

## ***“To Break the Chains is to Find Freedom”***

From the latest “Divine Message of Hope and Love - *What Are You Willing to Lose, to Gain*”: “... It is a time to let go of all that you carry in your heart that causes you to be imprisoned by the chains that others have placed on you.” From a message of 8/13/2003 I have more of a clarification of “Chains and Tethers.” But first, especially at this wonderful time of the year, I wanted to share words from my favorite Christmas Song, “O Holy Night,” with you, starting with the 2nd verse: “Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother; And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name.

I never thought much about Chains and Tethers until I received this writing in 8/13/2003, but it just adds extra meaning to my favorite Christmas Song. In the writing, the Lord through the Holy Spirit shared with me that “... The chains that bind and hold hostage its prisoner are placed there by others. They represent expectations that can never be achieved. Pain that is debilitating in its strength. Hopelessness of desires and plans that others have quenched. Weakness resulting from attacks that damage one’s own soul; a Broken Spirit, a Broken Heart, and a Broken Mind unable to function properly. The chains enslave and steal the joy of freedom to be as God intended one to be. The chains enable others to manipulate, falsely accuse; to drive the one enslaved into a pit of despair; frustrated/exasperated, left only to the mercy of their captors.

The chains engage one to entertain a life of desolation, isolation, and seclusion even when the chains are no longer there. The chains that bind are like unsurmountable obstacles, leaving the captive struggling and weakened under the constant desire to be free (in control of one’s life.) The chains are heavy, cumbersome, and restrictive. They are sometimes painful; hurting to the core of one’s soul.”

Debbie asks: “So, why does one enslave another under these chains?”

His response: “They are deceived, Debbie. They want their needs met. They are selfish and self-centered. To break the chains is to find freedom. To be able to stand strong under other’s false accusations. To be free from other’s manipulations. To be filled with love and be able to see the truth. Your Promised Land is near. (I would reach my promised land a couple years later.) You have the knowledge to be free from the chains that made you a prisoner. To Seek Me is to Find Me. To Find Me is to See Me. To See Me is to Know Me. To Know Me is to Love Me. To Love Me is to have Eternal Life. When you seek Me, Debbie, you will find Me. When you find Me, you will see My footprints. When you see My footprints, you will know I am with you. When you know I am with you, you are strengthened by My love.

The Tethers are hopes, dreams, expectations that you hold onto. To have your hands filled to overflowing, you must empty them and hold loosely to all you feel important. Things are not as they appear. You are to hold tight to the truth and those things that help set you and other’s free. But you are to hold loosely to that which causes pain, hate, and bitterness. A vessel of light is to shine bright in the darkness; it is not to become darkened as it’s light is smothered by hate, pain, and bitterness, fear, and doubt. The light burns through the tether and the captive is free to soar - to be that which the Creator created it.”

We are “bracing” for some very difficult times. Let the following writings empower you and give you strength as they have me. From Revelation 12:11 KJV: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

From my own struggles and victory, a writing dated 4/7/2008: "...Today as you sit on your couch and gaze out your window, you see HOPE. I remember a time when you only saw "BLACK!" It didn't matter if the Sun was shining or it was raining, you only saw "BLACK." Your heart was broken. Your countenance was broken. Your thought processes were broken. Where once you had joy and optimism, your days became those of fighting suicide. You thought if only you could quit, then the pain would end. Instead of seeking your own way, you allowed Me to help you find what only I can offer you. You see you chose the path of Salvation. You chose the Path of Life. You chose to turn from your ways and to follow Me as I taught you My ways. The path at times was very difficult; it required trusting in Me and giving up all that you knew.

The Path led you to places you didn't want to go; to overcome fear - to face fears and the unknown. Debbie, it required you to become like a child and to be re-made, re-programmed for My purpose - emptied of all you were; your security, your comfort, your identity, your hopes, dreams, desires. The Path led to new Life, new obstacles, new frontiers, new Hope, a new you - not like the one who once thought it best to end one's life.

Debbie, you have learned "Life is for living, not just surviving." Surviving is a desolate, barren place. Living sees Hope in the midst of the desolate and barren. Living has purpose not in the ways of the world, but in God's Kingdom. Living enables one to take one step after another, knowing the journey will provide Hope - basketfuls of Hope, overflowing.

Do you want to survive? Or do you want to Live? As you list and gather in Hope, you are enriched with courage and strength and even expectation for what is coming of the New Day. With Hope, one desires to live. When the source of that Hope is their Heavenly Father, one not only desires to live, but to seek the Path of Life - to know their Heavenly Father and desire His purpose for their Lives.

When one has Hope overflowing and knows the Love of her Heavenly Father and has been called according to His purpose, One Soars as an Eagle. One transcends the pain and sorrow and sees the doors of opportunity to share the Grace, Truth, and Love and to instill Hope into others. Just as the negativity of life is infectious, Hope shared in the midst of pain and suffering can ignite what is just a flicker of flame.

Take this time to gather in Hope. Seek to find Hope as the Treasure of each day."

And from 2/3/2008: the Lord asks: "...What was the promise that kept you going? Not the fear of Hell, but what was it - the desire of your heart, the promise made? You see you have come to the end of the path. Having been prepared, you are filled with Hope. You no longer see with the eyes of a captive, but you see with the eyes of a Compassion Warriorette; not as a pigeon begging for crumbs, not a turkey for others to mock, scoff, and scorn, but an Eagle - strength, grace, freedom, able to SOAR above the world system - not part of it. Debbie, your path has ended. The next step is promise to be fulfilled, and the new beginning - the New Day. Enter into the New Day with all you have gained. The Eagle soars above the world system and does not get bogged down in the trappings/wrappings found in the world. There is a mission and that is the focus of the Eagle."

Always Trust the Lord and know how much He Loves You, especially when times get tough.

From 11/6/2007: "... Today your heart is saddened. Today you are lonely and feel lost. Today all you have known doesn't work and you feel bewildered. So, Debbie, who do you say I am?

Look to Me, I have the answers for all your heartache and heartbreak.

Look to Me, I know the path for you to follow.

Look to Me, I am the One true Father God, Lord and Savior, Lover of all My people.

Look to Me when your heart aches in Despair.

Look to Me when your dreams are broken and shattered.

Look to Me when those you are dependent upon leave you lost, lonely, and forgotten.

Look to Me when all around is sinking sand.

Look to Me when your every hope and dream becomes but a dim memory.

Look to Me and I will bear your burdens.

Look to Me for a New Day of Hope, Love, and Life filled with overwhelming Hopes and possibilities.

Look to Me. Gaze into My eyes on the Cross and know that you are loved with a Love of Sacrifice, a love of Life; one that can not be contained even in the grave.

Look to Me as the Sun goes down on life and a new life will emerge brightly - beaming energy, life, light, joy unspeakable, into your life.

Look to Me as we end the current path at the Pinnacle and we journey a new path as we take a leap of Faith, together, from the Precipice.

Look to Me to fulfill all that I have promised.

Look to Me to finish all I have started in you.

Look to Me to see life is for living, not surviving.

Look to Me to assure your Hope according to My Riches in Glory.

Look to Me to help in times of trouble.

Look to Me to saturate you in My love.

Look to Me to love you with a love not given by man, but only given in God's Love."

There was a 2nd writing dated 11/6/2007: Debbie asks: "Lord, why do you share with me and not others?" His response: "Debbie, when you were a child, what did you hear? As you played a game or played with your cars or even your animals, did you have a sense of danger - something not seen? You were absorbed in your play and that was what became important. My people are like children - too busy, busy, busy to seek the truth. Too busy, busy, busy to hear a voice saying - go this way/go that. Too busy, busy, busy to know the Father in Heaven, the Creator of the Universe, who longs to comfort, guide, and direct their path and shelter them from all harm. My people perish because they do not know (listen) to the voice of the One who can keep them from harm."

And, from a writing dated 2/27/2009, "... Yes, My people prosper in the worst of circumstances ... When the fire begins to fall on the Earth, Debbie, My love is going to fall on My people. You will sense it. ...." He is our Hope and promises to never leave us nor forsake us. We are Overcomers! *Debbie*