had not been seeing each other. Sam delighted in me that day, even after the four years since he had broken our wedding plans, and all the strife we had gone through because of this. He still delighted in me. This is so freeing for a woman, to have her man delight in her. It really takes so little to make a woman happy. It just has to be the right “little”.

After the Messiah, which was an afternoon performance, we wandered around the city and looked at the shop windows decorated for Christmas, and the lights and decorations on the buildings, and in the streets and parks. We listened to Christmas carols being sung on the steps of St Andrew's Cathedral. And every step of the way, Sam delighted in me and I blossomed in it. This Sunday was the last day we spent together. Sam is dying of cancer as I write this. Cancer is such an ugly death. But every time I think of him, I immediately see his face on that Sunday, and the delight there. He gave me so much because, in part, he walked in God's blueprint.

I was never given anything fruitful from any of my three husbands. True, I do not regret being married to any of them because each has caused me to grow closer to God, and stronger in myself. But it has been a very hard road. In my first book, "The Bride," I do not tell even a tenth of things that were done to me by all three. I have only spoken of the few things God wanted revealed for the purpose of the book.

Adam today may say,

"Yes, but you do not know my Eve. She is not delightful."

I still say to you, if you would walk by God's blueprint, and delight yourself in her, she would become delightful. It is your choice and yours alone. You either choose to walk by God's perfect plan, or you walk by lucifer's lies and deceptions. Eve can do nothing to change this. Yours is the authority.

The one thing I am absolutely grateful to my son-in-law for is, after nineteen years of marriage, he still delights in his wife, my daughter. And because he does, she is able to be delightful for him. The love and intimacy they have between them because of this is awesome. I can feel it when I am in their presence. It is tangible.

The most beautiful thing for me is, because Sam delighted in me, and I was able to become delightful, I have this added dimension to who I am. The being delightful has stayed with me. It has become a permanent part of who I am. I can be delightful to the Lord God now, and to random strangers. I know He sees me as this and He so enjoys me being free to be this. I will always love Sam and be grateful to him for seeing me as delightful.

There is another dimension I believe comes from this. It is certainly evident in my daughter's marriage. Not only is it Adam's role to delight in his Eve so she can be delightful for him, I believe it is for the male to choose his wife, to fall in love with her, and pick her. It is not for her to choose a male and set out to win him. If Adam marries a wife he loves, she will love him because this is her nature; to be loved, cherished, delighted in. Then she responds. Ephesians 5 verse 26 says;

"Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church."

If Adam does this, she will respond to him because she was designed for this.

Chapter Twenty-Three

Is It Too Hard?

You may be looking at all I have written and you may be saying.

“It is just too hard.”

Scripture says, the words of Jesus,

“My yolk is easy and my burden is light.”
Matthew 11 verse 30.

He means it!

When we do things “in Him” it is easy and so worthwhile. It is about living in the abundant life He promises us.

It is a choice. Do we want to keep on living as we have been living, and continue to let lucifer rob us of everything we were meant to have?

It is like the Hebrew nation when they crossed over the Jordan river into the Promised land. They did not take all the land they were meant to take. This is something I have been taught so I presume it is right. God told them their inheritance was to be from this Lebanon as far as the great River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea towards the going down of the sun shall be your territory. In fact every place that the soul of their foot would tread upon. Israel only occupies a small section of the promised land because the ancient Hebrews became weary of war and were happy with the land they had already won.

They were also disobedient and did not destroy nations the Lord God told them to destroy. He left these nations alive as a thorn in their side to remind them of their disobedience. Had they destroyed all the nations they were told to, they would have totally possessed the land instead of sharing it and becoming seduced by the foreign gods of these nations. They did not have the big picture; God's picture. Only He knows the future and what is enough. They let themselves be robbed of all they could have had. I wonder if lucifer was involved in this. I feel pretty sure he would have been. We have to watch his input into our lives and his deceptions and the “little” voice that can whisper in our minds. We need to learn to recognise the voice of God and to follow only it.

If they had taken all the land the Lord God meant for them to have, and destroyed all the people, they would apparently not be in the vulnerable position they are in today. Big lesson for us in this. We need to know the Lord God knows exactly what He is doing. When we lean on our own understanding, the fruit of the tree in the garden, we get it wrong. Proverbs 3 verse 5.

The battle of Ai, after the fall of Jericho, is a lesson from which we can learn. Joshua 7 verse 2. Joshua and his army won Jericho by fighting the battle exactly as God told them to. It sounded stupid to do what He asked them to do, but it worked. That is because it was a spiritual battle and God knows how to battle in the spiritual. He is the only one who does. He created the spiritual world and the spiritual laws our world operates under.

The same army lost Ai because they did it in their own strength. This is where we still live today. We are still eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and doing things in our own understanding and our own strength. It doesn't work. Ai is a powerful lesson for us to remember. Keep eating from that tree and we let lucifer control our lives. Seek intimacy with God and learn to hear His voice clearly and follow it, and we will live in a very different and special place; a place of divine protection and provision.

The key is dying to self. I think we do not really understand what dying to self means. We use the expression a lot as christians, and deceive ourselves that we are doing great in the area, but it does not mean what we think it means. That "little" voice again whispers to us that we have got it, but have we really looked at the fruit of our lives.

One man I know thought dying to self meant to give up playing his guitar when God had given him a spectacular gift of leading people in worship. But his music was too important to him. His whole value was in who he was as a musician. God wanted him to find out who he really was outside of being a musician. To find out how precious and how much he was loved by his Heavenly Father. He could not do this while ever he placed his value in how good a musician he was and how wonderful his gift of worship leading was.

God gave him a dream once where he died and went up to the Pearly Gates but Saint Peter refused to let him in. He sent him away telling him there were no musicians allowed in Heaven.

But he could not achieve dying to self by giving up playing his music. This is not dying to self, to simply stop playing. Dying to self for this man and for all of us is contained in the words of John the Baptist.

"He must increase and I must decrease."

John 3 verse 30

We must make our dreams and visions be contained in Him, to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we can do nothing of ourselves. That every good gift comes down from above, James chapter 1 verse 17, and we can be and can do nothing without Him. Everything we are and do must be done in Him.

This man did not play his guitar for many, many years; not at all, not even to practice by himself and bless his own spirit. The result was that when he did start playing again, he was not the excellent musician he had been. He had to practice to get back to where he had been. And he did not die to self in all those years. He went back to performing, not worshipping as he had been when he had such an anointing on his music. There is only one way to die to self; in all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. Proverbs 3 verse 5. Thankfully he has come back to ministering in the Spirit.

For a time, this man and I were doing street ministry in Surfers Paradise with a group of about ten other people. We had been doing this for some months with almost no results at all. In fact people passing us despised us. One or two of the males in the group had been physically attacked. We used to stand in a line along the shop fronts and “witness” to them.

One night we decided to stand on the corner and turn into a circle, facing inwards, and just worship and praise the Lord God. Numbers of people stopped to listen, and we were able to talk to some of them, finding their hearts had been opened to who we were and what we believed. It was a very fruitful night. We had not done it in our own strength or in our own understanding. We just did what our hearts really desired to do, to worship our God, and it impacted people.

The next Saturday night the leaders decided to again stand in a line along the shop fronts, facing the people passing, and “witness” to them. The man with the guitar and I stopped going.

Can you hear the deception here? God had shown us how we could really impact people for Him, but we went back to doing it our way. Lucifer is alive and well and still deceiving Christians today, in so many ways we do not see or recognise. Deceiving Christians is his greatest victory. And it happens because we do not seek intimacy with God with all our hearts, to live as Adam and the woman lived in the garden.

Chapter Twenty-Four

Why “Be the Eve”

Why did the Lord give me the name for this book as “Be the Eve That Eve Wasn't?”

I have stated quite often on these pages that the responsibility with God has always rested on Adam. This has not changed. This is the truth of God's ways.

So maybe the book should be called “Be the Adam that Adam wasn't”.

It could more rightly be called “Be the Adam and Eve that Adam and Eve weren't”.

Well, no, there is a spiritual principle here that was broken by Eve and now only Eve can fix it. Just as Adam has his essential role to play, that of being the person responsible before God, so Eve has her role. It goes back to the qualities Adam had fully within him, the “made in the image of God”, and the ones God took from him to make Eve, so that together they were truly one flesh. The destruction of the true one flesh brought changes from God's perfect plan onto all humankind, but particularly onto all Adams. We, as women, do not have to help Adam, but God is asking us as Eves to work with Him to restore His original blueprint, the one we destroyed by our “I wants”. We are not responsible and He does not hold us responsible, but He is asking us to work with Him to bring Adam back. He will still do it without us in the end, but what an awesome privilege to be asked by the God of the universe to do this with Him.

I do not know the names of all the qualities of God that were in Adam, or which ones God removed to put in Eve. I know Adam had all the qualities of God as he was made in the image of God. But to be able to name all the qualities of God is beyond me. However I know three that are essential for us as Eves to know and to realise, so we can be the Eve God needs us to be in our battle to help Him defeat lucifer.

These are wisdom, spirituality, and emotional strength.

The fact lucifer chose to try to deceive the woman in order for his plans to all come to pass, and that she allowed herself to be deceived, has set up a special spiritual problem between lucifer and Eves everywhere. Eve deceived Adam into eating and he allowed her to do this, causing all the relationship problems we have today between Adams and Eves everywhere. In the same way, there is a special problem between lucifer and Eve, one that Adam doesn't have. I believe it is contained in

chapter three, verse fifteen about the bruising his heel. Even though Adam today is called to overcome and defeat lucifer in his own life, yet the requirement for Eve as the helper is the deeper issue. Adam needs her to help him. Her role was always of helper. She has the three tools necessary to enable Adam to overcome. He will have a very difficult time overcoming without her help.

She allowed lucifer to deceive her thus causing her to lead Adam into deception. It is her role today to reverse the situation and lead Adam back into his authority role and responsibility to God.

Many who seek to be good Eves today ask me,

“How do I handle this situation if I am a good Eve?”

“How do I answer him if I am to walk correctly as Eve?”

“How do I act in being a good Eve?”

It is not about these things. It is about who we are in God, in our intimacy with Him, and acting out of this place all the time. It is about using the qualities He took out of Adam and put into Eve for this very purpose. All Eves have the strengths to help reverse what she did in the garden.

Many years ago when I was a case manager for a crisis accommodation, I would use examples from my younger daughter's qualities to show other women how it works. I am going to do this again, as I have never met a young woman who has the God given wisdom she has.

When someone has had the dysfunctional life I have had, God in His graciousness and mercy allows you to get something right. My three children are what I got right. No, they are definitely not perfect, but I don't believe we can be perfect in this world. Yes, they have disappointed me at times, and still do. But for what we all lived through, they are exceptional people. My older daughter has far higher integrity than anyone I have ever met. Integrity is a quality I value highly. My son, even though he has been very unfair to me in my life, has such a gentle and giving heart which blesses a God he doesn't even yet believe in.

Then my younger daughter. I have been told by a psychologist about a thing called unfinished business. This is where you recreate in your children the parent you still have to deal with. When I was pregnant with all three of my children, I was still in the severe dysfunction I lived in for twenty years. I still had problems with both my parents.

I have always been aware my older daughter is like my mother. She is astonishingly beautiful like my mother was, is very intelligent like her also, and has

her grandmother's personality. This is the sins of the father coming down onto the children even to the third and fourth generation, and hopefully will be a subject in another book He asks me to write. Except my daughter has exceptional qualities her grandmother didn't have. This is the environmental part of her growth as opposed to the hereditary. Sounds unfair that an unborn baby will carry the sins of their ancestors, but we are warned in scripture about these curses and they are real. I actually see them as qualities to be overcome. We cannot go through this life without having qualities to overcome. The whole of the promises of God in Revelation are about overcoming.

When my son was about ten months old, an aunt who had never seen him before exclaimed,

“Oh my God, Alf Hall reincarnated.”

This was my father's name and yes, my son looks incredibly like him and has his personality. This has been a harder road for him to walk as my father was severely damaged by his Irish mother and very self centred all his life. But my son has the environmental components also and is gentle natured and giving. I praise God for this information He allowed me to come across as it changes the way I see every one now I realise an unborn child can carry influences it has no choice over.

No, it is not the mother's fault. In my generation, most women were like me and had their children while they were fairly young. I had all my three before I was thirty. So there was not a lot of time to get ourselves sorted out before the children were born.

Then with my younger daughter I was free to recreate myself, only she is so much more than I am in so many ways. She has been given by God the three qualities I have written about that He took out of Adam and gave to Eve; spirituality, emotional strength and wisdom. She made a commitment to Jesus at nine years of age and has walked with God ever since. She has an incredibly gentle spirit. She loves. She radiates peace. She displayed these qualities at seventeen. She walked a true disciple walk at this age and even younger when she was so giving in sharing of her mother's time, attention and love when I ran a youth home for young teenagers from when she was only sixteen.

There was one year when her sister came to Southport for Christmas and the three of us went to their father's home to see him. There was one large box on the table, wrapped in christmas paper. It was for Samantha. Renee got nothing. Yet she did not harbour negative thoughts about her father for this. She was always an overcomer. She has the fruit of the Spirit because of the overcoming she has chosen to do from very early in life. True, she did not have the handicap of being born with the problems of being like my father and mother. But she has had things to overcome.

She has many times astounded me with the wisdom with which she handles her Adam. Even when he is being an Adam, she just smiles at him and says,

“Yes but you love me don't you.”

And he melts and answers that he does and he is happy again. She doesn't do any of the behaviours from the garden. Sure, because of lucifer's plan to destroy each of us with an Original Lie, she does have one of these to overcome. But she is a good Eve. She allows her husband to be the authority figure. No, she isn't perfect in it. Her own Original Lie causes her to have too much sympathy for him, but she learns more and implements more into her walk each year. In accordance with Proverbs 31, her husband knows he is blessed to have her for his wife.

Who she is as an Eve is the result of who the Lord God moulded her to be from the time she made a commitment to Him at nine years of age. When she met her husband she was already the Eve he needed to bring him to where God needs him to be. They married two weeks after she turned twenty one. Yet she already walked in the role of godly submissive wife, the God obedient wife. I was amazed by the strong beliefs she had about the kind of wife God wanted her to be even at this young age. I do not know where she came by them. There was only one place they could have come from. God had built them into her. She always had an extraordinary walk with Him. All she was and could be for her Adam came from her walk with the Lord God. Intimacy!

This is how He needs all Eves to be. To be a good Eve cannot come from any behavioural change in us. It has to come from intimacy with God and the character we have allowed Him to build in us, for His purposes.

One of the young people I talk to took me out for a meal on the Friday night after I had written the lines about Renee. The subject of being a good Eve came up. It always does. This generation of young women want to be good Eves.

She asked me if I believed that the Lord God moulds each Eve especially for her Adam. I told her I had written about this just that week in regards to Renee, and this seemed to be what He was saying. It makes perfect sense to me. What being moulded to being a good Eve for one Adam would be, would not fit for a different Adam. Remember here we are talking about an amazing heavenly Father who wants good things for us and knows what we need. The world's beliefs would find it difficult to comprehend that there could be the one perfect Adam and Eve together for life. But our God planned it this way for our happiness. He knows it is good.

Then the next morning He speaks to me about Tim. He reveals to me that He moulded me from the beginning of my walk with Him to be the specific Eve for one man only, the one He would one day give me an audible voice about: Tim. This was

why He had asked me if I would remarry Tim. I was the Eve especially moulded for him. Tim had tried to remarry twice in the years after he had left me, but the women he picked were not moulded especially for him. It would not have worked. This was why Tim was now such a mess spiritually. If I had said yes, Tim would have come back to being the spiritual man he was before he divorced me in the spiritual. Praise God this is happening anyway. God is working with him in an amazing way. That is why I said in the paragraphs above that if we say no, God will still work it in the Adam, if he has a heart to follow God.

The whole point of this story is about the impact a true Eve can have on the Adam she is moulded especially for. I do believe the Lord God is saying He plans one special Eve for a definite Adam. This is the way to come back to walking in the blueprint, to living together in the garden of Eden.

Chapter Twenty-Five

A Change of Name

One of the things I have been amazed by as I have written this book is the way I do not read scripture correctly. I have many times spoken to people, including pastors, about Eve's eyes not being opened till Adam ate of the fruit. Not one person I have spoken to has been aware of this. I would not have read it correctly myself. It was Jesus writing it on the window in front of me while I was making a cake that opened my eyes to it. I write about this in my first book, "And His Bride".

I have also not read properly the fact that Eve was not Eve until after they were put out of the garden. While ever they had not eaten from the fruit, and even after, until they were put out of the garden, Eve was always called "the woman" or "his wife". Adam had named her this as soon as he opened his eyes and saw her.

"She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man."

This is an amazing spiritual name change, to rename her Eve. And Adam named her both times. There is not one reference to her as Eve until verse 20 of chapter 3 of Genesis, after God has told them the consequences of their sin, and put them out of Eden.

While ever she had not eaten from the fruit of the forbidden tree, she was woman. This name denoted the relationship she had with Adam; true one flesh, an extraordinary relationship. Yet she had the ability to think and act independently from Adam. She had the right to make a decision and act on it without telling him or consulting him. It was not a relationship of dependence and mindless submission. As shown by her decision to not tell him about the encounter with the serpent and to make a decision to eat from that tree, and to try to convince him to eat from it also, she was her own person. She could choose to sin independently of him.

Then she ate and convinced him to eat also. So Adam now changes her name to Eve because the relationship can not be the same once they have both eaten. Yes she is still "woman", taken out of man, but the relationship of true one flesh cannot be now. She needs a new name to denote her new role in God's plan. The one flesh they now have will be very different from the one they had enjoyed in the garden.

It is interesting also that the Lord God did not name the woman at all. Sure he let Adam name all the animals. But Eve was the equal of Adam, comparable to him. It

seems to me the Lord God could have named Eve. It would have been interesting to see what He would have called her. But He lets Adam do it. He gives Adam the authority to choose who she will be, going on the importance of our name and the fact it can be a self fulfilling prophecy. Names are very important to the Lord God. Why did He let Adam name this very important creation of His? In a sense, Adam calling her the “woman” was to say who she was to him, a definite part of him, not a separate being, but part of his flesh.

Adam knows he has the right to change her name because he named her in the beginning. There must have been a very strong reason to rename her. He says it is because she is the mother of all creation. But Adam is no longer who he was before he ate from the tree. He has now eaten from the fruit and knows good from evil. He also now has an Original Lie planted in him by lucifer. He no longer has intimacy with the Lord God. Yet he doesn't need a name change. Has he named her in wholeness or is this name more to do with who she is now; someone he is disappointed in, who has deceived him and caused him to lose his home?

It is very strong in me that we need to find out who God says we are. It is crucial to being who we really are in God. When working through the Lie with people, I urge them to seek God to find out what His special name for them is.

When I was first saved and working through my Original Lie with the Lord Jesus, I was travelling on a bus one day into the city centre of Canberra. I heard an audible voice say to me,

“You are Sweetness and Light.”

I knew it was the Lord God telling me who He saw me as being. I held this in my heart for many years. Now I encourage women in particular to seek God to find out what He calls them. There have been some beautiful names given in some spectacular ways; ways in which it could only be God giving them. Delightful, precious, poetry in motion, gentle warrior, sunshine and rainbows.

In finding out what God's special name is for us, we grow into who He sees us as being. Very important.

I do not want to be Eve, I want to be Sweetness and Light

Please be aware here, God did not change Adam's name when He put him out of the garden. Adam's role has not changed. He is still the man God has chosen and still is to walk the role God has chosen for him; authority and responsibility.

But Eve has brought on herself a new role. She is no longer just the helper, to be there for Adam, to complement his God given role. She now has an added role, denoted by her new name. She has let herself be deceived and in doing so deceived

Adam, and now she must help Adam not to be deceived. Adam calls her “the mother of all creation”. I believe this is stating the role change. He is saying that from this time forth there is a new relationship between man and woman, and it came about by the woman choosing a path that now all humankind would have to follow.

Yes, Adam also chose a path for which all humankind will now suffer consequences and I am not in any way taking away his responsibility for what happened in the garden. If he had not allowed himself to be deceived, humankind would not be suffering at all. None of this would have happened.

But there is now a new role for the woman because of her choice to desire the fruit of the tree and to convince her husband to eat from it also. If you can call it this, she has caused a shift in the perfect relationship of the garden. Now there is a special hope for her to work with God to bring Adam through what he must overcome in order to be the man God has ordained him to be. She must overcome all the changes the fall from grace has caused for her, and also help him to overcome his.

The true essence of Eve is to walk fully in who she is meant to be, so Adam can be who he is meant to be. One of the qualities God took from Adam to put in Eve was spirituality so she could come close to Him, sort herself out first, then help Adam to be who he is meant to be.

Everything I write about Adam and Eve, I write in the belief that everyone who believes in Jesus wants to walk fully in the way the Lord God wants them to walk. Therefore everyone wants to understand Gods heart towards them and His desires and plans for them. I pray this is true. Because only if this is true will readers hear the truths written here.

Chapter Twenty-Six

“And The Rest of Her Seed”

I have always been fascinated by the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ as written by the disciple John. I am not frightened by the words written there as I believe, if you are walking in intimacy with the Lord God, and He knows you and you know Him, then you are assured He is in control and He will look after you. You will trust Him because of who He is, not because of who you are. Most fear comes from knowing, deep inside, who we are instead of how much He loves us and cares for us despite who we are. For of course we could never be worthy of all He gives us. There can never be any pride in this assurance because we have done nothing to bring it about. It is nothing of us and everything of Him, and we walk in reverent fear of who He is.

Verse 17 of chapter twelve of Revelation says,

*“And the Dragon was enraged with the woman[the church],
and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring,
who keep the commandments of God,
and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”*

Verses 13 to 16 have spoken about the Woman, which is, I believe, the church, and her Male Child, the overcomers who have already been caught up to Heaven. The Woman has been taken into the wilderness to be cared for by God for three and a half years. This is what has made the Dragon angry. He can no longer persecute the church as God has hidden her in the wilderness.

But there is left the rest of her seed, her offspring. These are a special group, different from the church who needs to be hidden, and the overcomer's who have gone to Heaven. These are a special group chosen by God because of their special qualities, who stay to fight against the Dragon. They are those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. I believe He has shown me that this group are those men who have come back to being true Adams during their time on earth, in that they are those who have learnt “not to listen to the voice of their wife”; a spiritual concept and principle.

Does this mean that they ignore everything their wives say and rule over them? Certainly not. It goes back to God's words spoken to Adam at the time of explaining the curse, the consequences of his eating of the fruit. Because you have listened to your wife does not mean Adam was to never listen to her voice. She is wisdom for

him. He needs this wisdom God has given her, to be the helper He ordained her to be to Adam. The listening he was not to do was when Adam listened to her in areas where he needed to be only listening to God. This is in the areas of the strengths God left in him, and of the role he was ordained to fulfil, in particular the areas of authority and responsibility.

The rest of her offspring I believe are all men, due to the original blueprint, and the authority God placed in the man, and left in him when He took the woman out. God's plan was to always work through the man. They are men who have learned to listen to both God and their wife, but to not be deceived in the areas they need to hear only the voice of God. They are men who walk in their Godly authority and who love their wives as Christ loved the church, and who know her value to them, but also know the areas where they could be deceived by her, and who listen to God only in these areas.

They are men who have come back to the intimacy Adam had with God in the garden, because it is only this intimacy that makes them capable of hearing clearly the voice of God and being able to love their wives and value her as Jesus loves the church. The Woman [Church] who is taken into the wilderness to be hidden for the time of tribulation is not strong enough to stay and fight against the Dragon. This is why she needs to be looked after. Jesus knows this but He still loves her the same as the Man Child, the overcomer's who have been taken to Heaven, and the rest of her seed who have made themselves ready to fight the Dragon. It is very important that this Church is called a Woman. The rest of her Offspring, those who have regained the intimacy Adam had with God, need to look after their woman and not love her any less because of her need to be looked after. This was the original spiritual blueprint.

Of course, some of these men, or even all of them, may not have a wife. This does not stop them from being an Adam to "woman," Eves the Lord God may put across their path.

So the rest of Her offspring have returned to the true intimacy with the Lord God, but verse seventeen says they also keep the commandments of God. The first commandment God ever gave to man was to not eat from the tree in the centre of the garden, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The one that could make them like gods. This is the commandment it is the most important for them to obey. They do not judge by the knowledge gained from this tree but from learning to see as the Lord God sees and love as He loves. They know they can never be gods and are very content to trust wholly in Creator God. They have no desire to be anything but what He created them to be: those He loves and desires to be in intimacy with. To work with Him to achieve His plans for His creation. To be His helpers, both male and female, living in the God given roles He ordained for us, in defeating lucifer once and for all by appropriating the victory already won for us by the Son of God on the cross.

Please be aware here, I write my books secure in the knowledge of my God and of how much He loves me, and in the knowledge that He does speak clearly to me because of the relationship He and I have built as He has walked beside me in the wilderness; the twenty plus years of struggle and pain, after He filled me with His spirit when I was thirty four and so terrified by life, before I came to be able to begin a disciple walk of overcoming with Him. Then as I walked in obedience to Him over the next fifteen years, as He took on the work of making me without spot, wrinkle or blemish, to be part of the Bride He is coming back for. I do not want to start any new doctrines or movements. I just want to tell those who want to listen, how I have found God and the incredible life He has given me to live.

I wrote in two earlier chapters about an experience He gave me only a few weeks ago, where He took me into a trance and gave me an experience that changed my life yet again. I have not yet written about the last message He gave me that morning. It came as some softly spoken words that left me awe struck. He said to me,

“When you are nothing in me, you are everything to me.”

He told me that John the Baptist was the one who really got it right in essence. His words were, at the time of baptising Jesus,

“He must increase and I must decrease.”

John chapter 3 verse 30

The Lord God is the only one who knows my heart, just as He is the only one who can know each of your hearts. He gave me these words because He knows my heart is for these books to cause Him to increase. That is my hearts desire, for everyone to know Him as I have found Him to be. I offer the words I believe He gives me to write for this purpose only.

Chapter Twenty-Seven

Naked Again

I have a young friend, Chris, who is without a doubt one of the most beautiful young men I have ever met. He has a heart the Lord God loves because he is so open to the things of God. He has already a capacity for intimacy that is phenomenal. He is so easy to be with, so loving and affectionate, such good company. With my beautiful young Sarah, the three of us can talk for hours about the things of God.

Last time he was in Sydney, he asked a question.

*“Do we have to go back to being naked
and what does it mean to be naked again?”*

We had been talking about how God's plan for us to help Him defeat lucifer completely, and appropriate Jesus' victory, was for mankind to return to the way it was in the garden. This necessitates us going back to being naked again, knowing we are and not being ashamed of it.

There has been a progression over the centuries. In the garden, Adam and the woman were naked but they weren't ashamed as they did not consider nakedness to have anything wrong with it. They just were, and they walked in it.

Then they ate from the tree and learnt something they were never meant to know, that nakedness could bring shamefulness. So they became ashamed and hid themselves.

Now in the seven letters to the seven churches in the book of Revelation, in the letter to the church at Laodicea, we find out we have come to a place of not knowing we are naked and also not being ashamed of it. But this has come about by us going deeper into deception. It has not come about by moving closer to the Lord God and to intimacy with Him. We need to know we are naked to come closer to Him.

His plan for us is to develop true intimacy with Him, and so come to know that we can again be naked before him and not be ashamed. We can stop hiding behind our fig leaves and become honest with the Lord God, and in so doing, we come back again to knowing who He really is, one of the important things we lost from eating of the tree, seeing and knowing a God we had experienced true intimacy with.

So, what is the answer to Chris' question? What does it mean to be naked again?

Of course it is a spiritual nakedness not a physical nakedness. It is about the knowledge we got from eating of the tree and knowing good from evil. It is about not hiding behind any of our “clothes” we have manufactured to cover our nakedness; our ministries, our goodness, our reputations, our achievements, our possessions, our positions. It is about having nowhere to hide from ourselves in deception. It is about not leaving a single toehold for lucifer to make us feel shame about. There is nothing we are or have done in our own strength that can stop us from feeling shame. Lucifer knows this and goes before God all the time, reminding God and us of all our inadequacies and failures. Scripture says he is like a roaring lion, going around seeking whom he can devour. He is the accuser of the brethren.

The only way to stop him is to have nothing hidden of which he can accuse us. If we have already acknowledged to ourselves and to the Lord God every rotten thing about ourselves, he has nothing to accuse us of. The vehicle the Lord God uses to bring this about is lucifer's original plan for all our lives; the Original Lie that keeps us from having intimacy with God. It keeps us hiding behind our fig leaves and being able to keep on deceiving ourselves.

God uses lucifer's own plan to defeat him. Isn't that great?

As we become aware of the Lie and it's purpose, then choose to defeat it's hold on our lives, we are defeating lucifer's lies and building intimacy with God. Intimacy with God is us telling Him everything about ourselves. Sure, He knows everything, but it is us telling Him that builds the intimacy.

Of course we need to become aware and honest about who we are before we can tell Him. We need to do as King David did and ask the Lord God to search us to see if there be any wicked way in us. Psalm 139 verses 23 and 24. We need to be aware scripture says the heart is deceitful above all things and search out the deceptions in our own hearts.

Then it is in the sharing with Him, and His total acceptance of who we are and His incredible love for us, that brings us to know Him again. Lucifer defeated!

It is us allowing Him to make ourselves without spot, wrinkle or blemish. We cannot ever be this way by our “clothing”. Only us allowing Him to do it will work.

One thing we need to realise is, being naked is very good when we are not afraid or ashamed. It sets us free. When we are naked and ashamed, we judge others for their nakedness and tell them they should be ashamed. This is because we are in denial about ourselves yet think we see others clearly.

This is how He showed it to me.

Adam and Eve judged themselves first, as soon as they ate from the forbidden tree. We do as they did because we still eat from that tree. We judge ourselves all the time. This is how the Lie is enabled to stay there. Even with a positive persona, when someone is triggered they immediately go into the extreme negative, ending up quite often with the “I am evil” belief, straight from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I have never heard anyone come out with “I am good” except one who I feel is one whom M. Scott Peck would probably class as a person of the lie. People of the Lie is an incredible read for any one who has not read it.

Then, because our life purpose is to prove the Original Lie is not correct, we turn from judging ourselves to judging others. This enables us to be in denial about our own failings. That is why the Lie can sometimes be so hard to find. We hide it very deeply under our judgements of others. This is how we survive, by looking at others and their failings instead of our own.

It is only when we have become aware of, and accepting of, our own nakedness that we do see clearly the other's nakedness. Then, because we have to judge ourselves in order to see our own nakedness, we do not do this to them because we have learnt how much the Lord God loves us, and how much He loves everyone. When we are all naked but not ashamed, we cannot judge others. Instead we learn to love each other as the Lord Jesus commanded us to do, because we know we are all in this together. This becomes a mighty weapon for defeating lucifer.

The Lord God is still calling out to us today, just as He did in the garden.

“Adam, Adam, where are you?”

His call today is for us to stop hiding, stop being ashamed, accept being naked, knowing it is a good thing to be naked, and come and live spiritually in the garden again with Him in Intimacy.

WILL YOU DO IT?

Chapter Twenty-Eight

Sam

I have mentioned already that Sam is dying of cancer. He actually passed away about a month ago, peacefully in his sleep. I wasn't upset. I did not cry for him or for me.

I had to ring a reverend we both knew who had helped me during the year after Sam broke our wedding plans, to tell him it had happened. We talked about Sam and his walk with the Lord Jesus. We came to talk about the things Sam had done to me and the scripture in Matthew 7 verse 22, where Jesus says that,

*“they will come to me and say,
'Did we not do mighty things in your name,
prophesy, heal the sick, cast out demons,'
And I will say to them,
Get away from me, I never knew you.”*

We talked about this being a pretty frightening scripture and about how it could have affected Sam. We both knew things about Sam that caused us to question whether Jesus did know Sam. Sam certainly loved Jesus and tried to follow Him all the days of his life. But the scripture causes us to question,

“Just exactly what does it mean for Jesus to know us?”

We then had to ask if Jesus actually knew Sam. The answer came quite quickly. I have written in “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,” how Sam had spoken things to me in the last year I was still in contact with him, things he had told no one else ever. Especially things he had done wrong in his life.

I have always loved the Alcoholics Anonymous program. I came to know it at twelve years of age, when my mother was a member and sober for two years. I had been home for months with the after affects of a burst appendix, and so heard the other members and my mother talking when they visited her. There were few telephones in those days in private homes, so people had to visit one another in order to talk.

This program is inspired by God and has helped many thousands to come to sobriety. It is a program I believe any one could use to help them overcome any problem. The principles are excellent. I have never been a drinker because my mother was and I chose to not do any of the things she did, but I used the program to

help me overcome the dysfunction I lived in for the early years of my life, even before I met Jesus. I still use it today, probably daily, it is so deeply planted in my spirit.

One thing the program recommends is to share who you really are, all your mistakes and weaknesses, with one other person and God. Of course as we share with one other person, we are sharing with God. He hears every heart.

Even when we were no longer seeing each other, Sam and I spoke sometimes on the phone. I was still in love with him and did not hold unforgiveness towards him. During these times of talking, he twice told me things about his childhood, experiences that had caused him to do things in his life to compensate for what had been done to him and what he had come to believe about himself as a result.

This, of course, is the Original Lie I talk about. I believe God was still working in Sam's life, because He caused him to reveal to me things he had never told anyone. I was able to talk to him about the Original Lie and how the experiences he told me about had gone into his spirit at the most vulnerable time of a child's life, fourteen, and how these experiences had caused him to behave in ways he had no control over, to try to undo the damage that was done to an innocent child. God said to me that Sam sharing these experiences with me, and admitting how they had caused him to behave for his whole life, had been God getting to know Him.

The Lord God had told me before that the sharing of and overcoming of the Original Lie inside each one of us, planted there by satan to destroy our ever coming to know God intimately, was the best way to let Him come to know us. Sam had done this when he had openly and honestly shared who he really was with me. It was the first time the Lord God had shown me an example of how it actually worked in someone's life. I know that the way Sam had shared with me on those two occasions had been God inspired and real.

I praise God for this assurance about Sam, and His confirmation of a spiritual principle I had believed He was telling me about.

I know that Sam is there with the Heavenly Father he delighted in so much, and he is free now to be who he was always meant to be in God. Sam was a beautiful man with a beautiful heart, but robbed as we all are of the deep intimacy with God he so desired.

Of course Sam had spent any times talking to the reverend who had helped me and so had shared his heart with him also, not to the depth he had with me, but deeper than he had with others. So we were both reassured of Sam's place in Heaven on that morning.

This scripture is such a frightening scripture as it appears in another important place as well. This is in the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins. The ten are all waiting for the Bridegroom, Jesus. The five foolish do not have enough oil for their lamps, so they go to get more before the bridegroom comes. But when they return, they find He has come and the door is locked. They knock and ask to be let in, but Jesus tells them to go away, He never knew them. Again the same words. And if I understand scripture correctly, they are being refused entry to the marriage supper of the Lamb, the wedding feast. All because they did not have enough oil for their lamps before Jesus came to take them to the Marriage Feast.

How is it we can be in a position of not having enough oil in our lamps when He comes?

To me the oil is intimacy with Him. It is His spirit dwelling within us.

How do we come to intimacy with Him?

We come through having the humility to look at ourselves deeply, and share who we really are with one other person and God. We come by looking at the Lies inside us and changing our thoughts so we can change our behaviour and stop hurting others, to be able to learn to love as Christ has loved us.

Even though Sam left it too late to work on his Lie and overcome it, he did let God and I know who he was. This was overcoming in and of itself. God came to know him. Of course not being given entry to the marriage feast does not mean not going to Heaven. This depends only on believing in Jesus and who He is in all His fullness.

Chapter Twenty-Nine

Psalm 37, verse 4

*Delight yourself also in the Lord,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

When Renee was only nine, in children's church one Sunday, she coloured me in a sheet of paper containing the above part of this scripture verse. It went into my spirit and I had it on my kitchen wall for twenty years. When I moved to Sydney, it went missing. It is a scripture I have endeavoured to walk in. While writing this book, it has come to be a really important part of the message. Then this morning, He said to me that I had not been strong enough in how important it really is.

Going back to the garden of Eden and living in God's provision for us in every form is about coming out from eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and learning to trust totally in the God who created you and who wants only the very, very best for you.

I was asked yesterday by a very strong christian man to pray for him to get a wife. He said he wanted to change churches to try to find one as there was no one suitable in the small church he is in. But this is eating from that tree. To be back in the garden is to know how excellent God is in providing for our needs and how He can bring someone across our path at any time, in any place, because He is the only one who knows who would be the perfect Eve for us, or if you are looking for a husband, the perfect Adam. We can go on serving the Lord and trust Him to provide.

God is delighted every time we place our wants in His hands knowing He will provide, but we need to then leave them in His hands and do nothing to help Him in His quest. Changing churches is trying to do His job for Him. He will quite often, maybe always, do nothing with our prayer until we do leave it totally to Him. In fact, if you pray a prayer like this, then go searching in the knowledge of the tree of good and evil, you will almost certainly pick the wrong wife.

When the Lord God gave me the audible voice I wrote about in my first book, "And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready," that He had picked Tim out for me to marry, I told Him I would not do anything to help Him bring it about. And I didn't. This included in particular going back to Tim's church, which is where I had met him on a Saturday "Walk Through the Old Testament" outing. Yet He managed to organise the whole thing by twice more putting Tim across my path in totally

different venues each time, until I finally agreed to go along with His plan. I was left knowing that, because I was absolutely not going to help Him at all, Tim had to have been picked out by Him for me.

As you read my first book, then this one, please be very aware that I really am His intercessor. What He does in my life is not what is going to happen in yours if you trust in Him. I am talking about Tim leaving our marriage after eleven years. The things He called me to do for Him were for me only, because He had asked if He could use my life this way. I had not prayed for a husband. In fact, I had made a decision to never marry again. I was quite horrified when I received the audible voice.

While Tim and I were married, we went with a middle aged man to a different church every Sunday night so he could try to find a wife because there wasn't one in the baptist church for him. It didn't work. This was twenty years ago at least and I didn't know about trusting God then like I do now.

This morning He lined it up with the psalm. He said that when we really DO delight ourselves in Him, He WILL give us the desires of our heart. So what does it mean to delight ourselves in Him. It means coming to know Him, who He is, how much He loves us and wants good things for us, how absolutely trustworthy He is. It means believing in who He says He is.

It means having a grateful heart or as Josh, my 10 year old grandson, calls it, having “a glass half full” always. It means being able to ask Him for what we would like or even need, yet being able to be totally satisfied with His answer because we know He only wants good things for us always.

Psalm 37 verse 4 is another of the “If you do this, then I will do that” scriptures. They are the promises we can really count on.

Chapter Thirty

The Blueprint

My friends and I talk all the time about God incidences. We experience them regularly. They are experiences where the Lord God is doing something.

Yes, we do have to be careful that they really are the Lord God doing something and not just a funny, unexplained happening in life. But again I believe it is an “If and a then”. If we abide in Him, we do not get deceived.

I have found in real God instances, there are three things He wants to achieve. There is something for each of the two people involved and there is something for Himself. Sometimes the two people have what He has planned for them happen, but what He is hoping to achieve in His huge plan does not come to pass, although it does win ground in the spiritual for Him to use towards having His plan achieved. Each God incidence should bring us closer to Him and His purposes.

I want to take you through one He organised for me just this week. It happened on 25th June 2013. I have almost finished writing my second book, this book. Usually I write for an hour and a half early in the mornings when He wakes me up. But I had been unable to write for about a week before this date. I was on what I thought were the last two chapters of my book. I had experienced, in writing my first book, that God likes to write the last chapter. This was to be the same. He wanted to write the last chapter. He has actually had me write a number of chapters since. One of the most interesting things about learning to hear from God and follow Him is that I have to be always open to where He is leading me. When I think what He is giving me is an ending, He may have a lot more to say yet and a different ending. I leave this as I wrote it so you can learn about hearing from Him.

It was a Tuesday morning and I had to leave home early to meet Samantha before she went to work. I had put two prescriptions for medication in my handbag a couple of days before, as I was running out of blood pressure tablets. I really needed to get them made up that day as I had taken the last one the morning before.

Driving down to Samantha's unit, I was going the opposite way to the three lane bumper to bumper traffic going towards the city. If I just met up with Samantha, it would take about twenty minutes and I would be in that heavy traffic going home. Warringah Road from seven o'clock onwards every week day morning is some of the heaviest traffic in Sydney. I decided to stay down in the Warringah area and do a few

jobs I needed to do, have hot cakes at MacDonalds for breakfast, and go home after the traffic eased. Getting the prescriptions made up was one of the jobs to do.

I carried out these plans, arriving home about ten thirty. Then I realised I had not had the prescriptions made up and I needed to take one of the tablets within a few hours. It was a very wet day, in the middle of the two weeks or more we have of heavy rain every day in Sydney in June. I made a decision to not go up to the local shops again, not to take the car out in the rain again, as it would not hurt me to miss one tablet. I settled down to do some sewing.

About one thirty, I realised it had stopped raining and the sun was very weakly trying to shine through. I decided, in the moment, to go up and have my prescription made up as it was not too late to take the blood pressure tablet. I drove up, left the prescription with the chemist and had ten minutes to fill in while they made it up.

I went down to the two opportunity shops we have in the local shopping centre to see if they had any interesting books. I went to Saint Vincent de Paul first, and there found three books for \$5, a very good buy. Life line is directly opposite and, as I left the first shop with my books, I was debating with myself whether to go and collect my tablets and go home, as I had found the three books, or whether to go and see if Lifeline had anything interesting to read.

I decided on the latter and went into the store and down the back to the book section. There were a few people in the store, and I knew one of the ladies who worked there on a Tuesday. There was a song playing on the radio in store, and a man listening to it. I had never met him before. He began to speak about the song playing as it was one of his favourites. I began to listen to it. Then he started to speak to me and to the lady working there whom he knew also. He said to me that he had a very beautiful heart and asked the lady to confirm to me that he did indeed have a beautiful heart. She did this. I found out later that they were in the same church.

He then started to speak to me about what he did for a living and for a ministry. He invited me to come across and see what he did, in upstairs rooms above another shop in the centre. He said to me that he never invited women up to see this, but he was inviting me. I agreed to go. He told me that people said they could feel God in his premises.

He was certainly a very special man who has a unique ministry to hurting and damaged young people through art. As this is what I do, work with damaged young people, only in a different way, I was fascinated. I felt this was a very real God incidence and so did he. He knew about God incidences which was incredible in itself. We started to talk about different things, and I told him about Joshua and his struggles with the breakup of his parents' marriage.

He asked me how old Joshua was and I told him nine.

He then asked me how old my daughter was and I told him forty six.

His reaction was extreme. He jumped back and started counting on his fingers. I didn't know what he was doing.

He then said to me,

“You must have been very young when you had her?”

I answered ,

“No, not very young at all.”

From then on he changed his attitude to me. I am so used to people changing their attitude to me that I did not question it. I just accepted it. I did go once to talk to him to see what had gone on and whether God was in fact doing anything. But there was no longer a God involvement that I could feel. I came home and let it all go.

I didn't yet realise it was another intercession, the quickest one I have ever experienced, and with no pain at all; just a few negative thoughts that I handled very well. This was Thursday afternoon.

On Saturday morning just after midnight, the Lord woke me. I lay for about half an hour, then I got up as I knew something was happening and I wasn't going to be able to go back to sleep. Normally I would try to get Him to wait till 4 am, but that wasn't going to happen this particular morning. I will never forget what happened next. It was my grandson's in Queensland's 16th birthday, so already a special day.

The day before, on the Friday afternoon, I had a man dump on me in the guise of telling me the truth. He was someone special in my life as I had felt we were walking the same path in Jesus, and he had felt the same. We had spent many hours talking. Yet today he was dumping on me. The things he said were not coming from the Holy Spirit, but from a different spirit, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. I do find lucifer will try to attack me and destroy my belief in who I am in Jesus, just before something special happens. This is what he did that day. But he doesn't succeed. It is amazing to me that he never learns. He just keeps trying the same old tricks over and over.

My reading of scripture tells me that, in the time of the end, we will be taught by the Holy Spirit. This has been my experience, starting with Him bringing me out of the dysfunction and mental illness written about in my first book. The fruit of this hearing from Him is very evident in the changes in my life; healing and wholeness.

Then in the writing of my first book, especially in chapter 6, the sixteen things God finds wrong with the churches, and in the way He gave them to me.

Now in the way He has spoken to me every thing that is written in this book. He has taken me through chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis and opened them up to me in how He sees them. I write this book to share with you what He has given me. Those who have ears to hear will hear. Those who don't, won't. I do not want to write a new doctrine that I expect everyone to follow. In fact it means nothing to me if no one listens. I would love for every one to find the healing and freedom I have found, and to experience the relationship I have with my heavenly Father. But if you don't hear, it is between you and the Lord God. I write the books. He takes them to the people He wants to read them and to hear what is being said.

You see, what I am about to write has blown my mind. This experience I had on the Saturday morning has changed my life again and I will never forget it. It is going to take me to a new place, a deeper place in God. It would be impossible for me to not write it, just for the few who will hear and understand.

The first place He took me to on the Saturday morning at 12.30 am was into a place of forgiveness of the man I had the God incidence with on the Tuesday before. He had flirted with me and, I realised later, thought I was younger than I am. I could have been hurt if I had not been as strong as I am. So it was important for me to hold no unforgiveness for him.

I am unable to flirt. When the Lord Jesus found me at thirty four and severely dysfunctional, He remoulded me in the way He wanted me to be. I was an emotional fourteen year old who had to learn at thirty four to be my correct age. He did the teaching and the building. He only taught me things he wanted me to know and to be. He did not teach me to flirt. In fact, because I had not learnt this "skill" before I withdrew at the age of fourteen, I don't even really understand the principles of it and could not respond at all to this man's flirting.

This man had expressed a deep need for prayer in a particular area on the Thursday when I had spoken to him. I had been praying for this need since then. I normally do not pray for the needs of people as I am not that kind of an intercessor. But because this man had been included in the intercession with me, I prayed for him. Mostly the people God uses when He wants to show me something have not made the commitment to have Him use their lives that I have. I guess I feel concerned for any inconvenience they may experience from meeting me, so I pray for them. Yes, I do know God is in control of what happens to them, but they quite often do not understand what God is doing, so they can be hurt if they have not reached the place of submitting their lives to Him. I know definitely that God does not let any go whom He has asked to do something with me. They are dear to His heart, and they have all been very special people, and He continues to work in their lives even more than He did before.

This place of forgiveness the Holy Spirit took me to this morning was different. It was for me. I needed to make sure I had a very clean heart towards this man. The why of this will unfold.

At twelve thirty on that early morning, I prayed a deep prayer for him, then I wrote it out and stuck it to my refrigerator door so I would see it a number of times a day and pray for him every time I saw it. Then I returned to a chair in the living room. One of the most important of God's spiritual principles is to have a clean heart. Psalm 51 verse 10. So it was essential I did this. He has shown me before that it is impossible to hold unforgiveness for someone while ever you can pray good things for their lives. Then He took me into the following teaching. I offer it here to any who have ears to hear. When He had finished telling me the full story, I sat in my chair and wept tears of joy for about half an hour.

I have written in my first book the story of Sam, and how, when God seeks to do something, there are three things He wants to accomplish. There is His desire, then a desire for each of the people involved. Three purposes.

He showed me firstly that the God incidence was for this man to be delighted in me and for the two of us to be together for His purposes. This astounded me as I had asked Him to not do this to me again. I had told Him I could not cope with the kind of pain I had gone through after the intercession with Sam, written in Chapter six of "And His Bride Had Made Herself Ready", and even worse, Chapter four of the same book, with Tim.

He had also given me the miracle of being able to go back to the catholic church and take communion, but where I had to promise to never marry again in order for this to happen. This had occurred only a few months before and I had been so blessed after thirty two years of not being allowed to do this, to be able to again take communion in the church where I had experienced such healing when the Lord Jesus first took me into a catholic church to be saved, healed and filled with the Spirit, written about in my first book, in the second chapter.

It is important to me to be able to take communion as often as I go to church, because Jesus tells us to do this in remembrance of Him. I want to remember Him every time I go to church, and the taking of communion is the way He tells us to do it. I was in the Churches of Christ in Queensland for years before I moved to Sydney, and I could take communion twice on a Sunday if I chose to go to church morning and night, which I mostly did. I saw more real moves of the Holy Spirit in this church than I have ever seen in any other church anywhere, including many supposed spirit filled churches. Am I saying this was because they took communion twice every Sunday? No! I am saying it was because of their obedience to His commandment.

“Do this in memory of me” is a commandment.

1st Corinthians chapter 11 verse 24

Yes I do discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in churches very clearly.

If I agreed with this new request from God, I would have to stop taking the communion, and be prepared to be with someone who had not had the opportunity to have the Lord involved in his life as I had, laying down my life again, when I really love my life and consider myself the most blessed person I know. But I did not hesitate. I would have done this had it worked out, because I know God always has my best interests in His heart, and always brings good out of anything He asks me to do, even if it turns out to be a disaster as Sam and Tim were.

“Obedience is better than sacrifice.”

1 Samuel chapter 15 verse 22.

He then took me through what had happened to the man in the God incidence. He told me the man had known it was from God and he was happy to let himself be involved. He had looked at me and seen me as God sees me. He knew I was special, just as I knew he was special. He was open to what God was doing. But he had decided I was about his age, sixty. I didn't know his age then, but he was obviously about sixty. But when we had talked about Joshua and my older daughter, and the man's shock when I said she was forty six, and he had counted on his hands, he was counting from forty six up to sixty, and had come up with the fact that I must have only been fourteen when I had her. He knew instantly this was not correct. So he stated that I must have been very young when I had her. He was hoping I had been only about seventeen, not impossible.

There is an incredible fact here. Every man, and I am talking about christian men, whom I have ever met and who are unattached, and in my age group, believe they deserve to be with a younger woman. And for some of them, it is a much younger woman. They are so deceived. But this beautiful man would have been very happy to be with a woman his own age or even a few years older.

But when I answered that I had not been young, he realised I must have been quite a number of years older than him, in fact ten years. He immediately made a decision he didn't want to be married to a woman this much older than him. So he changed his heart about what may have been a God incidence for us.

The Lord then began to open up still further what had occurred here, and gave me this incredible ending for my book.

It is about eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the one we were never meant to eat from, and from which we still eat today. This man had a heart for God and was able to leave himself open to something God may be doing. But he had

yet to learn not to eat from that forbidden tree. When he realised I was so much older than him, he took on the things I call the “I wants” or “I don't wants”. So many people have these in their speech and in their attitudes. It comes originally from the woman in the garden. When lucifer tempts her, she takes on his “I wants”. I want to eat from that tree, I want to be like God, I want to enjoy the fruit of that tree, it looks more delicious than the other fruit we have been eating. As humans we have also taken on the negative “I don't wants”. Both the “I want” and the “I don't want” are the opposite of intimacy with God.

When we are living fully with Him, our “I wants” become His “I wants”, and the “I don't wants” become His “I don't wants”. We only desire what He wants for us because we have come to know what He wants for us is always good.

So this day the man I had just met had automatically gone with the knowledge that he already lived in, which comes from that tree. His thoughts could have been, “I don't want a woman who is older than me by so much, in case I have to look after her as she gets older.” Whereas if he was in intimacy with God, his thoughts could have been, or should have been, “I don't know what God is doing here but I know He is doing something, so it doesn't matter about age. I will continue and see what He may be doing”. My reaction to the whole incidence was, “I don't know what God is doing, but because I know this is a God incidence, I want to know what He may be doing. I trust Him completely”.

The man had said to me a number of times that I did not look anywhere near seventy. He said he was an artist, he knew faces. But he still went with the knowledge from that tree.

Please understand here, there is no condemnation for this man at all. God picks the most beautiful people to be involved with me in these instances for Him to achieve His purposes. He showed me this time He had picked someone who was very nearly there in walking intimately with Him. He told me there had been a one percent chance of it all coming together. This was incredible as there are almost none I know who do not walk in the knowledge of that tree.

Then the most beautiful thing. If this man had been able to say that he was going to go God's way instead of his own, not leaning on his own understanding, we could have gone to live in the spiritual garden of Eden with God. Had he had the attitude that God was providing him with a helper who would delight him, we could have gone back to the garden together.

What left me in tears was the fact that God had a plan to bless me in one of the deepest desires of my heart; to be in true one flesh intimacy with someone who would think I was delightful, just as He thinks I am delightful. Understand, this is a human desire. I still have human desires, I just don't live by them. But they can surface at times. The fact that the Lord God could do this for me will never leave me,

it has gone so deeply into my spirit. It doesn't matter if it never happens for me, the fact that my heavenly Father loves me so much He will try to get it for me by organising for me to meet someone as special as this man is, just in case it happens, is mind blowing.

The sad thing is, when we are following the knowledge of the tree, it is very hard to go back to God's plan. This is because, in this instance, if this man had realised how much benefit he would have gained in being able to return to everything Adam and Eve had in the garden, he would have gone along with God's plan for the wrong reasons. He would have gone for the provision and every other good thing they had, instead of for the intimacy it would bring.

Sadly also, from that moment of deciding to eat from the tree, he was no longer able to see me as having any value. He could have worked through his Lie and made God's changes in his life just by us having a friendship. But he could not see the value in that. He wanted a wife. So his eating from the tree destroyed God's plan for him to be free.

The only way it will work is for Adam to be delighted in the woman just as it happened in the beginning. This was their protection, the true one flesh. Adam broke it when he stopped being delighted in the woman. Hard to believe isn't it. But this is the way God wants us all to live. True one flesh is believing in each other even when we have disappointed each other. It is knowing that, even when we have done something very wrong, we are still valuable to the Lord God and so should still be valuable to each other.

This is a spiritual principle that defeats lucifer. Loving each other unconditionally defeats lucifer. He delights to separate us; a house divided against itself cannot stand. Matthew chapter 12 verse 25. We can defeat lucifer in our lives by being on each other's sides, by always seeing the value in each other, no matter what we have done wrong or how we have disappointed each other, and by always choosing to love.

So, God's first plan for His bringing us together was for us to be able to delight in each other, and to be able to return spiritually and share true intimacy with Him in the garden. Had this happened, the plan God wanted to achieve, to defeat lucifer, would have taken place. God is looking for people who will go back to walking by the spiritual principles of His blueprint, put into place 6000 years ago in the garden of Eden. I know that I do walk in the principles of the garden, but it requires a male and a female to do it together to fulfil it. I can't do it on my own. I can and do live in the spiritual garden but it would be so much better to have someone to share it with. So much more powerful. And it would defeat lucifer completely.

But in the second plan God had on the Tuesday two weeks ago, He can have me write it in this book for Him, the perfect ending, just as I have done in this chapter.

The ninety nine percent of God's plan was just the illustration of how to walk with Him, and not by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And of how to follow after His plan even when it seems bizarre as in being delighted in a woman ten years too old for you. If we are to follow Him fully, we have to be prepared to do whatever He asks us to do, without once thinking of what the knowledge of the tree may say.

True intimacy with God is to always look to Him for everything. To come to trust Him so completely that we know He always has the right answer. To not ever lean on our own understanding. To acknowledge Him in all our ways and let Him guide our path. To have a mind that immediately goes to Him for the answer instead of going to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

This is the God of the universe who wants to be in relationship with us. He is all knowing and His knowledge is Truth. He is all loving. It is a privilege to believe Him and trust Him completely. It is incredible to think that He considers us and wants to be in communion with us.

If we want to have true intimacy with our amazing Heavenly Father, we need to obey His command to not eat from the tree in the centre of the garden, to stop eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

If we want to help Him defeat lucifer completely, we need to go back to the blueprint and live in the roles He ordained for us to walk in, to be who He made us to be so we can be truly fulfilled and happy.

If we want to live in the beauty of the garden, with all its provision, we need to hear only His voice and obey only His voice, so we can be again the blessing we were to Him in the beginning.

So once again He can delight in the man and woman He created so lovingly, and say,

“IT IS GOOD.”

Chapter Thirty-one

Her Conception

Then yesterday, in the middle of editing this book, the Lord Jesus takes me to Genesis chapter 3 verse 16a,

“I will greatly multiply your sorrows and your conception.”

If women's conception was going to be multiplied, then it must have existed before the fall, in the garden.

He then opened up for me the following.

In the garden, Adam and his wife were in total intimacy with the Lord God. He was their everything in everything. He held everything in His hand. In due time, the woman would have conceived and bore a child. And again over the years, to the number of children He had ordained for her to have, spaced at intervals of time that would have given each child their correct number of years to be nurtured by their parents, before the next child was conceived. The woman would never have had to worry about birth control. It would have all happened naturally. Everything would have come from their intimacy with the Lord God.

We know from scripture how God can open and close wombs.

Michal, King David's wife; a closed womb. 2nd Samuel chapter 6 verses 16 to 23.

Sarah, Abraham's wife; an open womb. Genesis chapter 18 verses 9 to 14, and chapter 21 verses 1 to 3.

Hannah; an open womb. 1 Samuel chapter 1 verses 1 to 20.

Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother; an open womb. Luke chapter 1 verses 5 to 13.

The woman in the garden would have been able to leave it all to the Lord God, and He would have blessed her and Adam with children in due time. But she has broken a spiritual law and has brought down on herself spiritual consequences.

Remember here, when He says to her, “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception {childbearing}, He is talking about spiritual laws He has put in place for the correct operation of His creation. He is unable to change what will happen to her as a consequence of breaking the one commandment and bringing the resulting curses down on herself.

But He is still a loving creator who is giving her knowledge of what her life will now be like. He is not a punishing God. So, look at all the consequences no longer being in intimacy with God has brought on to the woman. Her desire is for her husband, for closeness with him and for bearing his children. But she now has to worry about falling pregnant too often, so damaging her ability to be fully free and loving with her husband. She has the concern of too many children, too close together, robbing each child of the full nurture time each needs with their parents, before the next child comes along.

So many consequences have followed. The need for birth control, one of which I have experienced will cause a miscarriage in any month conception occurs, by preventing the neck of the womb from closing to nurture the new foetus. It does not matter when the medical world says a fertilised egg becomes a foetus, to me it is a living child from the moment of conception.

The increasing her sorrow and her conception is the greatest burden for women today. Closed wombs, wombs that are too fertile, effects of birth control, children robbed of their full nurture time, even to the lack of appreciation of children, to damage done to children because of stress on mothers, abortion when birth control methods fail or are unable to be used.

Six thousand years of problems with conception, and the sorrow it brings, to me, have led us to where we are today all over the world, in different ways. In Australia, where adults beat a very small child to death, as a number in Sydney had it happen recently. Regularly now, the death of a child or children is reported, through abuse or neglect. I don't have to go into details. Every week you can read it in the newspapers or watch it on TV. The degree to which it is happening is horrifying. One of God's most incredible creations, the birth of a baby to replenish the earth just as He told us to do.

Of course, the problem of the world is much more complex than birth control. This is just one result of the curse that has contributed to the state of the world today.

Do we really think He is not affected by what is happening. He is horrified. He knows the way we were meant to live, and produce children. He knows the protection we would have had if we hadn't eaten from that tree and brought the consequences down on ourselves.

Why would we not want to stop eating from that tree?

Why do we not want to grasp the truth of His Holiness?

Why don't we tremble at His every word?

I know of one woman who loved Jesus with all her heart. She did not practice birth control. She had four children in ten years. Then she developed fibroids in her womb and had to have a hysterectomy in her early forties. She was now free as a young woman still to enjoy her husband.

Am I advocating this as a lifestyle? Definitely not! I had a second cousin who lived by the same principles and died having her tenth child. I believe we are the ones suffering under the curse and each woman has the right to make her own decisions. I chose to have a tubal ligation at twenty nine, after six pregnancies, and only three live births. I am one who has suffered greatly under the curse, and I made choices. Would I make the same choices today? I don't know the answer to that. It would depend on each individual circumstance. There is no condemnation. We are controlled by the curses.

“But I am writing this solely to illustrate the extreme difference in this world in how we have to live and the many varied choices we have to make, compared to the way we were meant to live in the garden in intimacy with God.”

Can you go back to living in the garden spiritually?

Just a question for you to ponder.

I know we can through deep intimacy with the Lord God. I believe He is waiting for us to do just this.

Of course this illustration is just one area where we could return to walking spiritually with the Lord God. Imagine this world if we could return to walking with Him fully in every area.

Chapter Thirty-two

Trickery

This morning the Lord has again woken me with words that have amazed me. The information that He has given to me is probably the most important information He has given me in this book. I believe He has given me some amazing insights into the meaning of things that happened in the garden between Adam and Eve and how these things still affect human relationships today. Yet what He has given to me this morning is more than all the rest.

This book is called “Be The Eve That Eve Wasn't” for a purpose. It is the name the Lord God gave me for the book and He knew what He was doing in having me call the book by this title.

I have stated many times in the writing of this book that God holds Adam responsible for what happened in the garden because His plan for the perfect operation of the world was always to work through the authority and responsibility of the man, Adam. He has not changed this.

But it was the woman's behaviour in the garden that led Adam to sin, and she has to admit responsibility for this. I have already spoken about her role in leading Adam back and how God has given her special strengths to enable her to fulfil her role in doing this.

I have also stated a number of times that everything goes back to the garden. What happened there still affects us today. What Adam and the woman did in the garden, we still do today as men and women. Every behaviour they brought into being there we still do today.

I have written about how the Lord showed me that the woman may not have told Adam that lucifer had spoken to her. She may have led Adam to look at the tree in the centre of the garden on a different pretext. She had a hidden agenda. She had already looked at the tree herself and decided she wanted to eat from it. She wanted the things lucifer had told her eating of the fruit would bring her. She wanted these things and did not want Adam to stop her from getting them.

She did believe that she was doing the best thing for herself and for Adam. But she also knew deep inside herself that if Adam realised the whole picture, that he was

actually being offered fruit from the tree he had promised the Lord God he would not eat from, there was a strong probability he would not eat. He would be obedient to God.

She did not want this to happen. She really wanted to eat from that tree. So she brought into play a behaviour my young friend calls trickery. I have written about this already in this book, how my other young friend, the young Eve, reacted so strongly to his word trickery, that she curled up in a ball in my lounge chair and crossed her arms in front of her body in an attempt to protect herself from the word. Yet, after a few minutes of discussion, she had the courage to admit she is aware of the ability to practice trickery in herself. Her reaction was the result of the truth hitting a place in her spirit that told her she was hearing truth and she needed to listen.

In my journey of walking out of my Original Lie, written about in my first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,” one of the insights I had was that women behaved differently to men.

What a surprise!

Can you believe that?

We actually are very different to men in our behaviour.

And it all goes back to that garden! Wow!!

I saw many years ago that male behaviour is very “out there”. It isn't hidden. It is very obvious. It is easy to see and understand. They just react and express it. No, not their feelings or communications in a good way. They just show who they are very loudly, without thinking about it or being aware of what they are doing, or how it is affecting others around them. This is why, in the harming of the children in the planting of the Original Lie, the damage they do is easier for the child to understand and so it isn't planted as deeply as the damage from the female's behaviour can be. It is overt behaviour.

With the female however, her behaviour is much more hidden. It is not open and easy to understand. It damages the child far more because the child cannot understand what is really happening. I write about this in “The Bride” in Chapter three. My mother's hidden behaviours and cruelty did the damage. I could not understand why she could not love me. My father was unavailable and it was obvious he could not love me. But my mother said she did, yet her behaviour showed me the opposite.

I realised when the Lord spoke to me this morning that in writing this as He has given it to me, I was not going to make myself popular with women. But I can not

consider this. The Lord God has had me walk through the severe damage the Original Lie caused in my life, so He could use it at any time He needed to. He knows that my life is totally submitted to Him. For too long, this insidious Original Lie has been destroying lives of men and women everywhere, and it is God's time for this truth to come out and for lucifer to be defeated. If you follow Jesus, then you must love the truth and welcome it with open hearts, because Jesus is the truth, and if you genuinely follow Him, you can do nothing else but love the truth.

I, as a woman, and my special young friend who reacted to the word trickery, have both had to open our hearts to this truth. When the woman in the garden made the decision she did to lead Adam astray, she caused to be planted in women everywhere the ability to use trickery to achieve what we want to achieve when we really want something, as Eve wanted to eat from that tree. By hiding what she wanted from Adam and using trickery to get it, she caused women's behaviour to be covert, more hidden than men's overt behaviour.

*Those who have ears to hear what the spirit is saying
will hear the truth being written here.*

And because Adam was the one she tricked, he has an innate fear of trickery of any kind coming from the women in his life. He has no idea that he has this knowledge buried deep inside himself, and that it manipulates his behaviour. He just reacts to it.

These two consequences of the event in the garden 6000 years ago are still with us today, and cause so many of the relationship problems we experience.

I was with my family in Queensland one day when my son-in-law yelled at my grandson. I was so badly affected by it that I, in a very hidden manner, pushed a twenty dollar note into my grandson's hand; my ineffectual way of saying to him that I had seen what had happened and I understood. He immediately said to me,

“Why did you do that”?

He instantly knew what I was doing was incorrect behaviour. He was only fifteen but he knew in his depths what I was doing was not right. I was actually saying to him that his father was bad, when my own belief system says no one is bad. We are all manipulated by our lies. But I was motivated by the ability to use trickery. I wanted my grandson to know that I had seen and understood and I was on his side. Deep down my want was for him to love me. He has always been very special to me, and it is hard when they become teenagers to know where they are at.

As an example of trickery, imagine there is a young woman and she is very much in love with a young man. Their relationship has broken up but she very much wants him to reconcile with her. She has the ability to resort to trickery to achieve her want. This will be most noticeable in her communication. Women can be better

communicators than men. She could begin to tell him how wonderful he is and to build him up. Now, be aware, the gift of encouragement is largely a strength I believe God took from Adam and gave to Eve to help her play her role. But in this case, she will be using it because of her want to have the relationship restored. So she will be using trickery, i.e. inappropriately using the gift to achieve her want.

Because he has this deep knowledge from the garden that she is capable of this, he will hear the encouragement negatively. So he will not respond in the way she is hoping he will.

This leads to what the Lord God had for me to write this morning. One of the most powerful gifts He has given to Eves everywhere is the strength of wisdom. In the leading Adam back to where he is meant to be, she needs to walk in this quality very strongly. She needs to be aware of how she is capable of behaving when she has a 'want', and also of the deep fear inside Adam about her ability to use this behaviour. She needs to be very careful of how she communicates to him.

I believe this morning the Lord God has said to me that these two consequences from the garden, the ability of the female when she has a want, to resort to trickery, and the deep knowledge and fear inside the male of her ability to do this, are the really strong areas we have to become aware of and overcome. They are the two that do the most damage in our relationships.

The Lord keeps giving me more information. This really is His book. Three nights ago, the young man who first talked about trickery came to have an evening meal with me. Of course we talked about Adam and Eve. He asked what would be the opposite side of the coin to trickery. I had learnt in the crisis accommodation where I worked in Queensland that negative emotions have a flip side to them. This is not the opposite of them, but a flip side to the coin that we can use to turn the negative emotion to a positive emotion. The example we used is anger. The opposite of anger is peace. But the positive side of anger is determination.

So we were looking at the positive side to the negative trait of trickery. He said compassion. I said endearment. This morning the Lord God spoke to me about it. He said the positive side of trickery is delightfulness. This is how He explained it to me. I have already written some of this but I want to put it here fully so it can be clearly heard.

When Adam first saw Eve, he was delighted with her. She quickly became very special to him. She was the perfect gift from God for him, to enrich his life. Then lucifer caught her on her own and offered her a temptation. She wanted what lucifer told her she could have. But it meant being disobedient to God's command to not eat from the tree in the centre of the garden. She was sure that if she told Adam about the experience he would be obedient to God and would not let her eat. So she finds a different reason to take Adam to the tree and show it to him to see what he would do.

He did not recognise it was the tree God had told him not to eat from, so when she ate from it and there were no visible effects, he also ate the fruit she offered him. They both had immediate consequences in that their eyes were opened and Adam realised he had eaten from the tree God had told Him not to eat from. He realised Eve had tricked him into eating.

This put a deep knowledge of, and fear of, the ability in the woman to use trickery to get what she wanted, when she wanted something she did not think he would agree to. This knowledge and fear is still deeply buried in all Adams today. Unfortunately one of the uses of being delightful can be to get our want fulfilled. I see women using this to get their particular Adam to look at the tree they want him to look at all the time. It is very evident in the world and in the church. And it all goes back to Eve using it in the garden.

Adam was really angry with her for this, so angry that it caused him to dump on her and on God, and to not be able to take responsibility for his own behaviour. Even though Eve had tricked him, his relationship and knowledge of God should have caused him to wonder why it was a tree he had not eaten from before, and to ask God if it was okay to eat from this tree. He was responsible before God for both of them, so he should have been in communion with God the whole time. He had let his delight in the woman become more important than his relationship with God.

The result of her deceiving him was he ceased to see her as delightful any more. Now he sees trickery in her delightfulness. And he can be right in this. She can still use trickery to get what she really wants when it is something he does not want to give her. I can see the woman doing this when she wanted Adam to look at the tree. But she only does it when it is something she really wants that he does not want her to have. He is depriving them both of something very special by this, because she can really be delightful when she is just being delightful, and it is not about getting something she wants that he will not give her. He can mistrust her delightfulness all the time. He is in danger of always looking for her to trick him again. This is what Adam has to overcome, to learn that she can be delightful and this is beautiful for them both. He has to trust that practicing trickery is not who she really is and to listen to God instead of letting the results of the eating of the fruit keep on destroying what they can have.

This is then the key to beginning to come back to the Lord Gods plan for the perfect way for His creation to live. Eve has to become aware of her ability to use trickery to get what she wants, and Adam has to learn to trust that she is learning this. They have to believe in each other and work together to rebuild what has been destroyed.

Chapter Thirty-Three

Propensity to Sin

I believed I had finished this book and so I had printed out four copies to give to people I believe the Lord Jesus has given to me to be mentors now that I no longer have the mentor I had for my first book. Three of these are godly men He has put across my path in true God incidence ways. There is the Irish dentist, David, who read my first book when he was living in Australia with his wife and two beautiful little girls. The Lord God had brought him to Australia for His purposes, and when he met me and read my first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready,” he believed one of the purposes was to help me get the book known. He had returned to Ireland just after helping me to return to the catholic church, another purpose he believed the Lord God had for him here.

I had emailed him the copy of the book and within a week, he had read it and sent me very valuable comments, most of which I have incorporated into this book.

The second man, Peter, I had met in a church neither of us normally go to. We were both there at the invitation of a mutual friend. We had begun to talk and, four hours later, were still talking. He is a strongly spirit filled man, and so too is his delightful wife. I had met up with them on the Saturday morning and given Peter a copy of this book. On the Wednesday afternoon, he rang me with two very valuable comments. One was his concern over the word “propensity” to sin. He said he did not disagree with me that Adam and Eve had the choice to sin within them in the garden before the fall. He was just concerned about the deep meaning of the word propensity. However he said to me that if I was sure that was the word the Lord God had used and wanted used, I should not change it.

When I know that people are put across my path by Him, I listen to what they have to say. I went home and looked the word propensity up in the dictionary. It said the word meant “an inclination” or “bent” towards something. I did not like the dictionary meaning and left myself open to the Lord God giving me a different word. Peter had talked to me about the power there was in having the choice to sin or not to sin and said this may be a good way to express it.

The next day, one of the young people who have walked through their Original Lies and come out the other side wanted to meet up and talk. This was a young man who had already had input into this book on the weekend we went to Bungendore

together, and where this book came into being. We had talked about it on a couple of other occasions since, with Sarah who went with us. He had already given me valuable input into the book. He knew the Adam and Eve concept well. Yet as he began to share with me, I told him what he was saying was wrong, and I did not listen. I have not done this before. I am a listener and always open to hear what the Lord God may be saying. Yet this day I wasn't. The young man had immediately stopped sharing when I told him he was wrong.

When I woke up at midnight that night, I heard the Lord God say very clearly,

*“You didn't listen to Campbell.
He had something very valuable to tell you.”*

I rang him first thing the next morning, left him a message of apology and asked him to ring me back and tell me what he had been going to say the afternoon before.

Campbell is an amazing young man. He has had the courage to walk through the Original Lie lucifer caused to be put on his life, and all the dysfunction that brought to him. He has had a major battle but he is winning. God has rewarded him with wisdom that he helps many other people with. He is truly a powerful warrior for His heavenly Father. I trust his spiritual walk.

He told me that he believed the Lord God had shown him that Adam and Eve did sin in the garden, that they were the same as us, only they had no concept of sin, of good and evil. They did do wrong things. But there was a major difference. They had the God of the Universe there to handle the mistakes, and he did this with love and patience, kindness and wisdom. He handled their mistakes in the way that we need all our mistakes to be dealt with, but do not ever get in a world that eats from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I took this as the confirmation of the word “propensity to sin” that God had given me in an earlier chapter. I also realised I had used the expression “propensity to sin” in my first book, but I had not had the fullness of understanding of it at the time.

Then the Lord God reminded me of my early walk with Him through my original Lie. How He had shown me that, because of my withdrawal at fourteen years of age, I had missed three major growth periods, and so was only at the emotional age of fourteen, when He found me at age thirty four. He had taught me that I needed to walk through all my dysfunction in order to build the character I needed to have, His birthright for me. I could not do it any other way but the hard way, step by step, day by day. He had shown me that I had nothing of myself in me because of the years of dysfunction. I had to build these things into my character in the same way a child builds character; by making mistakes, dealing with the mistakes, and learning a better way. His way of building character. Again, His blueprint.

Then he again showed me that this also goes back to the garden before they ate of that fruit. He had created two beautiful humans, a man and a woman. But His plan for them and so for all of us, was to be unique, different from every other person. This was His enjoyment; to watch them and each of us grow into the unique individual He had created us to be. Each was to be different. No two exactly alike ever. How could this be possible? Only with God could it be. This is His seal on each of our lives.

Therefore He could not give Adam and the woman their character. They had to build it in exactly the same way a child builds who they are going to be. The same way I had to do it at thirty four. They had to experience making choices and seeing how these choices worked out. They had to make mistakes and grow and learn from the mistakes they made. So being wrong was a learning experience. Some of their choices came out right so they learnt who they were and what they were capable of. Again, being right was a learning experience. Both being right and being wrong were just learning experiences.

Only they had the best teacher, the best parent. So, for them, because they had no knowledge of good and evil, it was a matter of right and wrong. There was no judgement on what they had done, of it being good or bad. It was either right or wrong, and if it was wrong, then they learnt the right way to do it. Yes, the wrong was probably sin at times, but because this knowledge did not yet exist for them, it did not damage them or cause them shame.

God's ways are always perfect. He knew exactly what He was doing in the beginning. He still knows today. With Him there has never been a mistake. Everything was allowed with the true end in mind: the defeat of lucifer and the freedom and wholeness of His creation. He is still in control and He will bring it to completion.

Of course now we have eaten from the tree, we see everything as either good or evil. Before it was right or wrong, and the concept of good or bad did not exist. Right and wrong did not carry the judgement of good and bad. Right and wrong were just the way they learnt. If it was right, they learnt to make it a part of their behaviour and character. If it was wrong then the Lord God showed them a better way or the right way. Right was not good and wrong was not bad. They were both just a learning experience.

The good and bad we now judge by that comes from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, means we live under condemnation because of the concept that right is good and wrong is bad. But our concept of good and bad is flawed because it comes from the knowledge of a tree we were never meant to eat from, in fact a tree the Lord God did His best to prevent us from ever eating the fruit of. We cannot judge what is good or evil. Only the Lord God can. We can know that we do things that are wrong, but

to go under condemnation that this is bad instead of just knowing it is a learning process, is from the tree only the Lord God can interpret correctly.

This explains why they were so affected by shame as soon as they ate. All the experiences they had used to learn from before they ate, they immediately reinterpreted as good and bad. They no longer saw the experiences as learning. The knowledge from the tree told them every thing they had got wrong was actually bad, even evil as this is the right name for the tree. What they had got right was now seen as good. They learnt to judge all their behaviour in this new understanding. And we have been judging our behaviour ever since. And every one else's behaviour as well. Love went out the door and judgement came in. They could not stand up under the condemnation of good and evil.

If you watch your self talk, you will begin to discern how often we judge ourselves and others. One way is to watch the absolutes; should, must, have to, too, always. There are many of them. Catch them and turn them around to a learning experience. An example could be,

*"I should not have spoken to that person like that.
I should be ashamed of myself"*

becomes

*"I have just spoken to that person in a way that was not correct.
This is a time to learn a different way to speak."*

I hope you can hear the difference. One brings condemnation and the other brings an opportunity to learn a better way.

King David shows us the correct way when He talks to the Lord God in Psalms. He says,

Search me O God and see if there be any wicked way in me.

And again

*Create in me a clean heart O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

He knew that he needed the Lord God to help him find anything inside him that needed to be changed, and that it would be done in the love and care only God's interpretation of the knowledge of the tree of good and evil could bring. He had true intimacy with the Lord God. This is why God said David was a man after His own heart. Take the time to read through psalms and see David's amazing relationship with his God.

Chapter Thirty-four

Considered

I felt this book was to have thirty-three chapters, but had decided this was not going to happen, and happily settled for twenty nine. Since then, about one week ago, I have been given the last four chapters. I am very glad the Lord Jesus did this as I believe these four are what the Lord God really wants made known. Since then He has added another three chapters. He knows what He is doing. It is His book, He can have as many chapters as He likes.

Stewart had been up in Sydney visiting Campbell for the weekend, and he had been given his copy of the first print of this book. It was now Tuesday night and he had read the book and was ringing me to talk about natural horsemanship, and about the word “consider”.

He said that he would not have called what he does with the horses “considering”. He would call it respect for the horses. I agreed that I would not have called it considering either. I would have called it “looking after their spirits”.

But the Lord God's word is “consider”. I have seen it be absolutely the right word on a number of occasions now since the first two powerful examples just a hour after He had given me the word. Our God is very much a word person. Words are extremely important to Him. After all, He creates with the spoken word, so He is the one who knows the exact word needed in every situation.

When I listen to people to help them find their Original Lie, I always find it contains unusual words that are God words, words that make the Original Lie unique to each person. This is His seal on it, and so on us. Lucifer is not capable of doing this.

Stewart began to talk to me about what he sees it is he does with the horses. He started at the place in the book where I mention untrained horses and damaged people. He said the correct word for the horses is also damaged, not untrained. It is damaged horses and damaged people. I have changed the wording in the introduction. The act of training a horse damages it, just as the training up of children damages them; the last eight words are my words, not his. Right from the time the Lord God spoke to me about the concept of “consider”, I lined it up with the Original Lie and the damage done to children.

Stewart described how he will put a rope on a horse, and the horse will pull the rope out of his hand, and move away taking the rope with it. He will not necessarily go straight away and retrieve the rope. He gives the horse what he calls “soak time”. Time to think about the situation and what is happening. Then he will try again. It is a time of patience. He cannot and does not force anything. He waits for the horse to respond. He just keeps trying to put the rope on the horse and have it accept what is happening. My impression is that he would do this for short periods but many times over, and it may be a fairly long process in getting the horse to respond. But of course every horse is unique just as every person is.

Stewart's word is harmony. Everything is done in harmony with the horse and in the Grace of God. His aim is to communicate with the horses so he can help them to become “braver, smarter and calmer”. This is a quote from Linda Parelli who teaches natural horsemanship. Stewart does not have a degree in natural horsemanship. He puts into practice what he has read of her teachings, in his own way and understanding, and in God's way. [Www.parelli.com/linda](http://www.parelli.com/linda)

Then one day the horse will still pull the rope out of his hand, but it will not walk away. Intimacy has been established.

To me I hear everything of God and how he handles us in the things Stewart does. He constantly tries to teach us how to be “braver, smarter and calmer,” and all the other things we need to know to live a good life. But we pull the rope out of His hand and walk away. Thankfully He is infinitely patient. He keeps coming to us with the rope, asking us to submit for our own wholeness. Sometimes, in fact often, it is a long process. He needs to give us lots of “soak time” to ponder and come to terms with how it must be.

He communicates with us. But His communication is hard for us to understand. We are not used to the God of the universe communicating with us. We don't hear Him clearly, or we don't believe it is Him. We pull the rope out of His hand and walk away.

I find Stewart's desire to help the horses become better for their own benefit is the incredible thing. This is the real “considering”. This is what the Lord God sees Stewart doing that many others would not do for the horses. He has a real desire for the horse's well being.

This is even more true for God and us, His very own creation whom He loves. He has real desire for our well being. His word says, in just one place of many in scripture,

*“I know the plans I have for you,
plans to prosper you and give you a future and a hope”.*

I believe that every moment of every day He is looking for ways to bring about our well being. He keeps putting the rope over our head, and we keep pulling it out of His hand, and moving away. Doesn't this fit perfectly with our behaviour towards Him. Our reason for our behaviour is, of course, the same as the reason for the horse's behaviour. The horse does not know or trust this person who is trying to put this foreign object over it's head. It doesn't understand what is happening. There are two ways to get the horse to accept the rope; By force, or by love and understanding. Praise God, He does not use force; He just patiently, like Stewart with the horses, keeps putting the rope gently over our heads and giving us "soak time" when we walk away, until we come to know Him and understand what He is really offering us; abundant life, and the fulfilment of biblical promises.

Then one day we still pull the rope out of His hand, but we do not walk away. Intimacy has been established. Now He can work with us.

Isn't that beautiful.

Of course, Stewart's work is not done on the day the horse doesn't walk away from him. That is the beginning. And so with God. He can now bring us to become the amazing person He created us to be from the beginning, to become the special name He calls us by, and to the freedom to live with Him in intimacy in the garden once again.

Chapter Thirty-five

Five Words

I find the ways of the Lord God are simple, and therefore easy.

There is a scripture in 1 John chapter 2 verses 15 to 17.

*Do not love the world or the things of the world,
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*For all that is in the world,
the lust of the eyes,
the lust of the flesh,
and the pride of life,*

Is not of the Father but is of the world

*And the world is passing away,
and the lust of it;
But he who does the will of the Father abides forever.*

To me, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, can and does describe so many things that are in this world. We could go on for hours trying to list everything these three phrases talk about, and we would never come to the end of all they could describe.

But the Lord God gives it to me so simply: the “I wants” and the “I don't wants”. How easy is this to understand. If we have anything in our lives that becomes a strong “I want”, we are practising one of these three phrases. Of course if we have a strong “I don't want,” it is also from these phrases. All three can cause us to either want or not want.

And of course, as already written, the “I wants” and the “I don't wants” are what the serpent caused Eve to take on in the garden. She saw the fruit of the tree, that it was “pleasing to the eyes and desirable to make one wise”: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

As I have stated many times, what Adam and Eve did in the garden is still with us today. We still have the “I wants”. Every one of us. The way Eve tried to get her “I

wants” was to eat from the fruit of the tree in the centre of the garden, the tree God had commanded them not to eat from. And we are still today trying to get our “I wants” fulfilled by eating from this forbidden tree.

I have written in my first book that I have been married three times. The first time, the husband of my youth and the father of my children, left me because I was coming out of the dysfunctional illness I had lived in for the whole of our marriage. He could not handle me getting better. Having a sick wife caused him to be able to prove his Original Lie was incorrect, as it proved to him he had value if he could help me and look after me because I was so difficult. He was getting what he wanted. But I wasn't getting what I wanted. I wanted to be well. I did not want to live in dysfunction once I realised I could be well.

So I stopped eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and found intimacy with God and walked His way into freedom. My husband did not want the solution I had found, so he left me for another woman, one who was physically sick and needed him. He got his “I wants” back.

Then my second marriage. I had been walking with the Lord about three years when I met this man. I knew I should not have married him, but he seemed to be offering me things I had never had before. He told me I was beautiful. He bought me flowers every week. He encouraged me to dress up and he took me out to places I had never been before. “I wanted” what he was offering me. So I married him even though I had enough intimacy with God by then to know I would not be happy with him. But I hadn't yet learnt obedience. Of course, the marriage was a disaster and lasted only one year. I had to leave him. My three children were all damaged during this relationship, because I wanted.

Within a few weeks the Lord asked me to marry a third time. I gave up my “I wants” and my “I don't wants, which were to never remarry but to stay on my own for the rest of my life, and I began to learn obedience. If I had followed my “I wants”, I would never have come to the healing and maturity I have come to in my life. I would have gone back to eating from the tree in the centre of the garden, and this tree can never bring us to maturity. Instead, in this third marriage, I learnt obedience and followed God's way even more deeply. Did this mean that I was happy in the marriage, that I had everything I wanted, and that the marriage lasted. No, it didn't. It did mean I had fulfilment in the marriage, I grew emotionally, I learnt how to begin to be a good Eve, I deepened my relationship with the Lord God; all good things. What I learnt in that marriage is the foundation for this book.

Unfortunately, lucifer offered my third husband an “I want' that he found he could not refuse, an admiration he could not overcome.

One of the things the Lord God showed me from Eve wanting in the garden is that, when she let it become an “I want” she no longer cared about the consequences. The

“I wants” were more important to her. She knew which tree she was going to eat from. Adam didn't. She had been told the consequences of eating from the tree. But she did not care. She had to satisfy her “I wants”.

God knew the consequences, but His spiritual laws were in place and He had to let them play out in Adam's and Eve's lives. This happened from the moment they were banished from the garden. Cain was the next one. He “wanted” to be better than, and approved of more than his younger brother. But he was eating from the tree while Abel was seeking intimacy. It led to Cain killing Abel, because eating from the tree and having “I wants” leads us to not care about the consequences.

Just a comment here. It is great that, even in those early years in the world, Cain was eating from the tree, but Abel was seeking intimacy. This is the same for each person today. We are either eating from the tree or we are truly seeking intimacy. Scripture says, Cain brought AN offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord God. He did not bring the best of his produce to the Lord God as an offering. It was just AN offering. When the Lord God did not approve of Cain's offering, He told him that it was because sin lay at the door. He was still eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

*“If you do well, will you not be accepted?
And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.
And it's desire is for you,
but you should rule over it.”*

Genesis chapter 4 verse 7.

The sin is eating from the tree still, and it's desire over him is the “I wants”.

It is the same scenario today. Some are truly seeking intimacy with their Heavenly Father. But unfortunately many are still eating from the tree we were never meant to eat from. But God was right there in the beginning of their walk through this world. He was there saying, “you can still get it right”. Abel did. He knew what the Lord God wanted and He did his best to give Him the worship He deserves. He had respect for the commandments of the Lord God. Cain gave AN offering because respect for the Lord God and His commandments are not part of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So he was eating from the wrong source. Scripture says that our food is to be “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”. Matthew chapter 4 verse 4. Much healthier food.

I have had numerous instances of God speaking into my life over many years. He has told me things that were to happen, like a car accident a couple of years ago where a vehicle in the right hand turn only lane was not going to turn right as he was meant to do, but was going to cut across in front of my car where I was going to turn right. I was in the middle lane where I had the option to go straight ahead or turn

right. He only had the option to turn right. He would have slammed into the drivers side door of my car, and I would have been seriously hurt if not killed. We were pulled up at a red light. I heard this voice say,

“Do not take off when the lights change.
The car next to you is going to go straight ahead”.

It was a quiet, calm voice, and I knew whose voice it was. So when the light changed, I stayed where I was, and, sure enough, the car next to me put his foot down and cut across in front of me.

This is only one of many instances I could tell you about His communication with me, and His protection and provision for me. I have written many examples in my first book and in this book. But I wanted to give one where it was a simple little every day protection for me. He knows how fast I take off from traffic lights. The other driver would not have been able to cut across in front of me without hitting me. He is amazing, I wonder how He keeps track of every one of us, every day, but it is one of His incredible abilities.

I want to say here, I am not a theologian, nor do I want to be. I just want to give people the teaching the way the Lord God has given it to me over thirty seven years, to bring me from severe dysfunction to wholeness and intimacy with my Heavenly Father. An amazing place to live.

If you would like to live here also, you have to stop eating from that tree, and learn to trust completely the God who has your best interests at heart. He is waiting for all who will choose His way.

Chapter Thirty-Six

A Spiritual Key

I was driving home on a Saturday night, two weeks ago and one of the young people was travelling with me. The next day was Joshua's birthday. She asked me what I had bought Josh for his birthday. He was turning ten. I told her three of us, his mother, an adopted grandmother and myself, had put in for a \$600 box of Lego.

She immediately exploded at me that I was spoiling Josh to spend so much money for his birthday. My share was \$150. She had immediately eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, in that she judged what I was doing was bad for him.

Joshua's parents had ended their marriage when he was four, and his whole life had changed. They had agreed to shared custody with each buying a two bedroom unit on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, so he had a really nice bedroom in each unit. His father had bought him a puppy, something that he and Dad had both always wanted, but could not have while ever mum was there. He was able to stay in the private school he had been in since preschool year. So it would seem that he was a fairly privileged little boy.

But he was not the happy little boy he had been when he lived in a house in Warriewood with a child friendly neighbourhood and his parents living together, even though they were not happy. One day when I was driving down in the Warriewood area with him in the car, he said to me that he used to have a good life when he lived down there. It was said in such a sad wistful voice. He had been living in the two separate units for about six months. He was only five.

Over the next few months he became sadder. He was experiencing two different lifestyles, two different sets of rules to be obeyed, two different value systems in the two homes. He was having to leave the little dog for three and a half days a week when he was at mummy's unit. He had an extremely bad time one christmas day when he had received what he had really wanted that morning at daddy's house, but then had to leave it behind for three and a half days because it was time to go to mummy's house. He was experiencing powerlessness. His living situation was not the stable influence a young boy needed. When he was nine, he began saying some very frightening things, like "I may have to hurt myself to get them to listen," and "I don't want to live any more." He even had a situation at school where he was in a lot of trouble and it was because of the stress he was trying to cope with in his living situation.

I had experienced not wanting to live any more after Tim left me. A psychologist had shown me that I did not have a vision. My vision had gone with Tim when he left. I wondered if Josh needed a vision, something he could have control over and look forward to. He loved Lego. I told him if he could settle in his situations, trying not to upset his mum, I would give him \$10 a week pocket money that he could spend on anything he liked. We went and put a layby on some Lego he wanted, and he was able to go in every fortnight and pay twenty dollars on the docket and, at the end of eight weeks, to pick it up. It wasn't for a birthday or any other special occasion. It was his. No one had given it to him and therefore he still had control over it. He could choose to have it at daddy's or at mummy' because it was his. This has made a huge change in his attitude to his living situations. So to me, the gift of Lego for his birthday was another instance of him being able to achieve another of his dreams, for it would be too hard to pay it off with his \$10 a week. To me it was necessary for his stability, and a small price to pay. It may not be a solution others would choose, but the fruit of it for Josh is a much happier boy.

It is every child's right to have a loving family, with two parents who love each other, and who both love their child. Josh had been robbed of this. The helping him to achieve his small goals in life helps him to deal with the daily reality of life and what it has robbed him of. I also talk to him about everything he has to go through and how to handle it. But he needs something practical that is his own, in his life.

We had gone to the Museum a few weeks before and he wanted me to buy him an \$18 piece of crystal in the museum shop. I told him I allowed a budget for school holidays and it was all gone, so I wasn't able to buy it for him. His shoulders immediately slumped and he became very quiet. He was experiencing powerlessness again. After a few minutes, I suggested to him that he not buy Lego with his next pocket money, but save it up till the next school holidays and I would bring him into the museum again and he could buy a few pieces of crystal with the money he had saved. He immediately responded. He had some control back in his life. For Josh and I, it works.

I explained this to the young person who had said I was going to spoil him. Then we looked at why she had eaten from the tree so easily.

She had never had an expensive present when she was a child and neither had I. In fact we had both suffered deprivation in the receiving of presents. Yet her response was that therefore Josh didn't need an expensive present either. My response was that because I didn't have it, I wanted to give it to him.

This to me contains an important reason why we are not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, [bad.]

We eat from the tree because Eve did and we all do still what they put into being in the garden. But when we eat from it, we do so because of what has happened to damage us in our childhood. That is unless we have become healed enough to decide not to eat from it. The young person ate from it so readily because she was motivated by the Original Lie and the hurts from her childhood. The fruit from the tree told her she was okay even though she didn't ever get an expensive present. Or a lot of other more important things. But of course she hadn't been okay. She had been damaged. One of the jobs of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is to keep us judging ourselves by the good we do and the love we believe we give, to deceive ourselves we are okay.

I am not saying here that children will be damaged if they do not get expensive presents. That would be sheer stupidity to say such a thing. Children get damaged by not being loved. If they are truly loved and valued, they can cope with almost anything and not be very damaged.

About three years before, I had found Josh was getting very materialistic just before Christmas time. He was discussing the cost of each present and valuing the giver on the amount they had spent. He was seven at this time. I had heard of the concept of the Five Love Languages. I had not read the book but had thought the concept was very good. I decided to teach it to Josh. I took him through the concepts one by one and explained them all to him.

Touch; he understood this one very well as he often asked me to rub his feet. He loved it.

Quality time; we talked about this in line with a psychologists visit he had been to for assessment. One of his needs was for one of his parents to spend more time with him, just the two of them together.

Affirmations; he needed this more from both his parents. Acknowledgement of when he did something right, not just attention when he did something wrong.

Acts of service; he had never heard of this one before but, as I am an acts of service person and practised it every day with him, he very soon came to understand what it meant.

Gifts; He knew what this meant.

I then asked him which he thought was the least important love language. He thought for a minute and then said gifts. I then asked for the most important. He said acts of service. He recognised the gift I had been giving him and he appreciated it. Some weeks later I found he had taught his mum about the Love Languages. He was really impacted by them and still remembers them today. He has never again thought gifts were so important.

How many parents know we can teach such concepts to a seven year old, and they will understand them if their parents are already aware of them and using them in their lives. I had been giving Josh all five during my seven years of looking after him, so he was able to recognise them easily.

The incredible thing is, I taught them to him wrongly. Just a few weeks ago I picked up a copy of the book at a community fair money raiser for the Rural Fire Brigade, and read it. It is an amazing and powerful book that I believe could really help couples. It is extremely well written and I can see the concepts working to really build marriages. I now have to go and buy a new book as I have two couples I want to give the book to. And this will be an on going thing. I love to give teaching books to people to help them, especially good books as this one is. You will have to buy the book for yourself to see where I taught it wrongly to Josh. It will be well worth the investment. The book is written by Gary Chapman.

So Josh would not be damaged if he never received an expensive gift. The lesson to be learnt was that, when we are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and it is governed by our Original Lie, we do not get it right. My young friend did not get it right. But she was so quick to state that she was. Unfortunately this is the fruit of eating from the tree.

Chapter Thirty-Seven

The “I Wants”

Just four days ago, I was driving to Queensland on the second day of my journey, driving alone early in the morning. I had stayed the night before in Urunga, south of Coffs Harbour. I love travelling alone in my car. It is my time to worship the Lord Jesus. I had put a new CD into the player, one someone had lent me because I had lost my copy years before and had been unable to replace it. So it had been about four years since I had heard it. It was one of my favourite CDs. Within minutes my worshipping had brought me to a place of tears. The Lord God began to talk to me. It was further revelation from Genesis chapter three. In verse one, the serpent has come into the garden and is speaking to the woman.

He says to her,

“Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?”

The woman answers him,

*“We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,
but of the tree in the midst of the garden,
God has said, 'You shall not eat of it,
nor shall you touch it, lest you die'.”*

Lucifer is cunning, so it says in verse one, and he has called the Lord God, “God.” All through chapters one and two, He is called the “Lord God.” I believe this is how Adam and the woman addressed Him.

The woman has not noticed the change and she easily slips into calling Him “God” as lucifer has done. I believe lucifer knows he has reached her even then, as she has agreed with him to call the Lord God, “God.” Was this the propensity to sin already showing itself? I believe it was. Lucifer is now able to put his plan into action by planting in her the idea to eat from the tree in the midst of the garden.

And the serpent said to the woman,

*“You will not surely die,
For God knows that in the day you eat of it,*

*your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God, knowing good from evil.”*

Just a couple of things to notice here before we get to the real message. The serpent has appeared as a beautiful creature, he has subtly put himself on the same level as the Lord God by calling Him “God,” and he speaks with authority; “You will surely not die.

He has just planted in the woman what he wants to achieve; a desire to eat from the tree in the midst of the garden, to become like God and to know good from evil. He wants her to eat of the tree and to persuade Adam to eat, so he can destroy God's plans and then hopefully achieve his own desires to be God.

So she goes and finds the tree and sees three things, that it is “good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise.”

These three things line up with 1 John 15 and 16,

*Do not love the world or the things of the world.
For if anyone loves the world,
the love of the Father is not in Him,*

*For all that is in the world,
“The lust of the eyes,
The lust of the flesh,
And the pride of life,”
Is not of the Father but is of the world.*

The “good for food” is the lust of the flesh. The Lord God has shown me the fullness of this is to believe that our own beauty can achieve for us what we want. This has nothing to do with sexual pleasure. People who have this “I want” can be very moral men and women. It is solely about being admired. Can our own beauty achieve for us the admiration of men and/or women? Lucifer thought his beauty could. He thought his beauty entitled him to many things.

The “pleasant to the eyes” is the lust of the eyes. The fullness of this is in the things we feel we need to own to be admired; an incredible car, a beautiful home, an amazing job, a beautiful wife or handsome husband. This is not about materialism or having things. Again it is about being admired. We believe others will see us as special by what we have. Lucifer thought he was because the Lord God had given him so much.

The “desirable to make one wise” is the pride of life. The fullness of this is about reputation, how people will esteem us because of what we have become, are, have

achieved. This is not as it may seem, to have power. It is, for the third time, about being admired.

Admiration is the bottom line in every case, of what we hope to achieve for ourselves by taking on an “I want.” The woman took on lucifers “I want”; to be wise, to be like God.

Then the really deep “I want” that was in lucifer; It is to raise his throne higher than God's throne. In fact to be worshipped. When the woman took on the “I wants” that lucifer tempted her with, she took on fully the depth of his “I want.” Lucifer believed if his throne was higher than the Lord God's throne, he would be worshipped more than God. The woman unknowingly joined herself to lucifer when she took on the temptation he offered her. She had no idea what she was doing through any of this. She was totally deceived. I see lucifer using this very clearly in the new age movement where their three magic words are “You are God.” Lucifer loves this. He has caused created beings like himself to come to believe they are God. Thankfully, the knowledge Adam and the woman had even after the eviction from the garden was that they knew the Lord God was God and they were created beings. This has been a protection for the human race, as this knowledge has stayed with us even though we are getting further and further away from it, as the lack of belief in God shows today.

We today are aligned with lucifer while ever we have an “I want” in control of us. Notice I said “in control.” It is okay to have things in our lives we want, as long as they are not in control of us, making us behave in ways that we would not behave in if we were free, making us not care about the consequences. If an “I want” is in control of us, it is always about us needing admiration. To need admiration is the opposite to being secure in knowing who we are in God.

The Lord God showed me this goes back to our puberty age again. We are seeking, at this time in our lives, to find out who we really are, and we form for ourselves an Original Lie that lucifer has caused to be planted in the woman and the man back in the garden of Eden. At the same time as we accept his lie about ourselves, we accept one of the “I wants” from the temptation lucifer offered to the woman. We choose the one we think will help us destroy the Original Lie we have just accepted. We have to be aware of all three in us that we can use at times, but we seem to have one we identify with more strongly than the other two. As I have spoken to some people about this concept, I find they can know straight away which one is their strong “I want”.

If our Lie tells us we are unlovable, we can take on the “lust of the flesh” and look for the admiration of men and women based on our looks, to help us prove to ourselves that we are lovable.

If our Lie is that we have no worth, we can take on the lust of the eyes to achieve the admiration of others in the possessions we can fill our lives with, so we can convince ourselves we have value.

If our Lie tells us we are a misfit, we can take on the “pride of life” so we can prove to ourselves how amazing we are by gaining people's admiration.

These are only suggestions of why we take on a particular “I want.” The reasons are as varied and unique as each of us is.

Of course, none of it works. It just puts us more into bondage; slaves to whichever “I want” we have chosen.

The Original Lie and the “I wants” go hand in hand to stop us from finding out who we really are and achieving intimacy with God, just as lucifer planned right in the beginning. At the same time we are helping him to prove to himself how wonderful he is.

So he thinks!

There is another place in scripture where satan offered the three “I wants” to a man. This was to the Lord Jesus at the completion of His forty day fast in the wilderness after He was baptised by John in the river Jordan.

Turn these stones into bread
was the “I want” of the lust of the flesh.

Offering Him all the kingdoms of the world
was the the “I want” of the lust of the eyes.

Asking Him to tempt God to see if He would send angels to rescue Him
was the “I want” of the pride of life.

The gospel of Matthew chapter 3, verses 1 to 10.

**The Lord Jesus of course refused them all.
He wants us to do the same.**

Chapter Thirty-eight

Face the Facts

This chapter was written by a young friend of mine. I include it here because of the amazing walk this young woman has found in just a year, in fact less than a year. It is a walk the Lord God wants for each and every one of us. All the following are her words.

Romans 4 verses 18 to 20.

After not attending church for a number of months, I felt in my spirit that I was meant to go to the evening service of a local church. Although I spent the majority of the service feeling frustrated with what was happening around me, I walked away with an itch in my spirit about three verses that were read from the book of Romans. One of the pastors selected this passage of scripture to illustrate the offering message, and encourage the congregation to give despite our circumstances. He read from Romans 4 verses 18 to 20.

*“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed
and so became the father of many nations.*

*Without weakening in his faith,
he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead,
since he was about one hundred years old,
and that Sarah's womb was also dead.*

*Yet he did not waver in unbelief regarding the promise of God,
but was strengthened in his faith
and gave glory to God.”*

During his message, the pastor mentioned overcoming his circumstances with the truth of who God is in his life. The words “he faced the facts” rang clear in my ears for the rest of the evening. After the service was finished, I went home and jotted down a few notes in my notebook about the verse so I wouldn't forget it. Then I went upstairs to spend time with a friend. When I returned to my room, the scripture continued to play on my mind. I kept hearing the word “faced the facts.” I asked the Lord what this meant and why the words felt so familiar. He reminded me of a revelation I received earlier on in the year.

You see, I know that in the past I have been good at “displaying hope” and getting on with life, when circumstances I faced would be enough to knock some out of the race. But this year I have learnt to look at myself and learn about myself, and my thoughts on this were as follows.

I am very good at displaying hope but it is not in the way the Lord has been trying to direct me in. My definition of hope would be like you would find in an English dictionary. It would be written along the lines of “a feeling of trust, an expectation, or a desire for something to happen.” When situations would go wrong in my life, or I would be presented with a challenge, struggle or painful experience, the Lord showed me that I am more likely to still “trust” or “expect” or “desire” a positive outcome, than to throw the towel in all together.

This sounds like a good quality. Right!

I thought so too, until tonight. The Lord showed me a few things about a matter that has greatly affected my heart. He showed me the times I was showing “hope,” which is exactly what Abraham was praised for doing in the above passage, was not actually the way He was trying to lead me.

So, why was it good for Abraham to show hope against all odds and yet it wasn't for me?

Simple. My “hope,” my “desire,” my “expectation” and “trust” was in the fulfilling of my “WANT” and in being with a person, rather than placing my “hope,” “trust” and “expectation” in the Lord and His plans. I have been through a lot of hurt the past year and a half. Every time I came close to this special friend whom I fell very much in love with, something significant would happen that would tear us apart. I continued to Trust and Hope that my desire and wants were going to be fulfilled. I thought I was doing exactly as those many faithful men in the Bible did.

Nope!

I wasn't trusting that, regardless of my “want” or what I “desired” to happen, the Lord God had a plan for my life already, and if I were to place my Hope in Him and Trust in His plans, waiting expectantly, I would have saved myself a lot of hurt and disappointment.

Why?

Because in order for me to have Hope and Trust that my wants would come to pass, I deceived myself. I heard what I wanted to hear, and began to believe so strongly that my “want” and “desire” to be with him would come to pass simply because of my positive outlook and strong passion. Meanwhile I pulled the wool over my eyes as to what was really going on.

I think this is why verse 19 rang so strongly in my mind for the remainder of the night. Because of what Abraham did!

*“Without weakening in his faith,
he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead,
since he was about one hundred years old,
and that Sarah's womb was also dead.”*

The word faced was the significant one to stand out for me at the time. As I sat in my room and pondered as to why this one verse of scripture made me feel so overwhelmed, the Lord reminded me of the time He brought me to look at my name, and taught me the significance of the names He gives us.

Mine means Woman Warrior or as I have now grown to understand it, Female/gentle Warrior. While looking at this, I felt drawn to the word Warrior, but I did not understand the significance of this word. I still don't understand it in all it's fullness. When I looked up the definition of Warrior, I came across these words:

*a **brave** or experienced soldier or **fighter**.*

Two significant words:

1. Brave
2. Fighter

When I returned to this tonight, everything fell into place. The Lord reminded me of the day He showed me WHY the word BRAVE was so significant in who He created me to be; a Warrior.

Brave is defined as: ready to **face** and endure danger and pain; showing **courage**.

There it is! That word again! Face!

In scripture it is said that Abraham had to “face” the facts that his body was as good as dead.

I don't think it is a coincidence that these words played on my mind. God was taking me back to the day He showed me how to be BRAVE, and now He was revealing a deeper relevance as to why it is I have to “face” and “endure.”

It is easy to have hope when you are not facing the facts. Deception causes us to behave in a way that the Lord would not desire. The Bible says “The heart is deceptive above all things,” and my heart's desire to be with this person was deceiving enough to allow me to turn a blind eye to the “FACTS.”

When I was attending church, I was often given an enormous amount of praise for my ability to “endure.” People knew I came from hard circumstances yet, despite this, I was running a children's ministry, working on staff, and writing a creative program that was sent to children's ministries in 16 different countries. I was positive, I was faithful and I was hopeful, **but** I was never willing to FACE the things that lay deep in my mind, and that became the motivator behind many, if not all, of my actions.

Of course, the opposite of FACE would be to turn from.

I spent my life turning as many corners as I could in order to avoid the deep hurt that lay dormant in my subconscious. At any stage, without warning, I would be triggered and these dormant thoughts would suddenly take over and control me. I would be embarrassed and ashamed because I thought it meant I was neither faithful nor hopeful if I were to admit that, despite being happy on the outside, I was in desperate need for love, attention and affection. Ministry was a good supplier of these things.

After I left ministry and the church, I was introduced to Sandra. She helped me to see clearly the battle of the mind. For the first time in all my years of “knowing God,” I actually stopped to look at myself, to look at my thoughts.

I have been working on this for almost a year yet, tonight, I have been taught the significance of “facing” the facts, “facing” the hurts.

These three spiritual principles, placed back to back, are such a beautiful representation of how He wants us to be.

To place our HOPE in Him; not our own wants and desires.

To acknowledge the FACTS.

To overcome these facts with TRUTH.

I face one hurtful fact every time I walk into my room. It is written in large letters across my blackboard to remove the wool from my eyes, and prevent myself from being deceived again. It is good to write what you need to face up where you can see it, so it goes into your mind every time you read it.

He is not seeing things as I am seeing things. He is NOT CAPABLE of doing this.

This is not his fault, it is just a fact. I need to face this fact, along with many others. It has become so easy to think each time we see each other, “this time is

different.” Yet each time my expectations are broken and I am disappointed to discover the facts of it have remained the same.

Although he is not seeing things as I am seeing them,
although I have been significantly hurt,
although he cannot see me clearly,
although I feel enormous regret and pain,

I have hope.

This time, not in him and not in the fulfilment of my WANT, but in the plans the Lord God has for me, whatever they may be.

I can overcome the facts with the TRUTH and the promises of God. He has a plan for my life and it is good!

True intimacy with the Lord comes when we are willing to FACE these lies, fight for TRUTH and become who He has created us to be.

How can anything less than True Intimacy with God be anything but disappointing.

Chapter Thirty-nine

The Perfect Way

Back to nakedness. This word is so important.

Adam and Eve were already naked when they walked in the garden with God. After eating from the tree, it was only the knowledge of their nakedness that caused them to be ashamed, that caused them to lose intimacy with God.

While they were living in the Garden, God “knew” them because they walked with Him and talked with Him every day. There was no barrier because they did not know they were naked, or that there might be something wrong with being naked.

God wanted them to choose to walk in obedience to Him. Just one law; do not eat from that one particular tree. Yet look at all the laws they now had to obey after they ate and realised they were naked.

God's way of dealing with their nakedness was to have them not be aware of it, so they could come to Him at the end of every day, and speak with Him openly and honestly, and with no fear.

They didn't just eat from the tree and become naked, that is “in sin.” They were always naked. The propensity to sin was always there. It didn't just appear when Satan deceived Eve. Satan knew the possibility of leading the woman into sin was there. It was always there.

But God had given them the perfect way of dealing with everything. To come before Him every day and talk about everything without fear. This is what He longs to regain. For us to come to Him every day and tell Him everything we have done, and everything we are. This is why King David was a man after God's own Heart. He practised this.

This is true intimacy.

This is Gods heart.

This kind of communicating with Him, this intimacy, solves every problem, because HE IS.

He gave us the perfect solution to dealing with our sin, to talk about it with Him every evening.

This is what Christ won for us on the cross. The right to walk with God, without fear, in the cool of the evening telling Him everything about ourselves and our day.

Chapter Forty

About Jesus

This book is about intimacy. My first book, “And His Bride Has Made Herself Ready” is about intimacy. I have at least two more books to write. They will both be about intimacy. All four books have been commissioned by the Lord God to be written. This is intimacy, to be able to hear from our Heavenly Father clearly enough to be able to write books for Him.

Every question any one has about the bible or the Lord God or the Lord Jesus can be answered by seeking intimacy with our Heavenly Father. They cannot be answered by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They cannot be answered by discussions with men however learned they are. They cannot be answered by reading books. They cannot be answered by spending years in therapy, as I did. These methods can only give you part of the truth.

Jesus asked His disciples a question one day. He said,

“Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered Him.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied.

“Blessed are you Peter because the Holy Spirit revealed this to you.”

The role of the Holy Spirit is to point us to Jesus. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us into the whole truth, and the fruit it brings into our lives.

Why Jesus?

Because He is the Son of God, who is part of the Our that is spoken about in Genesis chapter 1, the Our it says of whom we are made in the image. There is only one God in whose image we are made, in whom all of us are made.

One day in 1977, the Lord God reached down from heaven and touched the life of a woman who was desperately sick and lost. He gave her an experience that showed

her she had met the living Lord Jesus Christ. This Jesus came and spent every day with her for years, showing her how to come out of the severely dysfunctional life in which she had been living. He healed her of many diseases. He set her free to be who she was meant to be. He gave her such wholeness that, if you met her today, you would say “no way, she could not have suffered all that she says she has.”

But He knew that she would come to love Him with her whole heart, to be so grateful to Him for giving her life where she had known only death. He knew she would follow him deeply and come to have intimacy with He and His Father. He knew one day He could ask her to write her experiences in books to witness to Him. And she would, no matter what the cost.

Why?

Because only someone who has died on a cross for her sins, has risen from the dead, and is now seated in heavenly places, could do the things He has done in her life, and give her the miracles she has experienced.

In the years of her extreme dysfunction, she searched for answers in many places, in other religions and beliefs, in books, in doctors and psychiatrists and other wise men, in meditations and other practices. She was very intelligent and she searched for answers everywhere. But she did not find any. Her condition was too severe.

But the God of the universe knew he could help her so, when she called out in desperation, He sent His Son to be with her and to rescue her.

There are many beautiful people who have lived, who have contributed much wisdom to this world over the many centuries since chapter two of Genesis. They have started religions and beliefs that have helped many people.

But there is only one who can do what the living Lord Jesus has done for me. It is only through Him that I have come to the intimacy I have with my heavenly Father. Yes, we can come to know God to a degree through other practices, because God is in everything and He loves each and every one of us so much, that He meets us where we are at. He works every day to bring us to Himself. He wants for every one the intimacy I have with Him. Scripture says He does not will that any are lost. This is who He is.

Do you have a BIG picture of God?

Let me tell you a true story.

I was in a Presbyterian church in January last year, 2013. The reverend came to the pulpit with a letter in his hand. He had something to put before his congregation. He had a friend, another Presbyterian reverend who pastored a church in a large city

in Iraq. He was asking his friend here in Forestville to come to this country to help him because of an experience he had just gone through there.

The letter said that his church was at the end of a very long road, a dead end. There was no reason to come down this road looking for a church unless you already knew it was there.

On the Sunday night before, he was praying when he suddenly felt deep darkness outside his front door. There was a knock on the door and he opened it to find about eighty Muslim widows and their children standing there. Muslim widows are in a desperate situation in this country.

The leader said she had been told in a dream to come to this church. Jesus had told her the man she would meet there would help them.

The reverend took them all inside and talked to them. They all received Jesus into their lives.

Is this the God you know and trust and believe in?

Do you see Him working in this way through His holy Spirit, because he will do everything He can to ensure none are lost.

Do you believe that He loves everyone as much as this.

He had a servant in that city with a willing heart and deep Intimacy with his heavenly Father, waiting, ready for his God to work a miracle through him.

Do you see that there is nothing impossible for the Lord God. All He needs are servants with Intimacy, ready for Him to work through.

This is the God I know and trust and serve.

But it is only through Jesus that we can come to the true intimacy we can have with God. This is the deep meaning of the scripture where Jesus says,

“No one can come to the Father except through me.”

And when we can come to this intimacy with our heavenly Father, we come to see Him very differently. We know for sure that he is not going to let a world full of Muslims go to hell, because He is a God of Love. This is His essence. He cannot go against this. No, I do not have all the answers to things that happened in the Old Testament. Search the answers out for yourself as you build intimacy with Him, if

you really need the answers to those questions. I don't need to know those answers as my intimacy tells me He is a God of Love who does not will that any are lost, and my intimacy lets me trust Him fully to be who He is,

THE LORD GOD.

A Final Message

Especially For Me

He didn't wake me early yesterday morning. I thought I had finished this book except for putting in a few scripture references. So I had risen at 6.45, had prepared my breakfast and was sitting at the table eating when, in two seconds, I received the following words from the Lord God.

In chapter eight of this book, I speak about Tim calling me “you stupid woman” when we were in a caravan park in Cloncurry in north western Queensland. He had never called me any of these words before, and it changed his perception of me completely. So much so that he eventually left our marriage, a marriage put together by God. God has never let him remarry because of this, even though he has tried to do so more than once.

The words really got to me, especially the “woman.” I didn't like it. I have mentioned Tim calling me “woman” in an earlier chapter of this book, wondering if the Lord God would give me an answer to it before the book ended, and He has.

I have never been able to make sense of the “woman” part of this, especially since I have been writing this book. Woman was the name Adam gave to Eve when she was first created for him, and he was delighted with her. It is a very special name. The Lord God had allowed Adam to name her. Then, when they were put out of the garden, he changed her name to Eve to denote her new role.

I had spoken to my friend David about it, as I had seen Tim calling me this as negative. He had said he felt there was a positive meaning to it.

Earlier this week the Lord God had given me three scripture verses where Jesus had called His mother and Mary Magdalene “woman”. I had been meditating on these all week but, as yet, had no understanding of them.

The first was at the wedding at Cana, where they had run out of wine. His mother comes to Jesus and tells Him,

“They have no wine”.

Jesus says to her,

*“Woman, what does your concern have to do with me?
My hour has not yet come.”*

His mother says to the servants,

“Whatever He tells you to do, do it.”
John chapter 2 verses 1 to 11.

It seems to me it may be taken that He did not speak nicely to His mother. Yet He does exactly as she has asked Him to do. He turns large jars of water into wine, the best wine; His first miracle.

What the Lord God showed me is that Jesus was acknowledging the spirituality of His mother by using the word “woman”. He was acknowledging that she knew it was His time, even though He was not thinking that way. He was acknowledging her as who she was in God.

Did Jesus know what He was calling her “woman” for, or was this a total God incidence? Jesus had not yet been to the cross and He had the human side of His walk on earth still to overcome.

For me, Tim calling me “woman” that day in Cloncurry is a similar incidence to this. This caused me to sob in gratitude to the Lord God for revealing this scripture to me. Tim was acknowledging my walk in God and my knowing what was going to happen, even though he could not take responsibility for not letting me bring Kimba into the campervan. He did not know why he called me “woman.” But God knew. All my hurt at Tim's words was changed in an instance.

The second place is where Jesus calls Mary Magdalena “woman” when she comes to the tomb early in the morning after His crucifixion, and finds the tomb empty. She goes and tells the disciples and they come and see the empty tomb. Then they go away to tell the others. But Mary stays at the tomb weeping. It is then that she sees the Lord Jesus but she does not recognise Him. He says to her,

*“Woman, why are you weeping?
Who are you seeking?”*
John chapter 19 verses 1 to 16.

To me this sounds a softer “woman” than the one to His mother. Then He calls her “Mary” and she realises who He is. The Lord God showed me this time Jesus does know why He calls her “woman,” and He does it deliberately. This time He is knowingly acknowledging her as the spiritual woman she was, and also the loving woman she was.

Of course there is a much deeper meaning to each being called a spiritual woman. To become a spiritual woman each had to walk through a really hard dying to her own desires and wants. They had to pay a very high price.

For His mother it was to know the life and death her son would go through. She knew He was the Son of God, but he was also her son and she was just a woman.

With Mary Magdalena, I believe she loved Him not just for who He was, but also as a woman can really love a man. Yet she knew He could never live a normal life so her desires would never be fulfilled. She paid the price and she was just a woman.

Both these women were at the foot of the cross, and Mary Magdalena was at the grave early on the Sunday morning. Being a spiritual woman requires a very heavy price to pay, and each paid it in full.

Then the third time is when He is on the cross. His mother and John, the disciple He loved, were at the foot of the cross. He says to His mother,

“Woman, behold your son”.

Then He says to John,

“Behold your mother”.

John chapter 19 verses 26 and 27.

There is a very special meaning to this “woman”. He has shown me the deeper meaning here was not just for John to take Mary to live with Him. But that, in accordance with the blueprint from the garden, the woman still has to be looked after, especially when she is walking in the blueprint. When she is walking in the blueprint, she has made a decision to follow the Lord God and all His ways, to defeat lucifer in her own life, to walk in the role He ordained for women to walk in, and to come under the authority of godly men who also walk in the blueprint. In this scripture He was placing her under the authority of John because of her walk in Him.

To become a “spiritual woman,” each had to walk through really hard dying to their own desires and wants. They had to pay a very high price. Being a spiritual woman does not come without a heavy price to pay. This is why when we are left unprotected for reasons beyond our control, we need to be protected by men who are strong spiritually.

I have found that He does this for me sometimes. Because the spiritual man He gave me to in marriage left me for wrong reasons, He now places spiritual men in my life for a time, so I can continue in my walk as a spiritual woman and in the role He has ordained for me. My heart attitude is to listen to the voice of my husband and I did this with Tim, except for one occasion where I knew what was right, and I knew

he was wrong, and a fourteen year old girl would have been damaged. Now I listen to the voices of those whom He puts in my life for this purpose. Of course, where I know what God has told me, I do not go against it. But I listen, and often I do as they have suggested, especially in the writing of this book. I always ask God about any comments they have made and what He wants me to do about them. It is a heart attitude He wants me to have; to listen to godly men.

Then the Lord God gave me a scripture to finish the book with. No explanations. Just a scripture. Matthew 10 verse 27.

*“Whatever I tell you in the dark,
speak in the light,
And what you hear in the ear,
preach on the housetops.”*

Epilogue

Givers and Takers

In chapter two I begin this book with a story of a weekend two of the young people and myself spent on a property outside Canberra, in January 2013.

I had asked the Lord God a question I had asked Him for thirty years or more. The next morning I knew He had given me the answer, but it has taken till the book was completed for the fullness of the answer to come.

The question I had asked was,

*Why are some people takers and others givers?
Why do they choose to be takers when we should all be givers?*

This was something I had noticed for almost all of my life, even before I met Him. It puzzled me as to be a giver is the much better person to be, for our own sakes and for the benefit of others and ultimately the world.

So why did others choose to be takers. It seemed to me also that there were far more takers than there were givers, especially in my little corner of the world.

WHY?

The years came and went and I still watched the condition and wondered why.

Now finally I can write the answer. And, of course, it goes back to the garden. What a surprise!

Chapter Four of Genesis.

Verse 1

*And Adam knew Eve his wife;
and she conceived and bare Cain, and said,
“I have gotten a man from the Lord.*

Verse 2

And she again bare his brother Abel.

*And Abel was a keeper of sheep,
But Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

Verse 3

*And in the fullness of time it came to pass,
that Cain bought of the fruit of the ground,
an offering to the Lord God.*

Verse 4

*And Abel, he also bought of the firstlings of his flock,
and the fat thereof.
And the Lord God had respect unto Abel and his offering.*

Verse 5

*But unto Cain and his offering, He had not respect.
And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

Verse 6

*And the Lord God said to Cain,
“Why are you wroth and your countenance fallen?”*

verse 7

*“If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?
But if thou doest not well, sin lies at the door.”*

I have written about these verses in chapter 35 of this book, called Five Words. The Lord God showed me that Cain was eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but Abel was seeking to walk in intimacy with God.

He has now given me the fullness of these scriptures.

I believe Cain and Abel were twins because it does not say that Adam knew Eve again after bearing Cain, in order for her to bear Abel. I'm not making a doctrine of this, but I believe the Lord God is very careful with words, and this is the way He expresses it.

So we have two little boys, the same age, brothers, who are the first descendants of Adam and Eve, born after their parents have eaten from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and been put out of their home, the Garden of Eden.

They have grown into men and each has chosen a way of life in this new world. One has brought an offering of fruit that he has grown to the Lord, and the other has brought a lamb from his flock. God has accepted Abel's offering of the lamb, but has rejected Cain's offering of fruit.

Let us go back and look at the bigger picture here. Let us look from Gods view. He has created this magnificent garden for his creation to live in and in which to enjoy intimacy with Him. He has seen lucifer cause the first humans to destroy this intimacy by giving in to temptation and eating from a tree He had asked them never to eat from. He now has to put them out into a world He had hoped they would never have to dwell in. He knows what they will suffer from eating from this tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But the laws are already in place and He can do nothing to stop the consequences.

But there is still a hope there. Now there are two children born to the original two. These men could choose to continue to seek intimacy with Him and so defeat lucifer.

Can you feel His heart at the time of the first offering. I was driving down to church this morning when He took me into intercession and let me feel His heart at this time. Again it was the broken heart of a loving Father.

This is the first generation since losing the true intimacy in the garden. Because they have brought offerings to the Lord God, and He has talked to them about their offerings, it shows He is still involved in their lives. They know who He is. He has not sent Adam and Eve out into a hostile world without keeping relationship with them.

But of course the relationship is now different because Adam and Eve are different. They would have taught their sons about God, and Cain and Abel would have experienced His presence in their lives. But they all now had a choice, to keep eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or to seek to return to the intimacy they had lost, by trusting in the Lord God wholly.

It seems to me one brother values what has been lost, and seeks to find this intimacy again. Abel's offering is acceptable to God because of this. The other brother does not value what has been lost. He is no longer seeking intimacy. He has accepted the knowledge of the tree and has presented his offering in accordance with this knowledge. It is not acceptable. Offerings made from the knowledge of the tree of good and evil will never be good enough. Only offerings coming from a heart seeking intimacy with their God will ever be good enough.

The Lord God has now lined up for me the two different heart attitudes as being the difference between givers or takers in this world. This is how He told it to me.

This first generation of the two brothers has brought forth one who values what was lost and who seeks to restore that intimate relationship with his God, and one who has not valued what was lost, and chooses to live by the knowledge of the tree and bring his offering from this knowledge.

Abel shows by his offering that he chooses to still seek intimate relationship with God, to live in a way that pleases God. He is walking in the role assigned to Adam, to look after the animals and to see that they prosper. He still wants God involved in his life and to follow the spiritual laws. He becomes the giver.

Cain shows by his offering that he chooses to live independently of God, to bring an offering of his own achievements, what he has grown from his own labours. He does not want God to be involved. His offering is not acceptable. He becomes the taker.

This is in one generation only. As each generation gets further away from remembering who God is and choosing to still live in intimacy with Him, more and more choose to live independently and eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

By Cain choosing to live by that tree within the first generation, he set up another choice for all the generations to come; to choose to be a giver and depend on God or to choose to be a taker and trust in our own sufficiency.

So now we have three choices we make ourselves that affect our lives.

We choose the Original Lie, at puberty, that will be lucifer's tool to destroy us.

We choose the "I want" from the three offered to us by lucifer through Eve in the Garden. This "I want" is to help us convince ourselves our Original Lie is incorrect. It doesn't work.

We choose to live with God by being a giver or live without God by being a taker.

Of course the ability and right to make these choices for ourselves is our free will. God gave us this because He wanted us to freely choose to follow Him. Nothing less will defeat lucifer.

For myself, I had chosen to be a giver for as long as I can remember, certainly from before I came to know Jesus. I believe I made this decision at the same time as I made the decision about the Original Lie and the "I want." At puberty.

These are two examples of what it means to be a giver or a taker. Ordinary every day examples.

Do you return the supermarket trolley to the trolley bay when you have finished with it, or do you leave it at the end of your car parking space so the next person who comes to park there is inconvenienced? Yes you can justify that the trolley attendant is paid to put it back for you. But this job is only necessary because there are so many takers in the world.

No matter how tired I am or in how much pain, I always return the trolley to the trolley bay.

Am I being self righteous.

No!

It is literally impossible for me to not put the trolley back in the correct place. It goes against my essence of being a giver. This is how deep the choice is, to be a giver. It is part of who we are in our essence. Some days I would love to be able to leave the trolley where it is, but it is impossible for me.

Another example is the driver of the car that cut me off at the traffic lights when he went from a right hand turn only straight across my path, because he was in the wrong lane. If I find myself in this situation, I go the way of the lane I am in, and wait for a chance to turn around and go to where I really wanted to be. I would inconvenience myself rather than take an opportunity that could put others at risk.

Again, am I being self righteous?

Again, No!

I have chosen to be a giver in my essence. I cannot be any other way.

This morning the Lord God gave me another small piece of information about givers and takers. He said that true givers rarely ever take. It is so hard for them to do this. Takers do give, but it not from their essence. They give to a small degree but only to justify the fact of their right to take.

About two months ago I had a young man come to talk to me about his Original Lie. One of the times he came to visit, his phone was out of charge. He asked me if he could charge it while we talked. I showed him where the point is at which I charge mine. He had to unplug my cord to plug his in.

The next morning I had to charge my phone. I was amazed to find my cord plugged back in. This is a giver. He is an incredible person. He showed another example of a true giver. They put things back where and as they find them, especially if to not put them back would inconvenience another person. Even to

inconvenience me in having to plug my charger back in. Such a small inconvenience to me but impossible for him to let happen.

Of course, the Sermon on the mount is the teachings of the Lord Jesus on how to be a giver. Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7.

But now the Lord God is ANGRY.

He has experienced something in the spiritual and He is ANGRY.

He calls out to Cain.

“Where is your brother, Abel?”

Cain answers,

“I do not know. Am I my brothers keeper?”

And the Lord God said,

“What have you done?

Listen;

Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!”

CAIN HAS KILLED ABEL.

AND THE LORD GOD IS REALLY ANGRY!

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