



The Love Letter

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To Our Partners who pray and support our ministry,

We want to say a big **THANK YOU!** Nigeria was awesome and we give all the glory to our Father who sent us! We felt totally safe and in His arms the whole time we were there. There were many people that were noticeably touched by the Father's Love and the testimonies were a confirmation of all He did in the lives that were changed and hearts healed. Several experienced restoration of relationships with family members even before the meetings were over. A number of people came to us and said, "You came just for me!" Several committed to us that they would carry the message and experience of the Father's Love back to their congregations and begin applying in to their own lives. We could not have done it without your prayers and financial support. May you be richly blessed for your giving and your sacrifice of your time to pray!

Resting In His Arms,

Rick and Sue McCoy

God's Higher Ways - Processes and Crises

Recently the Lord brought back to my mind the verses He had given me a few years ago. I heard, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa 55:8-9) After walking with the Lord for many years, I understand more fully just how often God's ways of doing things are the opposite of man's ways. **He uses both processes and crisis situations to transform us into His image a little at a time.** In today's society everyone wants fast food, instant money, effortless relationships, and more. Thus most of us struggle to yield to Father God and trust Him when the circumstances in our lives are not comfortable or things don't change instantly. The longer I walk with Father the more I am learning to rejoice and trust Him when life doesn't go the way I expect

and things are out of my control. As you read the rest of this letter, I pray the Holy Spirit will speak a word to your heart that allows you to continue to become all He has created you to be!

Becoming Christ-like

What does it mean to be a Christian in this world? We are told we may be the only Jesus other people see. How do we become more like Christ in our daily lives? It is not by attempting to live a godly life in our own strength. We often do not recognize Father's ways because they are not like ours! True freedom comes in letting Father do the work rather than our striving to change. **The only work we are to do is to believe in Him.** (John 6:29) The God of peace and wholeness promises to preserve us blameless in our whole being and then He says He will do the work. (1

Thes. 5:23-24) Spiritual growth is meant to flow from the Spirit of the Lord. He is the one changing us from glory to glory! (2 Cor. 3:17-18)

Religion gets us to concentrate on our "do" rather than our relationship with Father God and His work. The enemy tries to get us to focus on our flaws, faults and imperfections which can discourage us. Trying to change our outward behavior often makes us more aware of our mistakes, failures and unkind behavior that do not line up with the "greater One" who lives within. Do we realize **our efforts to change ourselves are really self-righteousness and only bring pride?** For years I tried and tried to change myself, only to end up exhausted and frustrated! Father used a crisis and a process to forever change me! During this time I felt like my life was totally out of my control and I was very uncomfortable!



Our Heavenly Father often uses a crisis to move us into a process that will eventually make us more Christ-like. A **crisis** can be defined as a condition of instability leading to a decisive change or a turning point for all future events either for better or for worse. Pause and think about what circumstances or people is He possibly using to do a deeper work in you right now?

The circumstances He used in my life were an addition to our home that lasted much longer than expected and caring for my elderly mother in our home for two years. There were a series of crises from August through October with our addition. Each one caused me to feel I had no control over my life and nothing went the way I wanted it to go. But Father used those situations to lead me to surrender control of my life and ask Him to take over in a way I never had walked before. It led me into a process which took another two years. The word "**process**" is defined as a moving forward, gradual progress, a systematic series of actions directed to some end. Father showed me that to go where He wanted to take me required more character development.

Whatever your divine destiny may be, it can only be accomplished by His Spirit flowing through you and removing those things that hinder you. Many of our old ways and fleshly habits interfere with the Spirit's flow and so they have to go! The fruit of the Spirit is what Father has placed inside us to grow and develop.

The Crises

We all try to avoid discomfort or anything that is new or hard. These are times when we may want to run away or shut down rather than go on. We are faced with a **crisis of belief**. Can we trust Father when we are not sure what He is doing? During my time of crisis, He gave me **Hosea 2:14** as an image of Father and me in a wilderness where He would speak tenderly to me and take me from trou-

ble to a place of hope. My life went from one where I had complete freedom to come and go as I chose to feeling like I had no freedom to do what I wanted and time with friends didn't exist. I felt so alone! At this point the Lord asked me whether I'd rather be in this prison or a physical one in China for my faith. I decided the one I had was better! When He removes other things and people, you can expect to get to know your Father better. Who does He want to be for you in the situation you are facing? **Ask Father to reveal Himself and tell you what needs to happen**, not what you need to do.

What's Your Focus?



The challenge we face daily is where we put our focus. Do we put our eyes on the problems and circumstances that we are facing today or do we put our eyes on our loving Father? Too often our enemy makes the "circumstances" look bigger than our Lord. He gets us to see ourselves standing in the middle with our problems completely surrounding us and trying to overwhelm us. Focusing on our situations only magnifies the problems, which makes them bigger and may cause us to fear. It takes effort to lift our eyes up to see our caring Father. We need to do what David did long ago. **Psalm 34:4-5** says, "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant..." We need to lift up our eyes to the Lord, which is where our help comes from. (**Ps. 121:1-2**) Our ability to see our Father and magnify all that He is will help us as we walk through the problems in our lives. Start with what you know about Father God's character and ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you. The more you know

Him and all that He is, the more you can trust Him through the process!

God's Spirit came to live within us when we accepted Jesus as our Savior. From that point He is on the inside wanting to be the one living His life through us. The question is will we yield and cooperate with Him so that He can work in our hearts. Several years before my crisis the Lord told me, "**The process is as important as the end goal!**" While I knew that in my head, walking it out on a daily basis was quite a challenge. For in the process of being squeezed into doing things I didn't like, He uncovered some bad attitudes that had been hidden in my heart! He did this so He could remove them. His goal in the process is to get rid of self leading us and our flesh wanting its own way.

The Processes

There is a story in Wayne Jacobsen's book, *He Loves Me*, which illustrates how Father views the work He is doing in us. This man loved to work with wood and make decorations for his home. One day he noticed how differently he and his wife viewed his hobby. His wife loved the finished product and delighted in displaying it. However, he enjoyed the process of taking a raw piece of wood and making something special. Once a piece was finished he was on to the next one. **Do we understand that God not only wants the end product, he actually enjoys the process?** Father is the one who controls the process from start to finish! It is a journey that lasts a lifetime. Father is the master at transforming lives if we will let him work. He needs us to yield to Him and let Him work in every area of our lives. Is there an area He wants to work on in you? Are you willing to ask Him? Responding with confidence to God and making life adjustments is truly **the process** that we must walk in one day at a time.

Learning to be thankful and rejoice in the midst of the challenges



proved to be a major key in seeing God complete the process in my life. Rather than murmuring and complaining, I chose to praise Him for who He is and His faithfulness to walk with me one moment at a time. I also put the devil on notice that he was not going to steal my dreams of a bright future! With those changes in my attitudes, God began to bring hope and positive expectations that my season would come to a positive end! Read **Habakkuk 3:17-18** for yourself and discover God's way of walking through your processes. **"Though"** this or that isn't going right, **"yet"** as we rejoice in the LORD, He will bring victory every time!

Father is interested in permanent change in our lives! While many of the books we can read or things that we hear speak about behavior modification or behavior management, God only wants **heart transformation!** The Bible says, "For the LORD does not see as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (**1 Sam. 16:7**) It is easier to let Father work in my life if I focus on, "It is Christ in me, the hope of glory." (**Col. 1:27**) With that attitude I can pray a prayer God will always answer, "Father, glorify your name in my life!" rather than, "Father, deliver me from this!" I can walk with a greater level of trust knowing the Lord has plans for good and not for evil to give me a future and a hope. (**Jer. 29:11**)

Crises & Processes Bring Revelation

It is in the difficult times that we grow the most and come to know our Father in greater ways! He wants to reveal Himself to you, to give you a revelation of the truths the Bible speaks about. Then once He does that, we get to walk out that revelation in our daily lives. It is like stair steps. The riser is the revelation taking us to a new level with our God and the flat part of the step is the place we get to walk out the new revelation of who He is to us. During my crisis and process time I got to know Him as my strength,

my victory, and much more. But if you are like me, you can get impatient with how long the process is taking. That is where I leave you with the wisdom my mentor shared with me that has helped over and over. **"A late apple is perfectly on target when it is green in early September. Just because it is green doesn't mean it isn't right on God's schedule. We too are works in progress. The fruit will be ready in God's time."** I pray you will choose to walk as I have in **Mark 8:35 Amp.**, "For whoever wants to save his (higher, spiritual, eternal life, will lose it the lower, natural, temporal life, which is lived only on the earth); and whoever gives up his life which is lived only on the earth for My sake and the Gospel's will save it (his higher, spiritual life) in the eternal kingdom of God." So yield to God's higher ways and thoughts and rest that He knows how to transform you into the beautiful masterpiece that He sees already!

The following is a prophetic word from Graham Cooke's book, *The Language of Love* on page 83-85. We pray Father will speak to you through these words also!

My beloved one,

Heaven is not bankrupt, and I am not capricious in My giving. I am wholehearted and unchanging in My love for you. In all My dealings with you I do seek your growth, an increase in depth and maturity, I stretch out circumstances because I am stretching (increasing) your faith. I am seeking to show you more of how I think and develop you to walk in My paths and know My ways.

Always look to Me, I am the Father who never changes. You are My first fruits to Myself. Everything I do with and for you is by the truth and the exercise of My will. Live the same as I do. Love truth and see the will as the primary vehicle for receptivity. Do not allow your emotions to run the show,

because they will agitate against faith. Your will cooperates with faith and waits patiently for the promise to be fulfilled.

You are called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. The blessing depends upon your positioning before Me. In all things I am teaching you how to be God conscious in all your ways. Developing your will in submission to Mine increases your stability, enlarges your power and enhances your faith.

There is a difference between being slow and being patient. Your Father is not slow but patiently waits for the right time and the right growth. As you learn to receive My promises, know that I am wanting you to learn much more than how to obtain things. I am teaching you about position, using your will, learning patience, and being stretched.

It is through faith *and* patience that you will inherit the promises. I am wholehearted toward you *within* the process I have designated for you in your current circumstances. The process is the path. Follow it and find Me, I am not far from you. Walk in the manner I am reaching you. All things always work in your favor. Favor can be immediate or eventual according to the time frame I have set for you in this current phase.

Relax. Rest in Me, I know what is best. Learn the process of how I want to give to you in this current season. Then everything will come to you and all things will fall to you, as I have decreed.

Your Loving Father

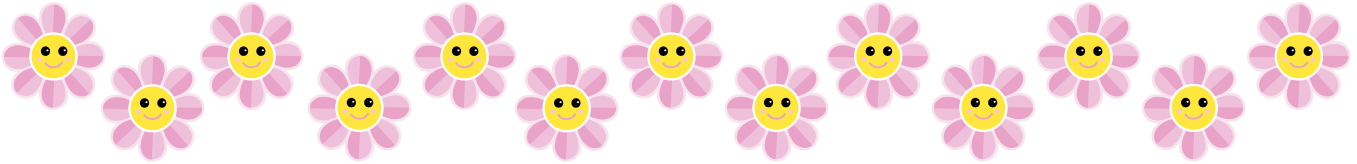


A Blessing From Our Hearts to Yours:

I bless you with knowing that your Father's plans for your life are too numerous to comprehend or even imagine. I bless you with being able to trace His hand and to understand how particular events fit into His cosmic picture. I bless you with grasping the strategy of heaven, at least in part, but also to entrust those things you don't know to His all-knowing. I bless you with seeing with thanksgiving and gratitude God's work in your life and in your world. I bless you with an unfolding and enlarging of your spirit. I bless you with room to breathe free, to become, to grow, to fill the whole frame of God's masterpiece that He is painting of your life. I bless you with receiving your life from the hand of your Father whose plans are marvelous!

Taken from Blessing Your Spirit by Sylvia Gunter & Arthur Burk; pages 86-87

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