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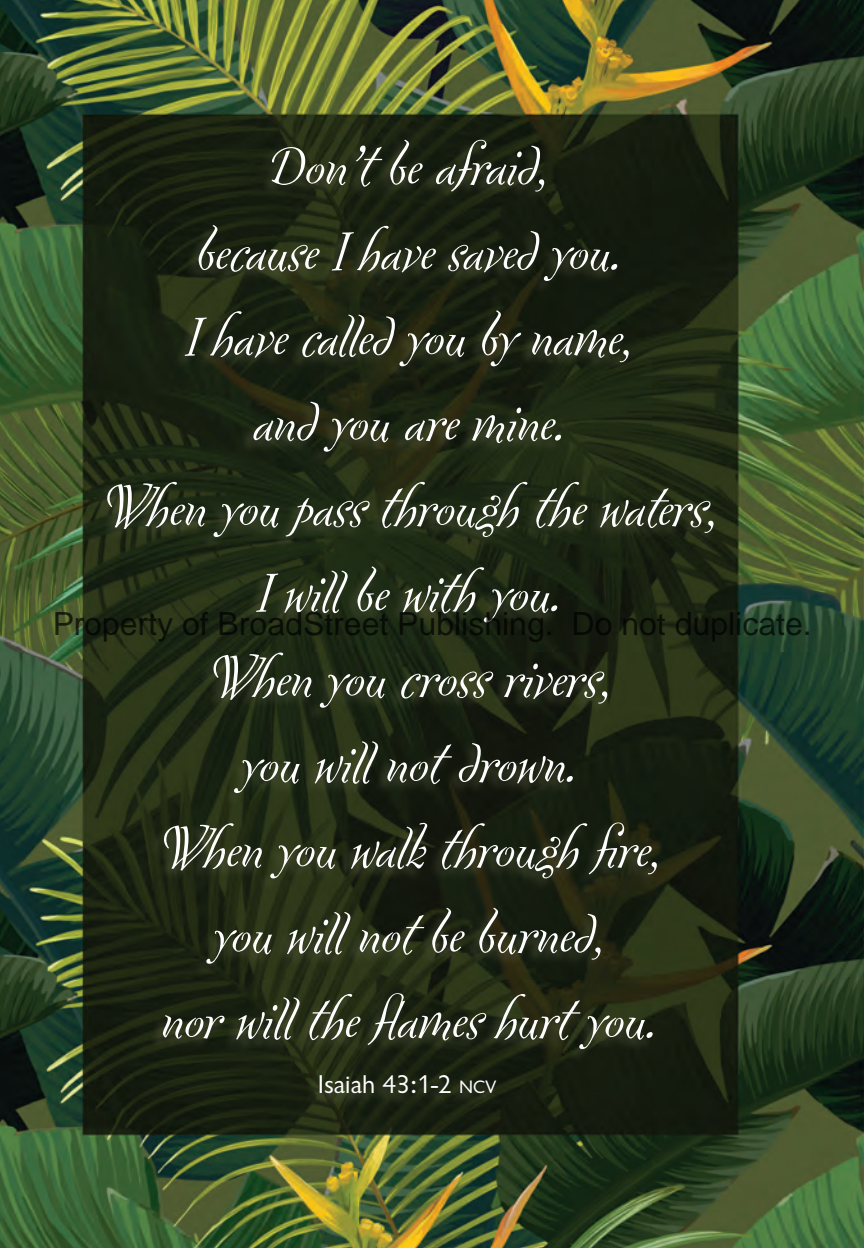
Walking with Jesus

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DAILY
ENCOURAGEMENT
FOR LIFE'S UPS
AND DOWNS

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The background of the entire page is a dense, vibrant pattern of tropical foliage. It features various shades of green, from deep forest greens to bright lime greens, with some yellow-orange flowers or buds interspersed. The leaves have different textures and shapes, including long, feathery fronds and broad, pointed leaves. The overall effect is a lush, naturalistic setting.

*Don't be afraid,
because I have saved you.
I have called you by name,
and you are mine.*

*When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.*

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*When you cross rivers,
you will not drown.*

*When you walk through fire,
you will not be burned,
nor will the flames hurt you.*

Isaiah 43:1-2 NCV

INTRODUCTION



Morning and evening, you can walk and talk with Jesus!

In this one-year devotional, God pours out his heart of compassion in a powerful way. Each morning reading contains a small, fiery expression of love from your heavenly Father that will spark your heart with passion and give you joy for your day. In the evening, be inspired, challenged, and encouraged as you read a beautifully poetic prayer offered to God in thanksgiving. God is always worthy of our praise!

It's my heart's fervent and passionate prayer that this devotional helps lift you to a mountaintop of sweet and fiery faith where your heart wisely breathes thanksgiving to Jesus, uncontested, unfeigned, and undaunted forever.

May you be overtaken with his love each day,

Marie



JANUARY 1

HIS WORDS TO ME

Mountain of Strength

I'm your mountain of strength for your new year.

I'm your mighty mountain, lofty and majestic;

I'm your mountain of awesome power and might.

I bend down at the sound of your cry.

I stoop to lift you out of danger.

I pull you out

of the miry pit of wrong choices.

I wipe away

the splashes and smudges of every past mistake.

I make all things new.

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Don't fall prey to the foolishness of envy and pride.

Blessing after blessing will come to you

when you trust Me.

I'm all you need.



MY WORDS TO HIM

You're my mountain of strength, Lord.

It fascinates me that you'll bend down
at the sound of my cry to stoop and lift me
out of the troubles that might flood my path.

You'll pull me out of the miry pit of wrong choices
and wipe away the splotches and smudges of the past.

Oh Lord, this year help me not to fall prey to the
foolishness of the things that are but temporary glitter,
and help me choose your will

in every simple matter of my life.

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Blessing after blessing come to me

as I follow you because

you're all I need to live fully and completely.

You're awesome in power and might,
and I trust you completely.

Trust in the *LORD* with all your heart,
And do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB



JANUARY 2

HIS WORDS TO ME

You Love Me

Don't fret transition and reverse plans,
for these are gifts to stretch your faith.

I'm your provider.

I'm the God of all there is,
and I tell you not to underestimate

My power and authority
in every situation concerning you.

Never fear the unexpected

and the unpredictable;

never stagger at the thought of change.

I provide everything you need
and much more.

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MY WORDS TO HIM

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me today.

You're the God of all there is,

and I underestimate your power and authority
in all situations concerning me.

I know you're with me and I know nothing escapes your eye.

That's why I'm empowered to handle the trials in my life.

I'm beginning to understand that the things

I often consider so terrible can actually be gifts from you
to stretch my faith.

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You're my provider and my source
of strength and courage.

I'm strong because you're strong.

When I face unexpected and unpredictable moments,
teach me not to stagger in my tracks, but to stand firm.

Help me as this new year begins, Lord,
to trust you more deeply than ever before.

Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, O LORD, do not abandon those who search for you.

Psalm 9:10 NLT



JANUARY 3

HIS WORDS TO ME

Fill the Vacant Places

Don't look back. Never look back.

Keep your eyes fixed on the dawn.

I rise *in you* every morning

and in the gold of daybreak, I slip your burdens
beneath the beauty of My overcoming love.

Will you look for My smile to dispel your hurt feelings?

I want to fill the vacant places in your soul.

Will you allow My arms to hold you

so you'll stay on track?

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Will you allow My grace to sustain you

so you won't continue muttering self-defeating words
to yourself?

Will you allow My joy to fortify your spirit?

I've hidden you in Me.

I don't leave you for a single moment.

My eye is always upon you.



MY WORDS TO HIM

Oh Lord, I know you want to fill the vacant places
in my soul;

I know you want to make me
complete and whole,
and it gives me the greatest comfort.

I'm holding your love
close to me throughout this day because
without you there is no me.

As I rise every morning, the daybreak turns

pink and gold with the wonder of new opportunities
before me.

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Oh Jesus, create in me a clean heart
and a soul to bless you.
It's in you that I'm a complete person.

In Him you have been made complete,
and He is the head over all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:10 NASB



JANUARY 4

HIS WORDS TO ME

Speak to Me

Listen for Me in unexpected places—

Yes, listen for Me
in the sound of a fluttering bird,
in the wail of the wind,
the groan of traffic,
and in the sound of a cell phone
crying in your pocket.

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Hear Me in the still of night
when the world sleeps

and My children breathe the kisses of angels.
Hear Me when you cough and blow your nose
while reaching for a glass of water;
hear Me when I tenderly hold your darling head
in My hands,
and hum a healing love song in your ear.



MY WORDS TO HIM

Oh Lord, thank you for speaking to me in unexpected places.
Thank you for your love song hovering over me
throughout the day.

I love to listen for you in the sounds
of the awakening morning,
in the heat of noontime,

and in the spill of night when the world sleeps.

I hear you in the wail of the wind, the groan of traffic
and even in the sound of a cell phone sighing in my pocket.

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You held my head in your hands
and you hum your healing love songs in my ear.

I can only worship you as you make every hour
blessed and holy in the sound
of your caressing love.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the *LORD* our Maker.

Psalm 95:6 NKJV



JANUARY 5

HIS WORDS TO ME

My Refuge

Your safety is in Me. I'm your refuge.
In the shadow of My wings I keep you safe
where no harm can reach you.
If you wear the strangling girdle of stress
you become the shape of stress.
If you wear the cloak of worry,
you take on its shape,
and if you dance in the shoes
of distress and panic,
the band leaves the room
and grabs health and happiness
on the way out.
What will you choose today?

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