

***“Oh, Taste and See that the Lord is Good ....”*** *Psalm 34:8 NKJV*

## ***Happy New Year 2021!!!***

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is Good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him.” Psalm 34:8 NKJV As I have listened to teachings about the Year 2021, I am reminded, once again, of my own wilderness journey, specifically the years 2005 and 2006. This was a time that I titled “Taste.” It was a time of great turmoil in every area of our lives, coming at the time I was entering my promised land. If you have read this website, you know that “Graduation Day” from my wilderness journey was in January, 2005. It wasn’t until a couple months later that I realized I had had a wilderness journey experience. In my writings,\* the Lord shares with me that this was in a “Season of Disappointments, Disillusionments, Discouragements, and all those words that start with “dis.” I want you to realize this was a time our lives were turned upside down in all areas; it was a very difficult time. But I want you also to know this was a time when the Lord allowed me to “Taste and See” His goodness. This was a time when I was learning how to “occupy” and “possess the land” as in Deuteronomy 1:8. You see, for the Israelites, and also for me, the giants were still there, there were battles to be fought (some would come at great cost,) but now I knew the Lord was with me because of the journey we had journeyed together. He had given me strength, and He had equipped me with skills and wisdom and knowledge and understanding in my wilderness journey that I would use to be able to “occupy” and “possess the land” that I never knew how to before. I had even learned to hear His voice. To help you understand about that time, I want to share a few of the writings the Lord was strengthening me with. I hope these will be an encouragement to you as you too, will “occupy” and “possess the land” the Lord has promised you.

From 3/8/2005: “... Debbie, it is a new journey. Debbie, it is a New Day dawning. Debbie, fill your heart with anticipation yet soberness. Today is worth living. Today is a day of rejoicing. Today is a day unlike many but like several you have experienced. Open the door of your heart to receive bountiful love. Open up the door of your heart to receive amazing grace. Open up the door of your heart to receive cleansing of the old and revitalization of the new. Come and see all I have for you. Come and experience all you can **taste**. Come and listen as you have never heard before. It is a New Day and a new journey with a new vision of Hope that you have never experienced before....”

5/27/2006: Debbie asks: “Lord, I need to find the joy, the rejuvenation, the regeneration, the revitalization. Where do I find it, Lord. I feel consumed with exhaustion, burden, heaviness, frustration and exasperation.”

His response: “Debbie in the midst of this overwhelming, all consuming difficulties, Look Up. Do you see I am with you, Debbie? Can you hear me say I will do all that I have promised? Can you **taste/experience** the deepest of your fears and know that I have a plan?

Debbie states: “Lord, I just feel downtrodden, beaten, and paralyzed by feelings of failure; having done all I know to do and yet it seems like failure.”

His response: “Debbie, when you were a child, how would you have responded to the difficulties that surround you. Debbie, what do you know now that you knew not before? Stand on Romans 8:28. This too shall pass as have other difficulties in your life. Take each step, one at a time, and walk through these difficulties. Don’t seek to escape, but learn the lessons that each difficulty teaches. The Israelites had to face their fears and fight battles as they were trained. Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding.”

From 10/28/2005: “Do you know Me? Do you trust Me? Do you love Me, Debbie? Know that I love you. Know that all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. This is the day the Lord has made; Rejoice in it. This is a day like others but unlike many. This is a day that in it there are opportunities, yet a day with potential for failure and defeat. When one looks from the perspective of the world, one might see this day as a defeat. But when one looks through the eyes of a loving Savior and Heavenly parent, this is already a victorious day.

Just as your Earthly Dad cherished hearing from his daughter, I cherish sharing with My children. To seek Me is to know Me, To know Me is to trust Me, To trust Me is to love Me, to love Me is to have eternal life in Heaven. This day seek to know Me. Search for Me and you shall find Me. And when you find Me in this day, you will grow to trust what I have long to share. It’s with a trusting, seeking, desiring heart that doorways to opportunity is discovered. It is with a heart filled overflowing with Compassion that one walks over the threshold through the doorway to what lies beyond. It is with the eyes and senses of Compassion that One reaches out, shares, and shows others how to be Warriors and Warriorettes of Compassion. This was promised. This is your mandate. This is your directive....”

From 11/26/2005: "... Today is a day like many, but like a few. Today is a day to overcome challenge, yet seek with an optimistic, overflowing enthusiasm Hope, Faith and Love. Today is a day to be filled to overflowing with warmth and gratitude. Today is a day of giving Praise and adoring. Today is a day of remembering what love was given in the past and in turn passing it along. Today is a day of living, hoping, and being energized for who knows what tomorrow has in store.

Debbie, each day is to be lived. Each day is to be entered into, captured and embraced for its negatives as well as positives. Each day is a journey in itself as you make choices that reflect and impact your entire journey through life. Each day is a step, after step, after step as you are led by Faith into deeper and greater purpose. Each day is a treasure of possibilities to be carefully examined and evaluated - some to be discarded, but others to be cherished. Every day I look into yours, as well as all My children's hearts and examine and evaluate the treasure that lies under layers and layers of deceptions and addictions. I see the great potential, yet see the shrouds of disappointment, disillusionment, discouragement, disgust, and discontentment. It is a heart filled with Hope and Faith for promises to be fulfilled that causes the treasure to ignite into Passion that burns through the shrouds.

You have come to a point of great Hope; remember you sat in the Great Room of Hope. Hope is the pinnacle of this journey. Joy is the fruit of one's Hope. As you look from the pinnacle of Great Hope, what do you see? Do you see the despair and disgust? It's an overwhelming sea filled with all the weapons of manipulation and control of fear, pain and sorrow. Debbie what is your Hope? ...."

From 9/7/2005: "... Debbie, do you know Me? Debbie, do you know Me? Debbie, do you really, really know Me? Then know I am the God of Love. I love all My creations, My children, equally. Some children are gifted with a heart and voice to sing. Some children are gifted with an ability to build. Some children are gifted with sitting at My feet, watching, listening, waiting and always learning. It is not with pride that My children obey their Father, it is with humility. Humility is the path of the wisest of men. Pride is the path of the fool. To follow the path of humility requires an endless supply of God's love, strength of character and compassion for others...."

From 3/5/2006: Debbie: "Lord, what would you say to me, today. I need some encouragement. I need some guidance. And, I need some insight.

His response: "Debbie, do you hear Me? Debbie, do you hear Me? Debbie, do you hear Me? Then know I love you. You were created for such a time as this. You have been trained for such a time as this. You have been equipped and prepared for such a time as this. This is not a time to fear or run away. This is not a time to forget all you have been taught. Nor is this a time to lose focus on My love for you. It is a time to stay balanced. It is a time to stay focused. It is a time to practice and grow in strength. Debbie, a warrior of compassion must understand "why?" A warrior of compassion must remain strong and focused on completing the steps. A warrior of compassion must remain true to their convictions and character. To train a warrior, one must have fortitude, love in their heart for others, as well as the mission. What is it that you want, Debbie? Do you want the easy way that leads to the shallow and unfulfillment or do you choose the difficult path; the one that cleanses, renews, and regenerates, but is filled with heartache, heart break and pain?

Debbie, I promise never to put more on you than you can bear. I promise never to leave you nor forsake you. I promise to complete the work I have started in you. Today is a day like many, yet like only a few. What makes a day like many? A day is filled with Sun shining, a breeze blowing, air to breathe and a Hope, everlasting. What makes a day like very few days? A day is filled with trust and faith and knowing that your Heavenly Father Loves You. Does it really matter if the Sun shines? Only that it shines in your heart. Does it really matter if a breeze is blowing? Only if God's love is carried in the breeze. Does it really matter if there is air to breathe if the air is not used to sustain life and share everlasting Hope. What good is a perfect, beautiful Spring day if it goes unappreciated; if there is no one to appreciate it. Compassion warriors and Warriorettes understand that life is to be appreciated. Hope is life eternal. Trust is learned. Faith is given as a gift. And the Creator of the Universe is Love. Compassion is not doing what others desire, want or demand, but doing the will of the Father and His teachings; to follow one's character, convictions and follow one's heart."

From 4/30/2006: "... Your Hope is like many, yet only like a few. Your dreams have been shattered, yet you still have dreams. Your hope has been diminished, yet you still have Hope. Your life is not what you planned, yet there is still a plan. You have spent many years waiting, yet you still find yourself waiting. You have spent hours wanting and wishing, and yet you still want and wish. So many ways you view life has changed, yet you still view it much the same. What you have been given has been given to you. What you have been taught, has been taught to you. What your heart yearns for is what has been planted in you. Life is to be lived, Debbie. Life is to be experienced, anticipated, celebrated. ... If you were a child, you could see as a child. You could see with honesty, purity, and naivety. As an adult, who has struggled to survive, life has become cumbersome, painful and one task to be completed after another. I long to take you to places of Hope, of Joy, and of celebration; a place where Hope exists for the living each moment of each day. The places I long to take you are for the God fearing, love saturated, overflowing with Hope to share with the faint of heart, the love famished, heart sick and heart broken, the emaciated, love hungry who know of Me but not of My love for them...."

From 8/4/2006: "... Today is a day like many yet like none experienced before. Today you were filled with Hope. ... Hope is strength. Hope is Courage. Hope is that which enables one to persevere. Debbie, there is Hope in the bleakest of times. There is Hope in the midst of darkness. There is Hope in the deepest, darkest, dankest pit of despair. Hope breeds life. Without Hope, one has no desire. Hope can come from a friend, a family member, even confidence in one's own abilities or strengths. Hope for Eternal Life in Heaven is only found in seeking the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul. Just as a day may have disappointment, discouragement, disillusionment, and disgust, that same day has Hope. Hope is necessary for life. To build Hope, one must endure the testing, build up Faith, but most of all develop Trust. Without Trust, there can be no Faith and all Hope is lost. Debbie, who will they trust when they feel abandoned? Debbie, what will they trust when all they know to do fails? Debbie, what will they put their trust in when they feel betrayed? To know Me is to love Me. To love Me is to Trust Me. To trust Me is to have Faith. To have faith is to have Hope. To have Hope is to have Life Eternal. ..."

From 8/6/2007: "... Debbie, Hope is new every day. Hope is built from one day to the next. Hope once gained is not depleted. Hope gives strength. Hope gives life. Hope builds courage. Hope will sustain even the most depleted soul. Hope is generated from Faith, Trust, Love. Hope is everlasting. Hope is beauty in the midst of difficulty/devastation. Hope is present in the lives of overcomers. Hope is ever present in the midst of true believers. Hope is refreshment in the heat of the desert. Hope is comfort in the center of a great storm. Hope unites those who are lost and abandoned. Hope brings about waterfalls like cascades of joy. Hope sails when there is no wind. Hope brings the sojourner to a journey's end. Hope ignites passion where once a flame was but a glimmer in the darkness of night. Hope brings brilliance from a small spark. Hope is Life Eternal in Heaven. Debbie, without Hope, one withers, wilts, and fades away. Hope is essential to one's well being. Hope is the strength of the overcomer. Hope says, "I can;" "I will;" "I'm going to;" because with Hope one can do all things through Christ who strengthens them. Hope is fuel. Passion is the object/tool/apparatus."

From 3/25/2008: "... Today, looking out your window, what is it that you see? Do you see Hope? Do you see Courage? Do you see Strength? Do you really see a vessel that is empty? I see a vessel that has been formed with her Father's hands; shaped and formed; strong and sturdy. In that vessel has been poured Love and Hope to overflowing—filled to the brim—not with promises of grandeur never to be fulfilled, but promises of truth, life and Hope to be fulfilled. What kind of Father would I be to ask My child to endure more than the child was equipped and prepared to do? Debbie, would you have become strong in My love had you been left to be influenced by all the world around you or would you have become weakened to the point of withering, wilting and fading away. ....

Debbie, from your viewpoint, life is filled with beauty. There is Hope, strength, promises, treasure to be discovered and uncovered. But I hear multitudes of voices; all crying out in frustration and exasperation; most are on a path to eternal punishment; the voices of hearts who have been deceived with promises of grandeur never to be fulfilled. They believe in their arrogance that they are capable of fixing what is broken as they become more and more imprisoned in deception. It's time, Debbie. That captives must be set free. The Devastation to come will break the chains that hold them captive. ..."

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