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*How to Use Bible Meditation
to Turn Head Knowledge
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and Receive What You Are
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Endorsement

This is a book written by a woman with tremendous faith in God. It is not based on Vicki's Biblical theory, but rather, it encapsulates who she is and the life she lives.

We count it a privilege to call Vicki Heymann our friend. She is a woman of impeccable character. Vicki knows what it means to persevere, to overcome difficulties, and to remain steadfast until there is victory. The secret of this success lies within a heart that is devoted; disciplined in meditating, confessing, and acting on the promises of God's Word.

We commend *Break Through and Break Free: How To Use Bible Meditation To Turn Head Knowledge Into Revelation Knowledge and Receive What You Are Believing For* to you.

It will take you beyond learning to living. These life-changing principles will unlock the ability to bless and release life and will catapult you into hearing and seeing with much more clarity, resulting in an increase of effective Christian living. In every chapter you will find powerful truths that will lead you through meditation to become the person God designed you to be, marked with blessing and fruitfulness.

As you read, open your heart, and allow the Word to transform your life!

—Marty and Margot McCrindle

Newcastle Christian Centre

Part A

Theory

Meditation

“*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success*” (Josh.1:8 NKJV).

Here we have a specific formula from God that guarantees us prosperity and success. He said here that meditation in His Word will result in prosperity and good success.

What is *meditation*? To meditate means “to dwell on anything in thought; to contemplate; to study, and so on.” In Joshua 1:8, the word *meditate* comes from the Hebrew root word *hagah*, which also means to “murmur, speak, and talk.”

The question here is: why did God tell Joshua (and also us) to meditate, dwell, contemplate, speak and talk the Word of God? What is the result of meditation? What do we get in return for pondering, studying, speaking, and applying God’s Word to our lives?

The result of meditation in God’s Word is that we receive God’s instructions, wisdom, promises, and directions into our hearts and lives, which give us the way to live, so that we can be prosperous and have good success. In other words we get blessed!

Meditation makes God’s Word alive in our hearts because it builds a picture of what that specific scripture says in our hearts. Once the picture is complete, faith attaches itself to it and we receive the manifestation of what we’ve seen in our hearts.

This is what Hebrews 11:1 says: “*Now faith is the substance of the things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” (NKJV).

Hope is the plan or the picture of what we confess and on which we meditate. Hope creates the atmosphere in which faith grows.

Hebrews 6:17–20 (NKJV)

“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

I do believe that our faith, without hope to anchor in, causes many faith-filled, Bible-believing, Spirit-filled Christians to stumble when they are confronted with serious, seemingly hopeless situations. Meditation keeps hope alive. The definition for this Bible hope is not wishful thinking; no, it means confident expectation.

Over the years many whom I believed were solid faith-filled Christians, were taken hostage by fear and hopelessness when confronted with bad news concerning their health, their families, or any situation which they perceived as hopeless. I was perplexed by this. Why did they stumble? What made fear come in like a dark shadow and overtake even their strongest knowledge of the Word of God? Why did fear have such a stronghold on seasoned Christians when they were confronted with bad news that they literally went into shock from which they were unable to come out? Why weren't they rooted and grounded in the truth of their salvation and its benefits?

I do believe that God revealed the answer to me on how to stay strong in our faith despite circumstances; how to laugh in the face of the impossible, and how to walk in victory no matter what we see, feel or experience. It is through Bible meditation.

I do believe as Christians we must develop Bible hope—a confident expectation—through meditation on the Word of God. This hope becomes the anchor of our souls when the going gets tough.

In Romans 5:5 (NKJV), we read something very interesting about Bible hope:

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

This tells me something very interesting about this hope. It says here that this hope does not disappoint us. What does this mean? It means that this hope is alive and active. If it does not disappoint it must do the opposite—it must appoint! It brings focus, steadfastness, and expectation on our way to a place of results.

Now let us look at a simple definition of hope. What is Bible hope? How can we develop it? How do we walk in it? Bible hope is not wishful thinking; no, as I said before, it is a confident expectation in the Word of God to bring results.

Hebrews 11:1 says, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”* (NKJV).

Hope is the confident expectation to receive the inner image of the things you meditated on and believe for. Without faith, there is no substance; without hope there is nowhere (no plan) for the substance to go.

I do believe that faith without hope has no real chance of manifestation. I mean, it is clear that without hope our faith has no foundation to stand on. Without hope, there is no goal for the substance of the things we desire to come to pass—the things we are dealing with in the faith realm to bring into our life to go to. This makes hope a very important ingredient in our faith walk. You have to believe to receive. You need Bible hope developed to receive what you believe for.

We need to develop this hope, this image of Hebrews 11:1, and the way to do it is through meditation. Once you *see* the picture complete on your inside, it will manifest and no devil in hell can stop that from happening. Once this picture is complete, it comes alive inside, and you know that you know that you know whatever you believe for is yours. It is done. You receive it on the inside before you ever receive it on the outside.

The Image of God

What is the image inside of you that you have of you that you walk around with day by day? What do you see when you look inside of yourself? Do you see a winner or a loser? Do you see sickness or health? What do you see?

The Bible tells us that we were made in the likeness or image of God. Genesis 1:26-28 in the New Living Translation put it like this: *“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’”*

According to this scripture, we are made with authority over the animal kingdom as a whole. Do you know that? Are you walking around every day as one with authority? Are you exercising your authority? Remember what Paul did when a snake bit him on the Island of Malta after he had been shipwrecked?

Acts 28:1-6 (NLT) says, *“Once we were safe on shore, we learned that we were on the island of Malta. The people of the island were very kind to us. It was cold and rainy, so they built a fire on the shore to welcome us. As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, ‘A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live.’”*

But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed. The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god.”

Paul exercised authority over the snake because he had the right image of God in him in his heart. He knew his authority and walked in

it. Meditation will help us to regain our position of authority on earth that Adam had and lost in the Garden of Eden.

This authority goes even beyond the animal kingdom. Remember what Genesis 1:28 said? *Fill the earth and govern it.* In James 5:17-18 (NKJV) we read about Elijah who prayed for the rain to stop and it did for three years. Then he prayed again for the rain to start again, and it did.

Elijah lived in the Old Testament and he knew his authority better than most New Testament Holy Spirit-filled believers today!

Today we have a much better covenant with God in the fact that Jesus restored us back to our original state before Adam and Eve sinned and gave our God-given authority to Satan. Jesus got it back for us and said that we will do the same things He did and even greater, because He went to heaven and sent heaven into us by giving us the Holy Spirit.

John 14:12 (NKJV): *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”*

The first time I realised that I have this authority was during flood rains. We were living on a forestry plantation in Zululand, Natal, South Africa. We lived high upon a mountain with only gravel roads for about ten kilometres before we could get to the tar road. I needed to take my children to catch the school bus every morning. The school bus waited at the tar road, which meant that I had to travel ten kilometres on the gravel road to get there.

My husband left very early every morning to go to the plantation so he could not take them. I did not have a four-wheel drive vehicle and had to use my normal truck. It was nearly impossible to get to the bus without getting stuck in the mud.

This is when I learnt about Genesis 1:26-28. I suddenly realised that because I was created in the image and likeness of God, I had God-given authority on this earth and over this earth. I am to steward this earth. The earth was made for me to rule and reign over! What a revelation it was to me. So the next morning, just before I took the children to the bus stop, I walked out on the veranda and commanded the rain to stop. But it kept raining. I commanded the clouds to keep their water. Nothing happened. It kept on raining!

So I put the children in the truck and drove, praying and sliding as we travelled each day to the bus stop. Every day I tried it again and again without result. Then I realised that *trying* is not *believing*. The image inside of me was more doubt than faith. I had to work on the image inside of me before I would get any results on the outside.

I started to spend more time in the Bible meditating on my identity and self-worth: who I am in Christ and who Christ is in me. As I studied and meditated, I could feel the change taking place in my heart. I could feel the image change from loser to winner. I grew from religion to relationship. Then, suddenly one morning as I got up to speak to the rain; I knew that I knew that I knew that the rain would stop. I did not need to yell or scream. I just quietly and calmly told the rain to stop and it did.

I had authority that was born out of relationship! I knew who I was in Christ Jesus!

I had the image of God inside of me restored through meditating on God's Word and by spending time with God in prayer and conversation daily.

Joy Dawson puts it like this, in her book *Intercession, Thrilling and Fulfilling*,¹¹ "Meditation is of even more value than memorisation because meditation encourages revelation. And revelation of truth is the most powerful factor to motivate us to make application."

Ana Mendez in her book *Seated in Heavenly Places*²² says it like this: "Jesus came to restore that which was lost. And that, which was lost, was the image of God in man. It is conforming ourselves again to this image, that which will allow us to move in all the power of the kingdom of God."

I want to ask again: What is the image you have within yourself of yourself? Winner or loser? Victorious or defeated? Wealthy or poor? Healthy or sick?

What image do you have of God? Is He good or bad? Faithful or disappointing? Real or someone you read about in the Bible? Do you see yourself as God's beloved child and Him as your beloved Father?

1 **Joy Dawson.** *Intercession, Thrilling and Fulfilling.* YWAM Publishing, 1997.

2 **Ana Mendez.** *Seated in Heavenly Places.* Voice of the Light Ministries.

What do you think God's image is of you? Is it the same as the image you have of you? Do you see yourself as God sees you?

Genesis 1: 26-28 tells us that we are made in the likeness and image of God. Do you believe it, really believe it? This is true, almost incomprehensibly true!

So, let us take a look at God to know how we are supposed to be.

What God Is Like

There are too many aspects of God to be covered in one book, so I am only going to cover three aspects of Him that I believe are in line with the purpose of this book. They are: God is love, God is good, and God is faithful. These three characteristics of God should be imprinted on our hearts in such a way that we can say with the apostle Paul:

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38-39 NLT).

Are you in that place that no matter what is going on in your life, you still believe that He loves you and that He is good and faithful? This place of trust can only be achieved when you truly *know* God.

The Bible defines *knowing* as *having a personal knowledge of His mercy, love and kindness—trusts and relies on Him, knowing that He will never forsake you, no, never* (see Ps. 91:14 Amp.).

How do we get to this place described in Psalm 91? As I was pondering—meditating—on this question, God revealed to me the process from believing to receiving. As I go through this process, you will see how vital meditating is in this process.

The process starts with *fellowship*, which means spending time with God. This fellowship, or spending time with God, results in relationship. *Relationship* is a more intimate form of fellowship. Now you get to

know each other a little bit better than just fellowshiping. The secret here is *each other*. Too many Christians treat this relationship as one-sided. God should know them and their needs, but they don't take the time to know God. He becomes a need-solver, a shop where they go to with their shopping lists to get their needs met. Once they get their product from the shelf, they don't go back to the shop unless their cupboard is empty.

The next stage in this process is from relationship to *intimacy*. You see, relationship brings you even closer to a person. Now you discover things about the person you did not know as a casual friend. Suddenly you see them, "warts and all." This stage can either bring you closer together or drive you apart. This is a very important stage of the process. When you stay, trust develops out of it. Psalm 91:14 says that knowing brings trust. Intimacy brings trust. *Trust* cannot come if you are not going through things together. *Things* can be described as disappointment, hard words, misunderstandings, anger, offence, and so on—sticking it out in good times and in bad.

When you stick it out during times of war and during times of peace, a *confidence* will develop out of the relationship. This confidence will result in *boldness*. Now you "know that you know that you know" that these individuals will come through for you. Your expectation level is high and your doubt level is nonexistent. Because you *know* them, you trust whatever they say is true. Confidence brings boldness. You can speak on their behalf, recognize the way they do things, and identify when a situation wasn't their doing. You *know* them!

Boldness brings *authority*. When you speak on their behalf, people listen because you speak out of a place of *knowing*. Look at this scripture in Acts 4:13: "*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus*" (NKJV).

They realised that *they had been with Jesus*. Look at the authority of this statement!

Authority brings the last stage of this process, namely *breakthrough* or *manifestation*. Now nothing can stop this breakthrough because you have this authority that came through a process of spending time together

called *meditation*. Without spending time together, this process would never have happened.

Today, we spend time with God by reading and pondering His Word and listening to what He reveals to us through His Word. So we need to dissect His Word, the Bible, little by little and bit by bit to get the fullness of it. This is called *meditation*.

Creflo Dollar from the World Changers Ministries in America says it so beautifully:

“True meditation is to fill your thoughts with the thoughts of God; to be consumed with the things that God has said. When you become consumed with what God has said, then it becomes effortless to do His Word and work.”

We must work the Bible for the Bible to work! Meditation is not reading the Word; no, it is dissecting the Word you read until you get revelation from it. No meditation, no revelation, and no revelation without meditation.

God Is love

What does this mean?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NLT) describes love as the following:

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!”

The New King James says in verse 8: *“Love never fails!”*

This is a mouthful. I think this is a good time to differentiate between human love (*phileo*) and the God kind of love (*agape*).

Let us look at our human love (*phileo*) for a moment. When we really, really love, we will do anything we can to keep that person or get hold of that thing we love. We will kill, steal, and destroy for the one we

love. We will throw away all our values and beliefs for the one we love and that person would expect it of us. People usually say: If you really love me you would do this or that for me! This human kind of love is nothing but a *selfish emotion!*

God, on the other hand, sets all that He loves (agape) free. You see, He believes that in setting free, He will receive a love without restrictions. Agape love is a love that crosses boundaries and brings fulfilment on the highest level—a love that will make you grow and grow and grow; a love that will bring you to a mature, independent fully developed human place. This love brings trust to the highest level. And in becoming that person, you return that awesome, unselfish love with all you are now, to do the same unto others.

This is the love God gives, brings and is a love that makes you intensely happy and satisfied with who you are, and what you are. This love brings you into His level of life. It is a mighty force—not an emotion!

God's love (agape), for us means that nothing that we can do will make Him seek anything but our highest good. Though we injure Him and insult Him, He will never feel anything but kindness and love toward us. This quite clearly means that this agape love is not an emotional thing. It is an act of the will. Can you see why love cannot fail? This is how God loves us. And this love is inside of us. The love of God is poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5 (NLT) says, "*For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*"

The agape love of God is unconditional, free, bringing freedom that is one-sided and other-centred, not self-centred. It is a commitment kind of love. If we allow this love to get inside of us and function properly, it will enhance our faith to believe for anything and receive it. We must develop a consciousness of the reality of God's love inside of us. This love gives us a supernatural confidence and trust that God will do what He said.

The work of Jesus clearly expresses and declares God's extreme love for mankind. This is the place where peace is made between God and man once and for all. God cannot be angry with you ever again, no matter what you do or don't do.

Isaiah 54:10 says, “*For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet My love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you*” (Amp).

God did not start to love you when you were saved. No, God loved you at your worst as a sinner. He loved you even before you were born! Nothing that you can do can make Him love you less. His love is unqualified and unconditional. His love never changes. God never changes. His emotions follow His actions. His actions do not follow His emotions. This is true love!

You and I are worthy of God’s love! God loves and enjoys you. Take a look at Zephaniah 3:17: “*The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing*” (NKJV).

Can you see it? God is rejoicing over you! This means He is jumping up and down, shouting and clapping His hands, because every time He thinks of you His heart overflows with joy. He loves us, enjoys us and . . . hold your breath, even likes us!

In Zechariah 2:8, God calls us the apple of His eye. In the New Living Translation we are called God’s most precious possession! This deserves a “Wow!” We *must* get our identity and security based on God’s love for us and not on what the world thinks of us.

Let God’s love sustain you. What a precious hiding place in this hard world. However, to experience His unconditional love in your life you must make a conscious decision to believe it and to meditate on it until you cannot contain yourself. Then you will start to jump up and down, overflowing with joy in the awesome reality of this fact.

I want to make this statement: It is very hard for you to receive what you believe because without an every-day, every-hour, every-minute, and every-second reality in your thinking that God loves you and nothing can ever change that. He loves you even on your worst day. The bottom line is God is pleased with you. It is hard to receive from God without knowing this. You will establish this truth only through meditation on His Word. You *must* meditate on His love for and in you until you really believe it.

This knowledge that God loves you unconditionally all the time will cause you to never give up or lose hope and push through with your faith to receive what you believe for. You will never get discouraged and say, “I’ve been waiting so long; when will the breakthrough come?” No, you will wait with patience and contentment in the knowledge that God cannot fail you. “. . . for He [God] Himself has said, ‘*I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]*’” (Heb. 13:5 Amp.).

In 1 John 3:1, 2 God calls us His sons. *Son* is a position in Christ, not a gender. This is a position that changed our condition. God adopted us when we were saved. With this position of sonship, God gave us creative and productive power to rule and reign on earth. We are as heavenly as God Himself.

Ephesians 3:19 tells us that we are indwelt with the fullness of God! We are as much gods of this earth as God is God of the heavens. We are made in His image, according to His likeness. We must practise to develop and stay in this love, and then we will experience the manifestations of God.

Ephesians 3:19 (Amp.): “*[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!*”

This reality of God’s love for and in you needs meditation to bring fruit in your everyday life.

Do you really believe that God lives in you; that He lives in you in all His fullness? This is so powerful that I do believe that we say it so easily, but we do not realise it fully. That is why we are defeated in so many areas of our lives. I do believe that this is also the reason why sin has a grip on our lives. You see, when you *know* that God lives inside of you, sin would have no grip on you. I do believe our sin problem has only one solution—meditate on the One who is inside of you, and sin will lose its grip on the outside of you.

This makes me wonder why our salvation is so cheap in our lifestyles. We say we believe with our mouths, but we live in such a way that it is hard to differentiate between God's children and the world's children. God said to live in such a way that our lights shine before men so that they know where to go when they only have darkness around them.

Is your light shining in such a way that people flock to your light? Or are you moping around in darkness too?

God Is Good

God is always good. God is extremely good and God is unfailingly good. God is always in a good mood and God has planned only good for your life. Do you believe this? Can you believe this? It is so important to believe it.

This reality can only come through meditation in His good, unfailing Word. We have been so brainwashed to believe the opposite by people and even in some churches who don't *know* God because they are too lazy to get to *know* Him. This is the difference in being religious and being in relationship with God.

Knowing God, can only happen when you make the effort yourself to *know* Him. I cannot do it for you; the church cannot do it for you, and the world won't do it for you!

Let us take a world-known leader as an example. The whole world knows about President Bush, the previous president of America. Many stories are told about him—some good, some bad. Everybody made up their minds through the media as to who he is and what he is. But those who are close to him *know* a different person than what the world perceives him to be. Those who are close to him know why he made the decisions he made. They know how he struggled with certain issues, what he really believes, and why he acted the way he did. Those people have more confidence in him than the rest of the world who do not have the same access to him. But then, there is his wife. She lives with him, she sleeps with him, she cries with him, she laughs with him, she encourages him when he is down, she defends him, and so forth.

Can you see the difference? His wife *knows* the real George Bush because she lives with him. She is with him day and night. He tells her his heart's desires, the things he doesn't like, and the things that make him glad and vice versa. She almost knows him inside out! She will tell you that her husband is a good man because she *knows* him intimately.

Former President George Bush is but a mere man. How much more good is God to those who *know* Him? The Bible says He is light and in Him is no darkness at all!

This is what is required of us: to know God inside out! You may say this is impossible because He is God! I tell you, it's possible to know Him better than you do right now!

Look at Ephesians 1:17-19: "*But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!*" (The Message).

First Corinthians 2:16 says, "*For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart*" (Amp.).

Oh, how powerful are these scriptures! We must make it our hearts' desires to become closer to Him, ever closer to Him! We have no excuses any more. Get into His Word, get on your knees, spend quality time with Him, draw near to God, and He will draw near to you (see Jas. 4:8). We must come to the point where God calls us His friends, as He said of Moses.

God Is Faithful

When I think of God's faithfulness, I stand humbled before His goodness.

My husband and I are currently living in our dream house. For about fifteen years I have planned and dreamt my dream house. I put scripture seed in my heart and confessed while planting seed into church building funds. I would often talk to God, telling Him what I would like to have in my home. I would like a veranda right around the house, a study, enough space for people visiting, and so forth. God gave me what I wanted and more! He is good; He is faithful; and He is abundant. Everything about Him is abundant. Every day that I wake up I am still awed by His goodness and faithfulness. My dream house is absolutely beautiful. The most awesome part of it all is that He remembered what I wanted; although some of it I kept in my heart because it was too indulgent. Still, He knew my heart and gave it to me anyway. God is good and God is big.

What are your dreams? Give them to God; talk to Him about them. He can and will give them to you and much, much more.

“Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]” (Eph. 3:20 (Amp)).

Look at the last part of this verse that says, “. . . *infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams.*” This describes our house!

This also describes our journey from South Africa to Australia where we are living now. In 2000 God told us to move to Australia. For me it was one of the hardest things I had to do. We were happy in South Africa. We had a faith-believing church. My husband and I had good jobs, and the children were in a very good school. We had lovely Christian friends we knew for years, and my future did not include any other country than South Africa. I did not want to leave.

My husband got excited and immediately started to get the migration process rolling. The more he organised, the more I prayed against it! Being in our forties, I thought we were too old to start all over again. But the more I prayed against it, the faster the process went. Then suddenly we stood at the airport, passports in our hands, ready to leave for our

new fatherland. At that moment, I decided to accept the fact that God was involved and He wanted us in Australia. As we boarded the plane I said to God, “Whatever You want us to do, You make it happen.” Nobody knew us, for them we had no past. We needed God to open doors.

That is just what He did. We landed in Newcastle, NSW in a wonderful church. The pastors were anointed and called by God to raise the church to a Word-acting, Word-believing, life-changing environment and we had the privilege to be part of this.

During all this time I marvelled at God’s faithfulness. He led us hour by hour. We never lacked; provision was always there.

After six years in Newcastle, God called us to a little town north of Newcastle and this is where He gave me my dream house—and an assignment! Part of that assignment is writing this book and the rest is to pray for revival, an awakening toward Him in this beautiful little town. Again, my prayer is: God, make it happen, help me. Without You, I am nothing.

The miracle to be here in Australia for only six years and see what God has done for us is humanly impossible. It is impossible. Firstly, the salary my husband gets cannot buy what it buys on a weekly basis—yet we buy it. We could never afford the private schools our children have attended—and yet they did! We paid everything, every time, on time! Every need was met right on time!

God’s faithfulness humbles me so often that I just burst into praise and worship. Through all of this, God taught me how to cast my cares onto Him. He taught me that by casting all of my care onto Him, I really make Him feel valuable to me, because this shows Him that I trust Him. When He revealed that to me I was surprised by how much my behaviour affects God. I never thought of it this way. Since then I deliberately worked on casting my cares onto Him and now today, I can really do it. What a change in my life that one command of His did to me.

He cares for me! The faithful, never-changing, all powerful God cares for me and He perfects that which concerns me. What a life!

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