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## *Preface*

PRIOR TO WRITING THIS book, my journey with Christ could easily be summed up by the passage below:

*“He sat me down at his table  
He laid his hand upon my head  
He said, “My child, my daughter, you are truly blessed  
I’ve waited eternities to caress your head  
For you to know the weight and flight of my breath,  
I poured you out in pages, when nations went astray, I measured  
out your talents so in you they’d find a way  
I watched the devil taunt you, I had to turn my head, coz for you  
to take the victory you had to take my bread . . .  
My daughter, you had to raise your head  
To know from whence creation was fed.  
You fought with cloak and dagger  
You fought in pain and dread  
You hated me with passion, but you always sought my bed  
You thought me a dictator, a master, you the slave  
And in your hate you served me, without knowing all my names.  
I visited on you such dangers that caused all you knew to flee  
But I showed you all my glory—from my head, my back, and feet  
I burdened you with promise, so you would never go astray, but I  
also held back its being while I cleared away all shame.  
I showed you all my archives, and the heavens, which are mine  
And I know you won’t believe it, but I created you for these times*

## PREFACE

*Some people strive in greatness, but daughter you've borne your load*

*Now step into your greatness—I've washed away death's clothes.*

*Love, your Father, God"*

I never really understood why being a Christian was so hard. I knew God was real and I believed everything he said, but nothing in my life reflected any of his promises in the Bible. I was confused; I was disheartened; I thought I was the only one—I thought I was going crazy. Surely there couldn't be anything wrong with God, so there had to be something wrong with me. I read so much, tried so much, learned so much about Christ, but nothing seemed to really shift or change. Then I finally found the answer. God's truths were wrapped up and hidden within different fragments of my identity and soul. Unfamiliar pieces and divine realities were simply misaligned, tangled up, and out of sync. There was nothing wrong with me. I stepped into Christ's full DNA the moment I answered his call—we all did. We all just simply forgot to go back to school to find out who we'd really become in Christ. Unravelling the habits and traits of our old DNA and stepping into the new gives a voice to the unspoken, common narrative of our Christian experiences. It pours out our internal dialogues and watches Christ step in to reorganize and realign what we thought were hopeless messes and expired dreams. Our God is so, so faithful—what he's put inside you will blow your mind!

## *Knowing Who's In Control*

THIS IS ABOUT ACCEPTING the absolute truth of who God is, and of knowing he is in total control of everything and everyone.

God doesn't just have power over Christians, but over every human that has lived; over every government; over the weather; over the oceans and waves, and over all the forces of darkness and evil.

God has no rival or equal, and the devil is not his archenemy. They are not matched, so there is absolutely no competition. God is the uncreated one; he created everything, including the devil.

God gave all humans free will and, in the beginning, dominion and power over all the earth, including all things spiritual and physical. In the garden, Adam and Eve gave their power to Satan. And that is the power that Satan operates with—he has none of his own. When we accept the calling of Jesus, that power is reinstated back to us, through God's sovereign will.

The devil works by deceiving and manipulating us into believing he still has power over us—that is a lie. And this is what the Bible is here for, to put us in constant remembrance of our position in Christ, our dominion in Christ, and our inheritance in Christ.

God has complete and utter and total control. The last two verses of Isaiah 54 tell us that even the weapons that the devil tries to use against us were originally created by God. That is why we can take comfort in the scriptures that tell us no weapons formed against us can prosper.

## *KNOWING WHO'S IN CONTROL*

There has only ever been one creator: our Father, God. At his best, the devil can mimic things that have already been created. But he is powerless to make anything new, because there is only one God.

This opening chapter is really about understanding this critical foundation—that God is God all by himself. He reigns in all majesty and power, and he is elevated far above all the works of his hands, above all people and nations, above every angel and demon. Lord of all and Lord over all.

Let's prepare our hearts and minds to receive and acknowledge this truth. It's the knowledge of his sovereign power that allows us to revere him, honor him, and be led by him.

Amen

## LORD, YOU WILL NOT BE DENIED YOUR GLORY

I didn't do anything; you chose me before I was formed  
I didn't know anything; you molded me in your forge  
I couldn't bring anything; you carried me in your wings  
I wouldn't be anything unless I'd confess you as king.

Your arm of mighty thunder yet tender as a lamb  
You strike the waves asunder and declare you are, I AM  
You are the Great Deliverer, The Lion, and The Rose  
You are the world's redeemer, you cast away death's clothes.

In you we find a healer, a servant, and a friend  
You are our soul's protector, our beginning, and the end  
You are the peace provider; you carried all our woes,  
Our griefs and cares have vanished with every heavy yoke.

You are the everlasting, the only way to life  
Your truth is all sustaining, you cannot be denied  
We will confess your glory, your power, Lord most high  
The earth will bow before you and receive you in your might.

We will push back the darkness, as commanded from your throne  
We will destroy the evil—your authority shall be known  
We will uproot the mountains and tear the idols down—  
wickedness will be plucked up and principalities drowned.

We will put on your armor and break the bow of steel  
The sword of your spirit mightily, we will by unction wield  
To you alone, Jehovah, every soul that lived will yield,  
as with every devil, which is underneath your heel.

No heart will resist your glory, no knee will deny your throne  
All tongues will confess your sovereignty, all life its creator know.  
You are the everlasting—the only way to life  
Your truth is all sustaining—you shall not be denied.

*Reflect—Question—Ponder—Pray*

Take time to mediate on these words and let the many things God is to us sink in.

From your personal experience, is there anything else you would add to this list?

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Can you think of a time when God has defended or protected you?

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This passage also alludes to our responsibilities: following God's instructions and commandments, and standing against evil and

the things that are not of God. The majority of our society is made up of ideas, values, and beliefs that stand contrary to God's principles. What are the areas you struggle with the most (*e.g., it may be particular TV shows, song lyrics in certain music genres, partaking in criticism and gossip, indulging in excessive behaviors or lifestyles, drinking more than you should, and going clubbing just because everyone else does*)?

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If you were banned from speaking about Christianity or wearing any Christian memorabilia, would people know you're a Christian from the way you behave?

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This is not about condemnation; it's about being honest and self-reflecting. We need to be able to identify the areas where we struggle, come before the Lord in repentance, and ask him for the grace to change.

*Father,*

*I'm sorry for taking pleasure in things that don't bring you joy. I know it is a privilege being your child and I know you only want what's best for me. Lord, give me the strength and courage to let go of the things that don't edify me, and to release me from the indulgences and habits that have power over me. Create in me an appetite for things that are of you.*

*In Jesus's name,*

*Amen*



## THE GREAT "I AM"

I'll pave the way through a grave  
I'll take the keys of death away  
I'll expose darkness with truth  
I'll condemn the devil's abuse.

I'll open my flesh to bridge the gap  
I'll bring the rights to heaven back  
I'll heal every broken land  
By being as silent as a lamb.

I'll be reviled and shamed  
To crown you with my name  
I'll be falsely accused  
As a sacrifice for you.

I'm the offering—I'm the bread  
I'm the wine—whose blood was shed  
I'm the everlasting light  
I'm the Word that came to life  
I'm your judge and I'm your friend  
On me you always can depend  
I'm the shepherd of the sheep  
I tell the stars when they can sleep  
I'm who causes waves to stand  
And sets up kings and rules all lands  
I own every cattle on the hill  
To me alone all bow and yield  
I'm the well, the eternal spring  
The living fountain of everything  
I'm the Christ, the sacrificed  
The one who died, to raise up life.

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*Reflect—Question—Ponder—Pray*

Wow, Jesus really did it all for us! Our everything depends on what he accomplished, because of what he was willing to lay down. It's comforting to know our hopes and dreams rest on the infallible rock of Christ. It also humbles us when we realize we can't make any of it happen by ourselves. The Bible tells us we don't even have the ability to add a single minute to our lives; it also goes on to say that if God is not in it, we build in vain.

Can you recognize areas of your life where you're at the steering wheel and in full control? What about relationships (*intimate, friendships, work*)? Are these areas you invite God into?

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As humans, from childhood and through education, we're continually empowered to make the best of ourselves and forge our own way. But in God's Kingdom, he asks us to humble ourselves: to be meek, to serve others, and to pray for those who spitefully use us. What aspects of Christian life do you find the most challenging?

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Can you name who Christ might be to you in those circumstances?  
*(e.g., in situations at work, where people are being derogatory about others or gossiping, it can feel uncomfortable. Here, Christ becomes my confidence and courage to politely excuse myself and walk away).*

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## CREATION SPEAKS

Mighty, awesome, loving God  
Moving, creating, incredible God  
God of wonder and God of light  
God of splendor and awesome might  
God of structures, you clothed with skin  
God of breathing and invisible things  
God of moonlight, sun, and stars  
God of color—how wondrous you are!  
God of fragrance, scents, and smells  
God of heaven, earth, and hell  
All who dwell do well to know  
From this earth to one must go  
Through the gate of Christ is life—  
or through their flesh in sin to die.

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### *Reflect—Question—Ponder—Pray*

Isn't it incredible that God chose how many hairs to put on your head? He chose your height and the tone of your voice. He decided the exact length between your elbow and wrist. The Bible says he named all the stars, and he calls them out one by one. How amazing is that! God is purposely intentional and the beauty of his creative power is permanently on display.

The Bible says that every good and perfect gift comes from God. Do you find it easy to recognize and acknowledge that he is the source of all the things you take pleasure in? Take the time to list some of them here, and let the Lord know how grateful you are for them.

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The first book of Genesis tells us, that when God made us, he called us “very good.” However, it’s very easy to look around, via society, the media, the Internet, and TV, and feel like we don’t measure up. But of all the beautiful things in nature, God names us his very best.

What do you think are the main influences that determine how you feel about yourself?

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What barriers are stopping you from accepting and loving you, as you currently are?

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What steps can you take to minimize your exposure to negative influences? How will you spend more time finding out who God says you are?

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