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### **PATHWAY OF LIGHT**

“People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within.”  
ELASABETH KUBLER-ROSS

“The hero is the one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.”  
FELIX ADLER

*“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.” Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going.”* JOHN 8

Although some feel separate or isolated at times, Jesus always knew He was one with the Father. He knew He was the Light of the world. Light is the energy of life. Jesus is pure creative energy. He knew His purpose and destiny in life—spiritually charging the atmosphere with creative power.

His conversations reveal Light as a ‘pathway’ that changes man’s journey from dim uncertainty into brilliant possibility. If you follow truth—believing you can have it, you have it! It’s living in the miraculous! Speaking specifically to those who ‘believe’ He further expounded, *“If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!”*

The pathway is for the ‘abiders’—those who “*walk in the Light as He is in the Light.*” That means you really ‘believe’ what He says is true and make it your internal guide and compass for living your life. This simple act of belief brings enlightenment; initiating transformation that manifests in the real meaning of your life. Now you live life more abundantly and activate hidden ability, talent and gifting—aware of the spiritual pathway through which your creative energy flows.

That is what happened to the Prophet Daniel. His objective was to “know the truth” about his Babylonian captivity. What he discovered however changed his perception of God and the Kingdom—he knew where he came from and where he was going.

Daniel searched the prophecies of the Prophet Jeremiah and found the terms of their captivity: “*For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place ... For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope ... Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart ... I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.*”

After discovering how their liberation would come Daniel vowed, “*Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed to the LORD my God.*” In his determined search to “know the truth” he found that a remnant would prayerfully call on God with all their heart and God would listen!

But the Prophet did not celebrate the good news. Instead he’s on his face interceding for the nation of Israel. Daniel was concerned about their terrible history of failure and rebellion. He prays and “*made confession, and said, ‘O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments. We have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day.’*”

From the moment Daniel believed the Word from Jeremiah, it began working in him to see beyond failure and align to kingdom possibility. His twenty-one days of spiritual exercises in prayer aligned him with God’s intention. He recalled a portion of the song of Moses that said the apple of God’s eye would always be Israel. In the glimmer of light he remembered that God’s face always shines on His Holy Mountain in Jerusalem. Aligning his heart to God’s intention he discovered the pathway home.

Daniel made truth his baseline or starting point. He then began turning himself until he aligned perfectly to where God’s heart settled—Jerusalem. Abiding in His word dissolved his sense of isolation. No longer self-conscious but God-conscious Daniel stood up to command heavenly forces to bring their future promise to pass; not because they are worthy in themselves, but because God called them by His Name and that made

them worthy. The Light revealed the truth (God's intention); and belief set them free to reconnect to God's abiding place.

*“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”*

Those who do not “know the truth” are held captive and often have negative thoughts that beset them. Subconsciously their negative beliefs work against their desire for creativity. The lie does not weaken you, but without “knowing the truth” you are working against your ultimate intention to succeed. In other words if you ‘believe’ you are weak you become weak. The negative idea causes you to defeat yourself—you can't use your actual strength if you don't believe you have any.

*“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”* You're unable to operate at your full potential if you believe you're weak. There is power in any belief, whether it's positive or negative. That's why negative beliefs about yourself hinder your creative expression and success.

If you believe a lie about yourself you are continually setback, working through it again and again—usually searching ‘why’ these things are happening to you over and over again but never getting beyond them. Consequently you set your face towards Jerusalem but keep starting the race over because you think it's a necessary part of the perfection process—you're caught in a never ending loop. The only way to effectively run the race that's set before you is to release the lie that holds you back from fulfilling your purpose and replace it with truth you believe.

Because you ‘reset’ your beliefs according to truth, you now go beyond whatever hindered you in the past. You advance into dimensional power and grace to express your exceptional gifts and talents. Once you determined to align to the finished work of God, the miraculous happens—that's when the heavenly messenger Gabriel appeared to Daniel to clarify the purpose of Israel. Daniel not only understood their present liberation but also the future restoration of all things in the Kingdom of God.

You are made in the image of God—you possess creative potential. Therefore if you “know the truth” it alters your perception. Believing what He says about you now sets you free of your failed past. This is the power of becoming what you behold ... if you ‘believe’ you can be what you think about, you do!

You choose what you believe—you go beyond any limitations that your ignorance falsely set ... truth always sets you free! *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made you free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”*

You can only be what you currently believe. Yet if the present is the moment of empowerment then past failures are inept to alter your future success—the past holds no power over you. You can be more productive and successful, and draw upon talents and

abilities hidden within you if you purge your mind. It is a baptism of fire that renews the mind to the image of God—releasing the talents, abilities and powers that were held in check for just such a day as this. You bypass failure with the liberated mindset that all things are possible and new in Him!

What hinders you from walking “*in the Light as He is in the Light?*” Could your captivity or limitations be any worse than Israel’s? “Knowing the truth” liberates your purpose, awakening the creative energy in you to function as God always determined.

*“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Paul understood that past failures should be purged from his mind. He focused all his thoughts on one thing—his goal. His thoughts became a powerful, creative force in manifesting divine operation. Likewise your life is also preset by God. He determined your function and purpose and planned your destiny. Therefore you are aware of His magnificence in you and press towards your high calling. It flows easily and effortlessly in your creative expressions.

There is a set moment in time for the miraculous to happen—the present. Daniel aligned to it, so did Paul. Every time you feel a stirring in your heart, what you are sensing is your supernatural connection—and the miraculous happens now! It is the creative emergence of your gifting and talent happening in a present moment of light.

You are one with Him and this one thing you do ... you determine to fulfill your purpose and destiny. You become one with Him by aligning with His intention for you and living in that word every moment of every day. You are not just in a vein of the Spirit, now you are at the heart of His purpose and produce—you creatively generate His same intensity and power.

You “know the truth” and set your face towards the purpose already settled for you in heaven. Your alignment to truth not only sets you free from the entanglements that once beset your course in life, but also creates the baseline for jumpstarting your plan for reaching your goals. Your ‘belief’ accesses the spiritual path of divine empowerment and you are motivated to confidently press on—daily practice develops your creativity into an excellent expression of beauty, love and harmony. You know the truth of who you are in Christ—you know your connections ... you know where you came from and more importantly, you see a ‘pathway’ to where you are going!

Jesus is the Light of the World and speaks to your purpose: “*You are the light of the world ... let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*” If you ‘believe’ His Word then you abide in His Light and the profound happens—you shine too! Be brilliant ... be a creative spark ... be

yourself and let your light shine through your good works—your ample talent, ability and gifting. It's the Light you walk in and it makes everything about you shine too.

Your empowering connection of abiding Light allows you to become one with Him in purpose. You move in the same circles. Just as the universe is ever expanding, so do your creative acts advance His cause in the earth. You walk in the very same pathway. Alignment sanctions the entire Source of His available Power to be concentrated in you. It's time for you to shine—for you to arise and command the blessings of the Kingdom! As you “*walk in the Light*” you manifests your purpose—“*you are the light of the world!*”

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