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“You did not choose Me but I chose you.”

JOHN 15:16, NIV

From My Heart to Yours...

RECENTLY I WAS FLYING HOME from speaking at a weekend women's retreat. I leaned back in my seat, exhausted, and began to reflect on the last few days spent with such wonderful women. We laughed, we cried, we ate too much and slept too little. I felt privileged that so many of the ladies felt safe enough to share with me the painful parts of their lives that few had seen.

As I sat there staring out at the clouds below and the heavens above, I wanted desperately to see a miracle in the lives of my new friends. I couldn't help but wonder if anything I said would give Evelyn the encouragement she needed to start over again, help heal Joyce's heart from her past, give Kim the ability to forgive those who hurt her, or provide Jan the strength to get through her trials. Life can be so hard to handle. Could one weekend of truth, transparency, and teaching give them what they needed to complete God's call on their lives?

I began to reflect on my own life and the years I wasted not knowing God's plan, His purpose, and the power that was mine for the asking. I regret the poor

choices I made that led me down a road of self-destruction to a life filled with drugs, depression, and eating disorders. In the midst of my misery, I was convinced that all I needed was to lose weight and be pretty and popular. Even after I overcame my addictions and lost weight, I found myself driven by money and success and desperately needing the approval of others. Even achieving a successful career and winning beauty crowns could not complete me.

In the midst of my emptiness and pain, a missionary couple shared with me about the great, eternal crown offered to me by God. I knew I had finally found the answer when I accepted His gift of eternal life, yet it still took me years to truly discover freedom from my past and the call He had on my life. Today, I am a new creation and I have left the past where it belongs...at the cross.

The airplane brought me safely home that weekend, but my heart ached for the countless women who would go home that night feeling anything but safe—or at *home*. With these thoughts tugging at my heart and after reviewing my own life, I realized we can live beyond our pain and our past, our fears and failures, and become...*His princesses*.

I know how hard it is for us to look at our lives

and think of ourselves as *royalty*. But the truth is, God is our King and we are *chosen by Him* (1 Peter 2:9). Unfortunately, many of us have traded the truth of who God says we are for a tarnished version of ourselves, fashioned by the approval of others and adorned with our own insecurities.

I searched the Scriptures over the next few months and wrote what I thought God might say personally to us if we would really hear Him with our heart, take Him at His Word, and have enough faith to believe what He says.

I pray as your soul soaks in these “love letters” that you will never again doubt *who* you are, *why* you are here, and *how* much you are loved.

Love,

Sheri Rose



My Princess...

MY CHOSEN ONE

I chose you before the foundation of the earth to be My princess. You are royalty even when you don't feel like a princess. I will wait for you until you are ready to start living the amazing plans I have for you. I know you don't know where to begin or how to become what I've called you to be, so let Me teach you day by day. Start by recognizing who I am: King of kings and Lord of lords. The Lover of your soul. When the two of us meet alone together every day, I will show you how to let go of the things in your life that are holding you back from the blessings I want to give you.

Remember, My child, just as I have chosen you, I have given you a choice to represent Me to the world. If you are willing, I am here to give you all you need to complete your calling.

Love,

Your King and Lord who chose you

YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE ME, I CHOSE YOU.
I APPOINTED YOU TO GO AND PRODUCE FRUIT
THAT WILL LAST, SO THAT THE FATHER WILL GIVE
YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR, USING MY NAME.

JOHN 15:16




My Princess...

YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER

*Y*ou are a daughter of the King, and not just any king. You are My daughter, and I am the God of all heaven and earth. *I'm delighted with you!* You are the apple of My eye. You're Daddy's girl. Your earthly father may love and adore you, but his love is not perfect, no matter how great—or small—it is. Only My love is perfect...because *I am Love*. I formed your body. I fashioned your mind and soul. I know your personality, and I understand your needs and desires. I see your heartaches and disappointments, and I love you passionately and patiently. My child, I bought you with a price so that we could have an intimate relationship together for all eternity. Soon we will see each other face-to-face—Father and daughter—and you will experience the wonderful place I have prepared for you in paradise. Until then, fix your eyes on heaven, and walk closely with Me. You will know that—although I am God—My arms are not too big to hold you, My beloved daughter.

Love,

Your King and your Daddy in heaven

A soft-focus photograph of a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath flowers, serving as the background for the page. The roses are in the foreground, slightly out of focus, while the baby's breath is more prominent in the mid-ground.

*“And I will be your Father,
and you will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:18

My Princess...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIT IN

I know you want to be accepted by others, but you were not made to fit in. You, My princess, were created to stand out. Not to draw attention to yourself, but to live the kind of life that leads others to Me. Remember, it's your choices that will pave your path to life. I will not force you to do anything. I have given you a free will to walk with Me or to walk away from Me. I want you to know that you can put on your crown at any time and let people know that you belong to Me. You have a royal call on your life. I want you to remember you wear the crown of everlasting life, and through you I will do abundantly more than you would ever dare to dream.

Love,

Your King and Crown Giver

*Am I now trying to win
the approval of men,
or of God?*

*Or am I trying to please men?
If I were still trying to please men,
I would not be a servant of Christ.*

GALATIANS 1:10, NIV

*The LORD said:
It isn't too late.
You can still return to me
with all your heart.*

JOEL 2:12, CEV



My Princess...

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

*I*t is never too late to turn to Me, My love. I didn't start a countdown when I gave you the choice between life and death. There is no time limit on My love for you. I am patient, yet I don't want you to miss out on any precious time with Me. There is no place you have to go to find Me. Just cry out to Me, and I will come to you. Wherever you've gone My grace has followed you. Whatever you've done My blood has covered you. Come to Me today, and I will do more than repair the damage done...I will restore what was lost. Someday you will look back on this moment as the turning point that transformed you into the princess I called you to be. Now come to Me, and let's fall in love all over again.

Love,

Your King who knows no limits

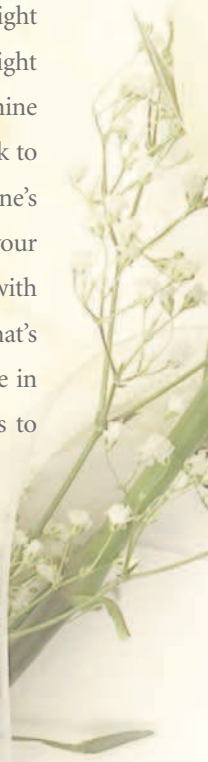
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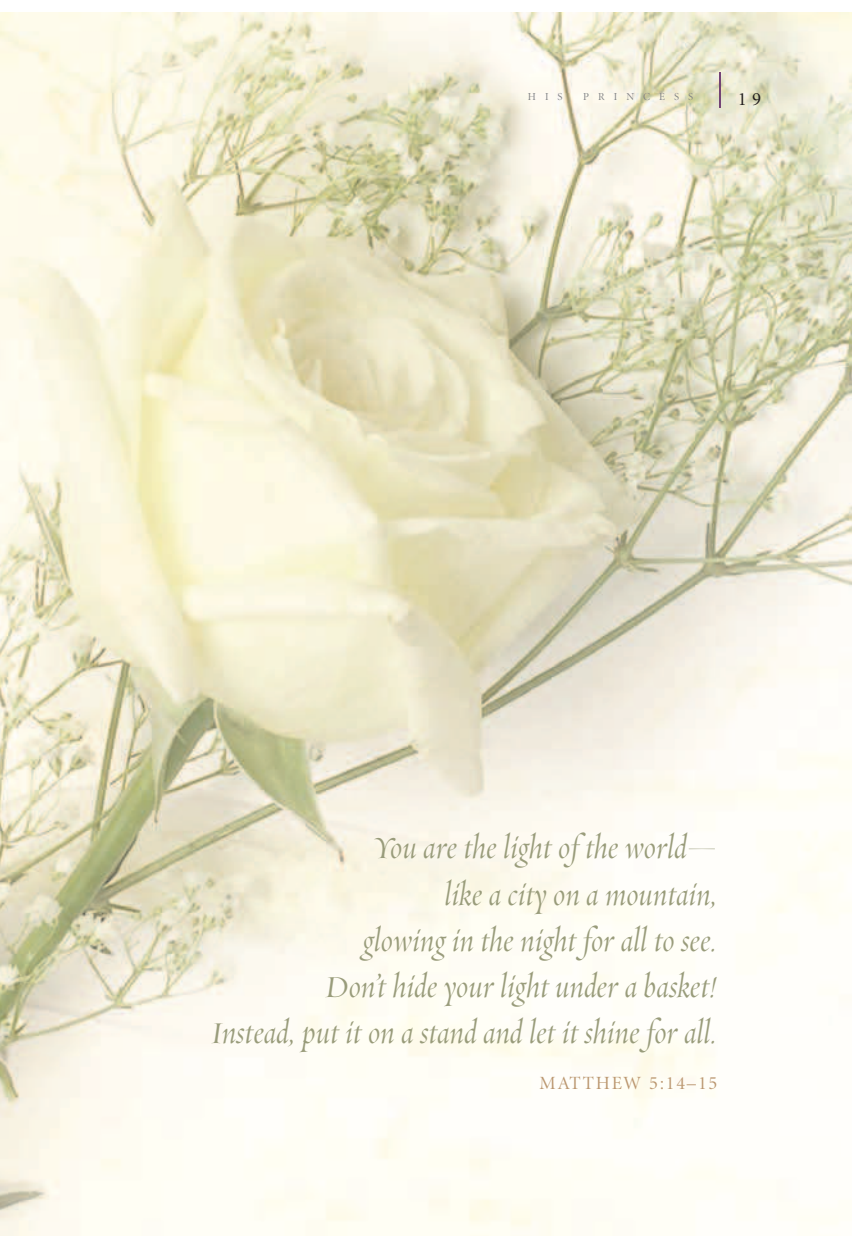
BE MY LIGHT TO
THE WORLD TODAY

I stepped into your darkness so you would shine for Me. Did you know that I have empowered you to light up the lives of everyone around you? You are My light to the world. So walk with Me, and let Me illumine your life today with My love and My power. Look to Me, and I will make you the bright spot in someone's darkness today. Don't hide your light beneath your uncertainties and insecurities. Spend more time with Me and I will make you glow with a godliness that's irresistible. If you will let Me, I'll make you shine in such a way that you will be My star that points to heaven and brings hope to the hurting.

Love,

Your King and True Light of the world





*You are the light of the world—
like a city on a mountain,
glowing in the night for all to see.
Don't hide your light under a basket!
Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.*

MATTHEW 5:14–15

My Princess... RUN TO WIN

*Y*ou, My princess, are destined to win. I know how tired you often become, just by trying to do and say all the right things. Take that pressure off yourself, because I did not put it there. The world may judge you by what they see and hear, but I look within your heart, My child. I see your desire to please Me, and I see your struggle to please others. If you want to win this endurance race, you must let go of your need for the approval of others and seek My will and My pleasure. Simplify your life, and let go of the burdens that weigh you down. You'll find that My grace will lighten your step, and My favor will even draw others to join you. Yes, at times you will stumble and fall. But don't worry. I'm here to help you get back up again—as often as it takes. Make it your daily passion to run with Me, and I will carry you over the finish line of your faith. Together we will win!

Love,

Your King and your Champion



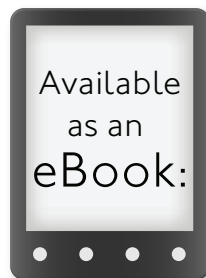
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