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FULL YEAR 2013

PARABLES IN LIFE

January 11, 2013 at 7:58am ·

A friend observed that some recording artists use a great song done by an artist in another culture without giving credit. I've noticed that this same thing happens *often* in God's churches: When they do not pay CCLI.com an annual fee that is then passed to artists for income when churches use their songs. Not paying breaks copyright laws, btw. When churches do not in small print somewhere on a set of projected slides add the artist name & copyright info. When churches lead worship with a form of dishonesty, not recognizing their unfairness to musicians who need to provide for their families. One church leader even told me "God gave them the songs, so they should not want money for their ministry." Blatantly ignoring GOD's command in First Timothy 5:17-18. Ignoring the \$\$\$ cost of recording...//... LET US NOT BE ANOTHER OF JESUS'S "*BAD PERSON*" PARABLES to others who might be watching, wondering if we really believe what we SAY (or SING) about God!

January 15, 2013 at 10:07am - "Ain't Nobody NOBODY in the eyes of LORD God, and YOU ain't a nobody to Him. God PROVED you are Somebody when He sent His One Son to save you from sin.... and hell.... to BE with Him, forever in heaven (forever.... forever.... forever....). HOW can you think you're nobody to your loving God???? Luke 12: 6... You're Somebody to God."

These are the LYRICS to Verse 1 of song "**Aint Nobody *NOBODY***"
http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/2010to2012SONGS/Aint_Nobody_Noboby.mp3

February 4, 2013 at 1:50pm ·

Maybe I've missed it? Why aren't at least the Christian stations fervently thanking God for keeping the lights on the other half of the Superbowl's stadium? **Imagine the hurt and potential deaths if people had panicked in the dark** without audio powered up to inform them that 'it's ok'? And yeah, I saw the stupid opinion "*Angry God shuts down lights...*" More accurately, LOVING God prevented potential disaster by keeping half the lights working. Why aren't Christians and Jews using this great opportunity to get people to consider that the **HALF-blackout** might be "**more than luck**"?

February 6, 2013 at 7:46am ·

Words from song SOMETIMES CRY heavy on my heart this AM: "Sometimes we SHOULD cry. Sometimes weeping is good. Sometimes sharp heartache is our best

GIFT for our Lord... for always God seeks humbleness - not our selfish pride, that makes EXCUSES for our sins - pride that REFUSES to cry." In God's Word: "For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation." From 2nd Corinthians 7:8-11 and Ephesians 4:30-32.

Music Sheets LINK >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

Free Download AUDIO MP3 LINK >>

http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/2010to2012SONGS/Sometimes_Cry.mp3

February 7, 2013 at 8:41am ·

God repeatedly says we have to take action and SEEK before we will find... **EASTER EGGS** stay in the grass clumps if we **don't GO seek them**. AND God repeatedly says... and has shown... that **all who seek Him WILL find Him**. But often in prayers we need to mature in our thoughts & experiences & **HUMBLE**-ness first. Set aside pride and trustingly accept God's answer, whatever. Deut. 4:29, Proverbs 8:17, Matt 7:7, Luke 11:9 promises. --From today's **blog** <song IMPERCIPIENT>

<http://dianadeesongstories.blogspot.com/2013/02/impercipient-song-quoting-thomas-hardy.html> and LINK TO THE SONG's free download AUDIO & Music sheets:

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php> ... **IMPERCIPIENT**.

February 13, 2013 at 8:05am ·

Ash Wednesday: A day when God's people join in prayers to Him, thanks to Him for All He has done. A day that surely Satan and his powers of darkness must hate as we remember God "more than usual" (Ephesians 6:12). Of course he enjoys seeing that few people remember John 8:44 and the many other times Jesus said Satan is real-- not just a symbol of evil. THANKING GOD that we're not on our own-- Ash Wednesday is itself God's PARABLE REMINDER of all our battles & yet Victories In God's Power that assuredly come! If we ASK for help. Ephesians 6: 10 to end.

February 14, 2013 at 8:20am ·

Driving thru fog last nite reminded me of a 6 am trip to church... **didn't know winding road well, couldn't see more than few car lengths ahead**. Rather Scared. Pulled over into a driveway and prayed for a "pilot car". Within moments, one slowly drove by. I pulled out, followed tail lights easily for the 8 miles to the main road where fog was lifting. That was the *only* car out, 6 am that Sunday. God answering. A thought-- **We don't have to wait to be bright suns to help others. Sharing our bit of light can help guide and comfort people in their fears and sorrows.**

February 15, 2013 at 8:07am ·

If you were Satan-- or, if you prefer, the **Antagonist in a Major Chess Game**-- wouldn't you want your opponent to **THINK that you're all powerful and *can defeat***

him or her? That is First John 4:2-4. Satan wants us to think that since **good** is the opposite of **evil**, to think Satan is **equally** opposite to God. Wants us to forget that God **CREATED** Satan. That's a key trick re evolution, by the way-- get us to dis-believe that God's ALL Power created ALL things-- including angels and those angels who selfishly chose to become demons that hate us. That yearn to destroy you. (John 8:44).

February 16, 2013 at 6:56am ·

As I reached my driveway in the pre-dawn gray after an all-night recording session up north, I suddenly saw that a white dove was just sitting in the middle of the little road, staring at me. I was already down to 5 mph, but quickly realized I'd have to use my brakes until the critter decided to move. Reminded how **we sometimes try to race past God... have to put on our brakes and wait on His Love Plan for us.** Not *my* wisdom. Psalm 46:10. Be still. Know God..... Is God.

February 18, 2013 at 7:55am ·

The flowers my hubby gave me for Valentine's Day continue to give me smiles. Each time I pass them, I literally 'stop and smell the roses.' I doubt that he notices, though, the many-years-old 2 dozen dried-up roses I have on a ceiling-height shelf. I not only smile but laugh at the memory of receiving one dozen that Valentine's Day morning... and another dozen that he snuck into the house during a lunch break with the note on them: "One Dozen just isn't enough." Ah how I love remembering all the moments of shared love between us...//.... A Gift PARABLE of all the MANY past surprise moments of loving help in unexpected & un-prayed-for ways from Loving Father God. Too many to be coincidental. May we stop and NOTICE His gifts to us!

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:16pm

Smoke was filling the room as I raced in, searching. I barely saw a shoe under a huge antique dresser. Got on knees, saw two people hiding. I called, "The building's on fire! Come follow me and I'll lead you to safety!" They said "We're ok." I pulled at their ankles, trying to get them to come out to safety. They said "GO AWAY!" I said "YOU'LL DIE! PLEASE come!" But they kicked at me and told me "We know what we're doing. We have the right to think what we want. Quit trying to force your ideas on us." AND THEN I AWOKE. Don't know if my love kept me there calling them, or if I ended up walking away.

I think God's dream for this PARABLE that became a SONG from Him came from talking with a friend whose friend had been **hurt by church**. Who then blamed God for that, plus seeing a loved person sick & dying -- who she'd told about Jesus's true love, about John 10:10- Jesus yearning to give Abundant Life. But he didn't want to listen. And.... She didn't want to hurt his feelings. So like most of us, she didn't keep on telling him she cared and telling him why Jesus could help him through the new sorrow in his life. And now... she GRIEVED her choice. What are we willing to choose to do?

LYRICS to song from God through me, **HIDING FROM FIRE** >> [LINK](#)

[LINK](#) to website Page to find FREE DOWNLOADable **MP3** and Music sheets

February 21, 2013 at 10:39am ·

Flipping channels, heard man say "I'm 42. If I had a son born this morning, I'd be 64 when he graduated from college. Then the next year I'd have to move in with him because I can't afford retirement." Amid all employees' and contractors' fears of pending financial doom, still there's a GREAT blessing IF we choose it: We'll get over our self-sufficiency much more & pray for God's help. And God's blessings of peace and joy AND sufficiency will be far beyond what we lose. 2nd Corinthians Chapter 9. Easy source = blueletterbible dot org... type into search box> 2 Cor 9 [**DIRECT LINK**](#)

February 26, 2013 at 8:20am ·

Only pride-filled people don't see the *sad humor* of this morning's news clip... some church **"having to decide whether to allow in sinners."** Really -- that **quotes** the TV station's wording! Well, if it comes down to a 'No', there go the rest of us who gossip or take 2 pens from the bank or drive 59 in a 55; or who disrespect dad or anyone... Mark 10:19 on. Wonder how long it will take those church leaders to see church will be **empty** if the leaders lie to themselves about their own sins and vote for "No < ___>'s in church" (whatever their defined sinners). *James 2:10 "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in ONE point, he is guilty of them all." Last sin in the Bible: LYING. oops.... First John, ALL have sinned..... Now, if the question were to follow all the "T BOOKS" in New Testament, it would be really this... reflected in Revelation 2 & 3:

Whether to allow in people who know what God calls a sin yet Rebel & gladly keep doing it. Completely different when we keep **Romans 8 VICTORY** with Romans 7.

February 27, 2013 at 7:46am ·

Why are so many Christians AFRAID to learn how to Facebook & blog & Skype & use phone texting? Jesus walked 100s of miles without fancy jogging shoes to share God's message. Took a LOT longer for Him to reach people with God's Words, than it would take for us to learn these ways of sharing God's promises. AFTER ALL-- James 1:5 SAYS **the Holy Spirit will *teach* us how (if we ask)**... It's a matter of **priority**. Sad, how many people **brag** about not learning these media ways to share comfort.... Ready to tell God "no" **if** He happens to keep suggesting to their mind the ideas that these are effective ways of sharing His truth "through the world" as needed by the time Jesus returns: Matthew 24.

March 13, 2013 at 8:38am EDT

The Wycliffe Translator reported that even many Christians won't support getting God's Bible into a form that people in several 1000 remaining unreached tribes can read. Why? "Because they know it's God's prophecy to happen before the End Times can come." AS IF human strategy can keep The God who inspired amazing math models and computers from guiding someone to design a program to quickly complete translations in the 18 months! A joyful purpose... living each of God's gift days to our fullest with His Ephesians 3:20 help. To His 3:21 glory and our resulting joy :)

March 18, 2013 at 8:22am

This morning I stepped out barefoot into the snow, just because I could! Well, ok, also because all the tiny bird footprints in the snow looked so pathetic that I didn't want to wait to go back to get shoes before going outside with birdseed. As I stepped back onto my warm floor and firmly closed out the cold air, I humbly realized that I did so 'because I could.' ... God had blessed me with a warm home. May we with **awareness** remember on days like today... many people cannot. **Thanking God for blessings often care-less-ly taken for granted, with prayers to see where I can help.**

March 23, 2013 at 11:04am

Though the Fig Tree of Happiness may not blossom or bear fruit, "still I shall Praise the LORD. Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will Joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength.... He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician, With my stringed instruments." -- Habakkuk 3: 17-19 only slightly paraphrased... Guitar-ancestors in worship:)

SONG FROM GOD: **Habakkuk 3 Sorrow's Joy** [Click here to find Music](#)

March 25, 2013 at 3:12pm

"Who feels like Life is a roller coaster?" asked the preacher.

A teen near the front row eagerly raised her hand and waved it back and forth energetically. Most of us looked a bit **confused** amid being amused. Then I figured it out: She thought the preacher asked "Who **LIKES** roller coasters?" ...//....

But she really had an **excited attitude that we should all have** for the actual question!

It's often **only when our lives are like roller coasters that we even notice the hand of God moving**, answering our prayers for help!

And the noticing brings *such* **joy** that God cares!

March 26, 2013 at 3:47am

Up until 4 AM finishing taxes. But actually in a great mood. Every time I caught myself beginning to mutter (with the Alternative Minimum Tax form being the height of math encirclings), I reminded myself: Many people have too little to bother filing tax returns. We are blessed.... although, if you think too hard about it: It's pretty sad when Federal Taxes make a great Parable of God's blessings... BECAUSE we owe, we KNOW God has given us the **income** TO owe taxes!

March 27, 2013 at 8:12am

Yesterday a game show posted the audience's answer to a question on its electronic board: **Driving wrecklessly.** Probably most people didn't notice, many didn't realize it was a mistake, and no one really cared... // ...

We'd all live much more happily if, after we made a mistake, we remembered THIS:

Probably most people won't notice, some who do won't think it a mistake, and anyone who responds to some mistake we made **critically** is one we **shouldn't** even **LET** cause us heartache.

March 29, 2013 at 2:34pm ·

"Lying Encouragement Parable"... Sadly, **some people lie to give you HOPE.** Which **SOUNDS** compassionate, doesn't it?

But suppose you went to a famous doctor because you had been feeling rather ill for several months.

- (1) Obviously you hope it's your imagination.
- (2) Obviously you hope if it "is something", it's easy to fix.
- (3) Obviously you trust this famous doctor you're paying a lot.

Now suppose the doc figures out these facts, without any question:

You have cancer.

It IS curable if you go through some VERY uncomfortable and even painful treatments. But you'll die if you don't.

Yet... the kind **doctor hates to discourage you and thus says "take x & y vitamins once a week"** and sends you home **FULL of HOPE**, Thinking you're ok.

SO YOU NEVER GET THE PAINFUL TREATMENT THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO LIVE.

***That's EXACTLY what happens when we hear in **COMPASSIONATE** churches that what we are doing is **NOT** a sin -- even though God says it is, and God says sins cause death.....

*** That's exactly what happens when "compassionate" churches excuse clearly specified sins by saying that the Bible was mis-translated.

Jeremiah 27 describes God's condemnation of so-called *compassionate* churches and preachers who don't want to dash your hopes, **so they lie.** Often they **even come to BELIEVE the lie...** especially if someone in their *family* is doing that sin.

And when you are FALSELY told you are NOT sinning, you don't REPENT and get forgiven by Jesus... r requirements to become right with God and enter permanent healing with God. By the way-- God was sending Babylon to punish His people for their pride-filled sins-- why? To LOVINGLY draw them BACK to Him. Because THEY refused to draw near to God of their own willingness...James 4: 7 and 8.

April 11, 2013 at 10:53am ·

When we read aloud the start of Genesis, we usually read in a somber -- almost monotone-- voice, muttering a bit since the same line appears 7 times in 31 verses: "And God saw that it was good....." Creator LORD God surely did not mutter! Surely

He too rejoiced loudly and with LAUGHTER at the first giraffes and inchworms and dogs that rushed to greet Him! Well, as much as an inchworm CAN rush..... :(= song story from "**Creator Joy**") LINKs to free download MP3 AND music sheets: **CREATOR JOY lyrics & Music sheet** and **CREATOR JOY audio MP3**

April 16, 2013 at 9:34am EDT (after Boston Marathon bombing kills people)
Worked over 4 hrs in a public WiFi spot last nite; TV media covered the evil done in Boston for the entire 4 hours. **We Americans are so self-focused**... that surely there was OTHER news to at least *mention* during 4 hours.

Came home, barely glanced at 2 foreign news stations on PBS before learning that also yesterday, **in Iraq** there were **bombings, with over 40 people were killed and over 250 hurt**. May our prayers be for those victims' families also.

At the end of Malachi 2:17, God reports people accusing HIM of not enacting justice. In the rest of that book, God answers the question... which God further answers **in the next 27 books-- sending Jesus His Son as our only Hope**. Psalm 106... Has our country likewise forgotten Who has saved us during past evils?

April 22, 2013 at 1:48pm ·

For 2 years I've loved sitting under trees at river docks with guitar, journal, Bible. Watching people come in off the river and then **team** to bring a boat back onto its trailer in minutes. One guides the others (sometimes from the dock), one pilots the boat, one drives the truck, backing up the boat trailer into the water.

Yesterday for first time, I saw a man work ALONE. He struggled for over 20 minutes. (I'm not a boater so didn't have a Clue how to help him.)

In the end with no guide, he gave up and just pulled the boat in... and i the process, badly scraped side of his large boat on the ramp's post.

PARABLE with Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. From the start, God has called us to help each other. "Two are better than one... Woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."

April 24, 2013 at 11:03am · post that is part of song **YOU CHANGE HISTORY**
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php> RECORDED THIS DATE.....

History is defined as moments that have passed... not always years and decades and etc. **So we change history by just gently smiling** at people who seem sad, lifting their hearts for a moment. We change history **by just speaking to a child or youth, letting them see that they are important** enough that we'll give up some of our precious time for them. Show that they are more precious. CLICK HERE for free Audio.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 1:39pm

Last summer, couldn't figure out why my pink dot plants wouldn't grow as well as in years before. Huge planter full of good soil, and I watered the edge liberally- not touching leaves. While planting this year's annuals, just found out why: In a rush last

year, I'd just buried the plants still in their plastic store containers. **Roots couldn't spread out.** ...//... What plastic do I let keep me from reaching waters, from **growing** to the **depth** that God knows is not only best but a Joy for me? Psalm One... Staying by God's Water.

May 9, 2013 at 3:46am · Psalm 23 astonishes with more and more *colors* as we learn. Verse 5, "Thou preparest a table before me..." This is NO ordinary table. The Hebrew is "shulchan" & the word is used specifically for a **KING'S table**...for private & sacred use. For the showbread's specially dedicated table **in God's Presence** (Exodus 25:30). **And the King of Creation is preparing it for me & you if we'll accept His invitation?? Amazing Grace!.....**

May 21, 2013 at 8:04am · An intriguing Promise: "**I will walk among you and be your God**, and you shall be My people." Written at the instruction of God, a promise from God about 14 Centuries before God Walked among us physically... Jesus. **--Leviticus 26:12, repeated in Zechariah 2:10 & other prophesies: Dwelling among us. Using the Hebrew word for physical presence.**

May 22, 2013 at 10:23pm · What a rollercoaster of a day... from sorrowing at Karen's so-early going to live with God, to the joy of new Bible truths in our fellowship, to the radiance of a new worship music job.... then to the depths of sadness with a dear friend... and sharing comfort amid the ditches confronting 3 more family/friends... Today especially there is a comforting joy in the promise of Hebrews 13: 6a and 8, "So we may **boldly** say: "**The LORD is my helper; I will not fear... Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**" **No matter where the 'coaster goes.**

May 23, 2013 at 1:23pm · This morning - within 30 minutes - I washed *me*, washed *dishes*, washed a *floor*, washed a huge pile of *clothes*. Jobs that I 'oddly' enjoy! All the while thanking God for the **water that ran out of pipes at fingers' touch**. All the while praying that, as my 2 studio teams and I prepare packages for 4 ministries, God might use the years of work for what else I keep thinking of: FOR All the people who must, every day, walk mile(s) to lug water back... and perhaps unclean water at that. Ephesians 3:20, May our God of Compassion use each of us a special way, at our invitation and for His Eph. 3:21 Glory! Free Song MP3 download, lyrics music sheets: **LO AND BEHOLD BLESSINGS** a doxology of THANKS for "everyday" gifts of God.

June 3, 2013 at 8:55am · Richmond, VA ·

It had rained hard. Sparrows hopping around paved parking lot surely would never find food, I thought yesterday. Began thinking of that Matthew 6:26 thing and sorta asking how God can feed all birds. Sudden answer... a 'duh'... **God Who created the entire universe can surely drop some newly made seeds** over there for the sparrows to have fun finding. He's certainly surprised *me* with many unexpected blessings 'just in time'. Each "ME" among us.

June 6, 2013 · at 9:52am Found myself wearily envying the hummingbird this AM. Just fly around, look for free sugar water. (*Expect his view may differ:*) Suddenly decided to sort an old box of papers to accomplish "something" after 2 days of not seeming so. Found Sunday School lesson plan from Sept 2007 where I told the H.S./College class in my teaching part, after co-teacher finished his part-- **"If you're waiting until you understand God before you decide you can trust Him with your life, you're never going to get there. In fact, this is one of Satan's biggest temptations -- focusing on our own intelligence. That's how he got Adam and Eve."**

Then we discussed how there's no way **ever** we would understand what this class's **math-professor**-co-teacher knows. Yet we all knew after so long what a kind-hearted man he is, and how he could be trusted.

THE SAME FOR GOD --- No idea what God's doing in my life and those of some friends right now. But I know He's a kind-hearted God who loved us enough to send Jesus to provide a way for us to get to eternal life. The question is-- will we trust Him even though feeling frustrated? Or trust our own intellect? Isaiah 55:8 and 9. God's thoughts are **way** beyond ours. Should be a 'duh' just trust God and stop envying hummingbirds :}

June 7, 2013 at 10:07am · I'm not usually on road at 7 AM, so am glad to have heard radio program's encouragement for parents: If you've prayed & prayed for children but they still make wrong choices as teens and adults, just re-read Genesis 3. "A lot." You'll read about **a Perfect Father whose kids made some *awful* choices....** including rebellion and murder. God *really* under-stands how parents can feel! We gotta, despite love & because of loving respect, **let** children grow up to be responsible for their own actions, though... ACCCOUNTABLE. God set the example. And we will each account to Him one day... Matthew 25, Parable of talents... Prodigal Son was *welcomed home* with Love but never told his selfishness was OK...

June 8, 2013 at 9:34am · As the rain beat down AND down, slamming the world yesterday, my thoughts returned yet again to a deep sorrow across the last 6 years that keeps slamming against me: A person who is vitriolic, hating toward me. Never would tell me why. A new experience for me. I've been disliked of course... some days even *I* dislike me for things I've done or said. Or thought. As the rain beat down, I remembered Hebrews 12:3. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, preached justice... yet many people were so hostile they spent part of their life to get Him killed. Many people are still

so hostile that they spend their lives trying to prove that all the logic about Jesus is wrong. And Jesus still loves them. Since He does, shouldn't we also set aside our yearnings for revenge and "justification" -- EVEN if we're RIGHT? As the rain beat, I realized that this person's hatred has helped me grow more into the kind of person God calls us to be (2 Cor. 3:18, by the help of the "Spirit of the Lord"). God brings us EACH a Romans 8:28 out of our sorrow.... something good. Incl learning to TRUST Him.

June 14, 2013 at 2:48pm ·

Romans 8:28 is a type of completion.... of God Bringing Good Out Of.....

This is so cool to me. In past 6 months I've been studying how "12" repeatedly is God's "Number of Completion" (like 12 disciples, 12 tribes of Israel, 12 calendar months, etc). I just found my old journal note that one of the most major changes in my life *ever* was a 'grieving leaving' on **12.12.2010**. And my Psalm focus that day 'happened' (God's way) to come to Psalm 77. Vss 10,13,14= appropriate comfort: "And I said, "This is my anguish; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High... Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God who does wonders; **You have declared Your strength among THE <ALL> peoples.** "

Sunday, June 16, 2013 at 12:45am

Heading off for the two weeks of music festivals and 1:1 time alone with God -- Psalm 46:10 rest time! Leaving hubby to take care of things at home. Asked him to water deck plants, then laughed in remembrance: Couple of years ago, **he forgot, and I came home to dozens of dead flower pots**. He looked so sad as he apologized, that I made a point of looking around and then replying, "Well -- you kept alive 2 dogs and 4 cats... I'd say you did pretty good!" We still laugh at that! ...//... We WILL "fail God" sometimes. Not that He'll be disappointed: He knew all the time what would happen. YET GOD will forgive, will bring good out of it (Romans 8:28), will HELP US REMEMBER so we will learn and grow closer in relationship to Him, and to His Truth.

July 8, 2013 at 1:31am ·

The countryside's MiFi Wireless connections have been a struggle these past 2 weeks... even after midnight when less users. My Mac keeps trying to "reach out" its signals, and seems to hit dead air. Surely a parable there--the "Romans 8:28" of it being a good reminder... **when God tries to get a message to me, am I turned toward a 'deaf' direction?**... Do we turn TOWARD HIM all the more when we have trouble "hearing" what God wants, wills for us to do?

July 31, 2013 at 10:55am ·

Home safely after a 10am to 2:30am trip that included "happening to decide" to go to the auto parts store across from the 7:45 pm supper stop, 350 miles from destination.... to seek help just checking transmission fluid. "Kevin" there found the fluid barely covered bottom of the stick. He spent 1/2 hr trying to find a funnel small enough to reach low into the van's tiny access... and tried to jerry-rig a workaround. Then called

Smith's Auto Shop which was *still open* at 8:15 pm. Daniel drove from that shop to the auto parts store, added almost a quart into my van, and 3x refused any payment. Wow. From the very beginning-- me "happening" to decide to check that fluid-- to finding helping people late at night while over 6 hrs from a safe bed-- God **gave ideas**. God **showed He cared**. God **enabled me to find helpers**. Wow. Psalm 34 again proven: "I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears... Oh taste and see that the LORD is good...." (Ps 34: 4, 8a).

Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 11:17am EDT

"The nation's gross national product measures everything except that which makes life worthwhile." -Bobby Kennedy, 1968 speech, U. of Kansas. Good to remember, when I'm fighting frustration at how often Verizon's MiFi signal is too weak to pull up the Internet while I have so much work to do. Must admit that I laugh when I catch myself grumbly reciting verses about God providing for needs--- and then **consider that Philippians 4 etc's "Rejoice in Trials" encouragement from God did not have Technology in mind. Or..., *did* He, our Time-less God?!! :)**

August 14, 2013 at 7:18am

Visiting Mom gives a chance to catch up on old Reader's Digest mags. June 2013's listed the 100 people most trusted in America. Only 1 out of the 100 ever speaks publicly about God (to my knowledge): Tim Tebow, at #40. And he was classified as "NFL Quarterback"-- so his place on the list probably confuses a lot of people! (Billy Graham not on list?)

It's sad... my own list of 100% trust = zero. Thankfully, a few people are in my high-up-there-range of trust! ALL of us have some trouble trusting God despite all He's done, including all the little unexplained miracle blessings in ordinary days?... Perhaps because of learning from humans that trusting often leads to sorrow? Proverbs 3:5-6 -- Trusting God at 100% (even when understanding God hovers closer to 5% ... if that much...) leads to a straightened, wiser path.

August 21, 2013 at 11:18pm

So wonderful to have internet again, even if for only a few hours, even if only on my laptop someone else's home! Internet access is again a prayer list item- Philippians 4:6! How odd... our family was among first to have a "real" home computer (1980s), and bragged at having 40 MB (yes, megabytes) drive space when everyone else had only 20 MB. (Today we have 4 Terabytes.) Now we yearn for internet that didn't exist a short while ago. I love tools for reaching out to people, tools for learning... Yet, just as when those tools were called 'telegraph' and 'the encyclopedia set', God provides for needs. And if the airwaves and the internet company don't provide.... well, then apparently God thinks that for now I don't literally need what I yearn for! Philippians 4:11... 'Be content with what I have, for God will provide for what I need.' (But ahhhh, I need God's help doing that 'rejoicing' thing some weeks!) Daniel 12:4, God is providing TECHNOLOGY TO DO exceedingly beyond what anyone could dream even 20 years ago.

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August 22, 2013 at 8:17am ·

Thunderings and lightning at times all thru the night, with periods of downpouring rains. I enjoyed God's light show, drifted to sleep in His lullaby of rain. Only this morning did I suddenly remember... Some persons were homeless, were huddled outdoors in all that. Why do I keep forgetting to thank God for His so-many blessings? PSALM 34:1, "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Along with fervent prayers that God's music giftings thru me, He will someday use to help those who are homeless, safe-water-less & needing wells, or enslaved by "human traffickers"-- evil people. Philippians 4:6... I pray. "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." -Psalm 34:3.... Let us thank God for what we have... not whine about what we don't.

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August 29, 2013 at 10:40pm ·

Each day the bees and hummingbirds return to my morning glories and orange-and-yellow-like-fireworks Lantana. Even though they had seemed to drink all the nectar throughout the day before. And each day, the plants provide even more food, by God's design. It's no coincidence that God compares His Word to honey... each time we go back to drink from it, we find new, fresh food. Isaiah 7: 14-15 prophecy of Jesus coming (with Isaiah 9:6) speaks of the goodness of honey-- versus Evil. Intriguing word pairings..... **INSPIRED SONG "EACH DAY BEES FEED"**.... recorded a month later, Sept 26, 2013. ... MUSIC sheets, lyrics & Audio MP3 at [THIS LINK](#).

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August 30, 2013 at 11:10am · PHOTO of T-SHIRT,

IT'S ALWAYS TOO EARLY TO QUIT. "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary & discouraged in your souls." - Hebrews 12:3's comforting words about Jesus who loves and wants to help me, you, through our ordeals... on our way to "a kingdom that cannot be shaken" (verse 28).

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August 30, 2013 at 11:03am ·

With migration time approaching, I've carefully kept re-filling the hummingbird feeders and even put up an extra one. When I go to do this for them, these tiny creatures the size of my finger sit nearby, sputtering in fury at me for interrupting their dining plan. Without the wisdom to know their meals end if I decide to agree to their plan of me staying out of their way. I'm sometimes miffed that God's timing does not match my plans and hopes. May I remember Isaiah 55: 8-12... God's a lot smarter than me (duh:) and, in His love, even outside *my* plans, will "provide bread for the eater"... so that I can "go out with joy, And be led out with peace...."

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September 1, 2013 at 3:16pm ·

An intriguing discovery: "Way back" centuries before Jesus was born, **God arranged for worship leaders to be paid daily. "All Israel gave the portions for the singers."**

They dedicated their hours, days to preparing (& writing songs?!) for leading others to remember facts about God -- so Israel would be encouraged, would worship the LORD. And God provided for musicians to be fed, taken care of. "For in the days of David and Asaph of old [there were] chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day." --Nehemiah 11:23 and **12:46-47. Singers were considered as essential as those who guarded the gates.** Intriguing, compared to common practice today. I thank God for the churches who've supported me under God's precepts for worship leading:)

September 8, 2013 at 4:45pm ·

As I dumped out half a bucket of water from the dehumidifier, it occurred to me: In some places of the world, people walk miles for even a half of a bucket of water. And not all that clean. ? ♪ LORD, help me remember such things ___ amid all my selfish whinings. Philippians 4:___ 11 to 12 ___ ___ ___ Help us each to praise & thank You.

September 10, 2013 at 1:24pm · **ONE OF MY BEST PARABLES RE SIN**

Interesting discovery. When I "quantize" violin notes (made on a synthesizer board, alas not live music!), I move all just a tiniest fraction early so that each note is "fully" there right on the Count. **You don't notice with the click track (metronome)** that the notes are **early**. But I usually sing with flute, not violin. Last nite, found that at least 1/5th of my **singing** notes were slightly off a song because **I'd been distracted from the click that I was *supposed* to follow...** was singing with the 'barely off' violin notes.

It's SO easy for us to not notice when we get off, even MORE than "a tiniest fraction", OFF God's Bible **click track**, distracted by other things happening in our Life.

September 16, 2013 at 12:02am ·

Came home from a 3-day trip to find a 25-inch vine (I measured) of my morning glory wrapped in *another* 25+" vine of itself, at a 45 degree angle going upward toward the roof. It seemed to be hanging in mid-air. Looked closer, I got the answer above... and yet that gave a GREATER mystery. The two vines are climbing a strand of a SPIDER WEB. The GREATEST Mystery of all? HOW is it that we are often so very UN-amazed by things like vines that grow 8" a day or strong webs from fingernail-size created creatures... by God's fascinating Design for nature, far beyond "coincidence".

October 5, 2013 at 10:54pm ·

Have noticed that many bands now have an excellent "bass" player without a bass. E.g. the new Newsboys, and the State Fair's Jefferson Starship. With technology, they have deep resonating sounds at the hands of skillful players. Yet... there's just something about the feel of your fingers sliding the length up and down a 5-string Ibanez or other bass... the joy of surging across your strings and back, controlling your resonance note by note. **Fake has gotten really good.** But... like in so many things... there's just nothing like the Real Thing. Or watching someone play it:) But enjoying Fake that is

easier to play means that we have less appreciation for Real which can require years of practice of a musical instruments. We must beware of enjoying Feelings Worship beyond truly worshiping God with all our hearts... even when our "music" prayers & praise aren't as slick and pretty or even "in tune" as we honestly seek Him with our Real self.

October 7, 2013 at 10:05am ·

I hope you'll consider sharing this, that **YOU CHANGE HISTORY** (each "you" among us); a free original-song is on the NEW tab of DianaDeeOsborneSongs .com: Today is Claude Townsend's birthday. WHO IN THE WORLD IS...? Claude changed history. (Who in the world IS...?) ... **For ME. And Claude lives somewhere never knowing what his bit of kindness did years ago.**

Several decades ago at age 12, summer camp was utter misery when I was put in a cabin with 5 girls from the same church. One would talk to me a bit (shy), but the others mocked me & ignored me alternately. They read what I'd hidden, my first journal (!) and then mockingly quoted my words of misery aloud when they knew I was near.

3 days later, the boys started sharing our camp activities. Claude saw how the girls were, and pointedly befriended me. He was popular, and Claude in a few days of his life changed my history so much that I've even remembered for years that October 7th is the birthday of a boy I barely knew.

He turned memories of misery into **one of the inspirations of a song** that I pray will change history for MANY. A song to raise our awareness that we each can change history-- *"one person, one life, one precious child of God at a time, one WORLD at a time."* As the weird music from God for the transition asks: "Who decided history affects the whole world? God says EACH & ev'ry life is utterly worth your time, your money, & your care-- even just words." My final version of God's Encouraging song:

[LINK to Downloadable MP3 audio \(free\)](#)

[LINK to Music Sheets & Lyrics](#)

October 8, 2013 at 9:22am

Ephesians 3:20-21; by PRAYER you will do things BEYOND your dreams... as DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com has been for me. Answers to daily-thru-the-day-repeatedly prayers, with friends also praying for God's empowering. John C. Maxwell: *"You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routine."*

October 10, 2013 at 10:55am ·

From C.S. Lewis, forever a Truth: **"As Christians we are tempted to make unnecessary concessions to those outside the Faith** [*today: inside some churches too*]. **we give in too much.** Now, I don't mean that we should run the risk of making a nuisance of ourselves by witnessing at improper times, **BUT there comes a time when we MUST show that we disagree.** We MUST show our Christian colours, if we are to be TRUE to Jesus Christ. WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT OR CONCEDE EVERYTHING AWAY." --from God in the Doc, "Cross-Examination" (1963), para. 30, p.

262 [emphases added]. Source: The Quotable Lewis, ed. by Martindale & Root, Quote #433.

October 17, 2013 at 9:30am ·

Sometimes God uses our troubles to prevent us from falling into *deeper* trouble. (Perfect example being Balaam's talking donkey -refused to take him forward, thus B wasn't killed by the angel's sword! - Numbers 22). This week's drenching rain reminded me: After Ohio's ALIVE Christian music festival's wonderful June weather, the heat in the van was so horrid on my way to CREATION EAST (starting a few days later) that I got a motel room instead of sleeping in van as usual; it was weirdly cool outdoors though.

Scary place, dark parking lot, noticed man in room next door was openly carrying a gun; was praying all nite as I awoke (often). Kept the Weather Channel on, LOUD, as noise to cover the outdoors sounds. And thus learned (*Repeatedly*, 1 - 6 AM) that flooding rains were predicted for **4** days in Pennsylvania, site of Creation East festival.

Didn't have strength to deal with camping in that (got stuck in their field in a past year!), so... sadly came home. **YET: God** used 2 bad things (odd heat, scary motel) to direct me away from a week that would have been extremely difficult physically alone. God is so good that **He helps even before we see there's a special reason to pray for wisdom.** **YET GOD.** Lovely words!

October 18, 2013 at 9:12pm ·

Sadly bemusing yet encouraging words for pastors and church leaders-- Jesus had barely begun his ministry (including feeding thousands and healing people)... Yet by John 7:12 time, "There was much complaining among the people concerning Him."

Take Heart! Jesus was **perfect** and yet people complained! Which proves He knows first-hand how you may sometimes feel.

October 19, 2013 at 11:34pm ·

Sometimes we get so caught up in the Main Story line that we miss some really insightful little bits in God's Word. **Like Mark 5-- lots of focus on Crazy Guy and pigs sailing over a cliff. Never have heard a sermon** about verses 18-19, though:

Crazy Guy (after Jesus has healed him) **begs to go with Jesus.** Jesus says "No"--- (me, I'm thinking "*no surprise there!*"). But Jesus has a **MORE IMPORTANT plan** than the healed man's travel plan-- to

"go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you...!" A plan not just for the man, but for **all** who will hear about God. So,

(1) Gotta remember that *my* plans sound great to me, but God's are always better;
 (2) pretty cool that -- after this guy has acted crazy all this time, influenced by what Jesus calls (so they must be) demons -- he **STILL** has people who are friends!

According to Jesus's name for them, **they really cared about him through it all!** Do WE stay caring about people who have been plummeting into darkness, as Jesus did?

October 22, 2013 at 9:55am

I expected rain & cold yesterday. Instead it was lovely autumn weather. Had it rained and been cold, I probably would have made at least one complaining prayer sentence to LORD God. It took until evening's delight before I remember to say "Thank You." May I become a more grateful child: {

October 24, 2013 at 12:02am

I don't bother checking mirror often in a day... Got home yesterday & went **"OH NO! I forgot makeup!"** But then again, where I'd gone to be was in a study with my Precepts Bible Study friends. They like me even when I look dreary:)

Later in day heard radio preacher say "Until I learned more about God, I always sorta expected to pray 'Please forgive me' and hear Jesus say **"NOPE- you blew it too much this time."**

These go together.. So great to know Jesus loves us each despite our blurs and smudges. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." - 2nd Timothy 2:13. Even when other people would say we look dreary, ugly, useless....

October 24, 2013 at 6:53pm

Oct 24: Anniversary of being mugged in DC grad school. Wasn't hurt, but this country girl from a small town college was pretty shaken to have my "space" invaded. *YET* because of mugging, my fiance (now hubby) & I were in an **unscheduled** place & THEREFORE obtained a small house that we could rent just 2 months later, after our marriage-- Because we were there on the very day it came available. Rent was less than the monthly oil bill; someone else surely would have grabbed the place if we hadn't been "there" on the right day. **Romans 8:28 yet again-** God brought something good out of evil. PS: I've prayed for the mugger for 3 decades, asking God to hound him 'til he finds the Joy & Truth of God. Figured since God let our paths intersect anyway... ;)

October 28, 2013 at 9:58am

Doing a personal study on word 'weary'. A useful find: The Greek word is **#G2577** in Strong's concordance and appears twice in Bible: Hebrews 12:3, encouraging us to consider all Jesus endured to help those who hurt Him "that you will not grow weary and lose heart." The 2nd time is James 5:15. Most Bibles read that prayer with faith in God "will restore the one who is sick, and the LORD will raise him up..." But "sick" is only the secondary definition for the Greek word. The Primary meaning is... WEARY. Both fit: LORD God can raise up those who pray (and are prayed for) in faith...

October 29, 2013 at 8:20am

Last week, had left alarm clock packed in van. Too tired to get at bedtime, so grabbed an un-used clock in other room. I *love* this thing! Alarm rings quietly about 5 seconds, then stops. Then about 10 seconds, still quietly. Gets louder and up to 25 seconds but **hey I can ignore that!** Eventually I either casually arise or the alarm

begins blaring constantly. **God's loving warnings are like that: Gradual at first** with gentle promptings to do what's right, **increasingly fervently.** Til one day when we either die or Jesus returns and it's **too late to get up** and stop doing what was wrong --with sad consequences... This is not just 'missing the bus' ... but even greater than missing some wonderful concert or ballgame we would have loved.

October 30, 2013 at 8:27am ·

I joke that when we get to heaven, I hope God will give us either perfect memory or nametags, 'cause I know I'll see people I hadn't seen in years (and sadly forgot about: { and I'll exclaim as I sometimes do even now, "OH YES, I remember you! I really liked you, we had so much fun talking!....er... What's your name again?" Thinking of 'ancient' laughter with Karen reminded me of the joke (tho I didn't forget **her** name at least!).

God NEVER forgets the name of EVEN 1 of the billions of stars-- so He'll never forget mine- or Yours. What Joy! PSALM 147:3-7, "The LORD, He heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars. He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power. His understanding is infinite. The LORD lifts up the humble... Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving." Right in the middle of telling us all the comforting things God-Named-YHWH our LORD yearns to do for us, He suddenly inserts "I know the name of every star"....With the obvious meaning: I don't just care about you like you care about little animals: **I KNOW YOUR NAME.**

October 31, 2013 at 10:20am ·

Right after my computer suddenly announced this AM that I had just improperly ejected my impt flash drive which now cannot be read- I hadn't *touched* the thing!- I read this new message from a local pastor I follow: "**Tomorrow there'll be another tidal wave, so keep your snorkel above the water level.**" - President George Bush, quoting his mother's advice about staying calm.

Yup. How calming to rest knowing God's powerful Love beside us in our raging seas. "[Jesus] said to them, 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm." -Matthew 8:26 & Mark 4:39. And, I admit, it's calming to know **I won't care about the problems this day brought, even just a few short weeks from now...** Neither will you. May we each grow in Trusting God, to narrow that time to minutes or even less!

November 4, 2013 at 3:04pm ·

Was researching a Pinterest claim before pinning it (and yep, it was unverifiable). But had forgotten how much fun Snopes.com is when you've got a few minutes for intellectual play. Such as the Q whether this is true: "**A University Library began sinking because the architect forgot to factor in the weight of all those books.**" (I'm still laughing, but guess I should report that the answer is 'false' :)

A good reminder, though, to always verify that even great-sounding Bible

quotes told to us are (1) quoted correctly & (2) not out of context.

Lest we sound silly. Or worse. God's word is LIKE A **FOOL**.

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November 6, 2013 at 11:26am ·

As I flicked on the car radio, the Christian station speaker was saying "Do you need enough strength just to get through your day?" I started thinking, "Nice... I could use a scripture of encouragement about how God will help me today." I kept listening in eager anticipation: Then the radio began an ad for some high-powered **energy drink**.

Well, the ad *did* work to get me out of a funk, I was laughing so much at my mistake! And it was a good reminder... **No chemical or etc can give us emotional strength to endure physical weakness - Nothing But God can.** Philippians 4:13- "I can do all things through Christ Jesus Who strengthens me." But usually only (sometimes God gives grace anyway!) WHEN I remember to humbly ask Him....

And yet, too: Remember that SOMETIMES the wisdom God is TRYING to give us is to urge us to go see a doctor... to be sure there are no medical reasons for our enduring weariness.

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November 7, 2013 at 8:10am ·

My favorite flowers second only to mums are carnations. Happily, these are cheap enough that every once in awhile I'll treat myself to buy a couple... they last all week! This AM as I sniffed my \$1 flower yet again and joyfully noticed the miracle of its intricate curly petal weavings, it dawned on me:

The fragrance reminds me of weddings where carnations are common.
But also of funerals.

And- with God- these aren't really opposites.

Both remind me of exciting adventures ahead.. With my hubby beginning all those years ago. With God & Friends & Family (I pray) in eternity to come. A Greater miracle: **God's grace that can turn funerals into joy. 1st Corinthians 15.**

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Monday, November 11, 2013 at 10:43pm EST

DianaDee Osborne changed her Website.

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DianaDeeSongStories.blogspot.com DianaDeeGarageband.blogspot.com

DianaDeeOsborne.blogspot.com DailyDevotionsDiet.blogspot.com

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November 12, 2013 at 7:49am ·

Looks like today is the day that Fall fell. Yesterday warm sun & orange leaves. Today gray bleghhh & raining down brown leaves. I often think as I check the weather report of how a mere 100 yrs ago people learned of oncoming storms by looking out the window. (An art that some radio announcers should try:}

And smile to think **Jesus actually preached about predicting weather.**

Luke 12:54 on- "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?..." **Still an applicable Q.**

November 13, 2013 at 7:53am ·

Most days I do 1 or 2 Sudoku puzzles to exercise my brain with something besides Words. Always Easy level-- **brain calisthenics, not marathon training!** This AM I was annoyed because 'every which way' I went, there were TWO possible right answers. Suddenly!- I saw a 'required' answer that I'd overlooked in my setup.

Same happens often when I'm stumped on figuring out a Life problem- suddenly see an answer. Maybe 'luck'. 'Experience' helps. Yet- since **statistically the answer comes so often after prayer-** I'd say it's **a James 1:5 caring Reply** to my quiet but seeking Request for wisdom. God promises, for when we truly ask, seek, and listen: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and **without** reproach <mocking>, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith..."

November 15, 2013 at 8:06am ·

In NUMBERS, TV Season 4, Disk 3 Episode 4; the math genius does what he shouldn't've--- He tells TV reporter he can probably solve the case.

Thus the kidnapper learns that the ordinary looking guy is a threat to his scheme, and begins to try to scare off, then destroy him.

Same thing in real life. Satan's just a created angel- **doesn't know the future** or how we fit into God's Plan (giving us & others Joy). Satan's goal is to destroy everyone whether or not they believe in him or God (JESUS said- John 10:10; John 8:44; via 1st Peter 5:8).

But as soon as we start doing things (incl praying) to serve God, we catch Satan's attention and his special efforts to trick, thwart, discourage us.

Cool thing is.. James 4:7-8, we're safe if we stay on guard (having put on the weapons God offers though Ephesians 6:10-end)-- Satan & demons **have** to run away from God's presence, so when we pray & draw near to God.... God COMES, they RUN.

November 24, 2013 at 4:55pm

AMID the remembrances of sadness of 22 November 1963 most people overlooked the death that day of another person who changed 1000s of lives, incl those not yet born >> C.S. Lewis. Changed my life, reading the NARNIA tales as required college reading. Never before had considered... the lion that cared so much for those children of fiction reflected a real Lion of Judah that deeply loves each of us. Through C.S. Lewis's fiction, I found more understanding of the Bible. Through God inspiring Movie makers to begin reaching MORE people... adults as well as children... starting in 2005 with exciting action adventure films that share, quietly, about God's Nature via a magnificent Lion, Aslan.

December 2, 2015 at 8:22am ·

Staying overnight at a friend's house, I awoke to hear heavy rainfall outside... and a "ping ping ping" right above my head. First concern that roof was leaking. It quickly gave way to Panic! when I turned on light & saw a lot of individual insects rush over & start bouncing against it: In my experience, HORNETS do that. But, hallelujah!, it was just ladybugs, like many houses are being invaded with... INTRIGUING easy to see

The true PARABLE starts the SECOND night: Awoke again, but this time found perfectly **CALM bugs.. unlike last night, these were gathered in small groups**, still resting after I turned on *2* lights... as if In Peace with the support of each other.

... EVEN God's World of **NATURE repeatedly shows a Peace & Comfort when we're together-- even when there's nothing our friends can do or say that actually frees us...** JOY in being with others who *care* about us. And promised Power from the LORD to break thru our life chains (John 8 etc) ... and give Peace as we wait on Him (Psalm 46:10, John 16:33, all of John 14, etc).

JESUS: "For where two or three are gathered together in MY name, I AM there in the midst of them." -- Matthew 18:20 (& see Exodus 3:14). God's Promise of Jesus's purpose: Luke 1:79, *"To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Exodus **3:14**, an easy to remember location, as **the short math number for the unending number of PI**: And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

NUMBER of PI (just the start) >>

3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375105820974944592307816406286 ... and God is far far more infinite than a mere mathematical number.

December 3, 2013 at 9:10am ·

A cartoon and a quote I found this morning fit each other: Charlie Brown's Snoopy says, looking up into sky as snow falls onto the snowy landscape: "KEEP LOOKING UP... THAT'S THE SECRET OF LIFE." + Billy Graham encouraged people to keep looking to the Creator of all Stars in heaven with Bible words of hope that's proven true & SHALL BE, no matter what happens in life: "Christ not only died for ALL: He died for EACH." -see First John Chapters 1,2,3... as well as John 3:16+17's WHOSOEVER.

December 5, 2013 at 1:14pm ·

Info type game show this week said "A study shows that- perhaps because of all the maps they have to memorize- taxi drivers have a larger hippocampus" (**the major portion of brain**). I checked internet: lot of news verifies this study.

LOGIC: So if memorization gives ability to access & use knowledge faster...

Bible verse memory exercises grow our minds as gym grows muscles.

Indicates God wants *our* good too with His command to "lay up these words of Mine in your heart and in your soul... they shall be as frontlets between your eyes." (Exodus 13:16, Deuteronomy 6:8 & 11:18). Common def of frontlet = forehead = the covering over our brain! ... AND: In Hebrew thinking, when God REPEATS something, it is

IMPORTANT (same as we humans do)... Such as so many commandments being in both Exodus 20 and in Leviticus.... So when God says something THREE times, like this..... God "knew what He was doing" when He tells us to Hide His word in our hearts... that is, to memorize it. Good for our heart, for our soul, and... for our brain.

December 6, 2013 at 7:16am ·

Dream upon awakening this AM: Tornado siren blaring in huge fancy hotel so I rushed to the basement. Only 3 people went THERE. Siren kept warning, people kept doing their useless things UPSTAIRS.> re caps>> God guides my thoughts into RHYMES, I'm convinced {by Ephesians 3:20-21, not at bragging, I've seen my stuff without His help:}. __ Yesterday while on gym's elliptical, He guided me to write *complete* Isaiah 1:1-14 into nearly literal song of 5 verses and a chorus. This dream will make a meaning- filled recurring pre-chorus for ISAIAH 1 A TORNADO WARNING:

"Tornado _ siren blaring / out to me and you _ _ _ /
Will we hear but keep doing the / silly things we do? _ _ _"

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LINK >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php>

December 7, 2013 at 9:00am ·

Looked at today's almost freezing temp. At tomorrow's snow prediction. At Monday's ice warning. Reminded self of my November resolution (why wait til Jan 1?) to stop complaining about weather. My eyes can see it; I choose to rejoice. Ears could hear yesterday's pounding rains; chose to rejoice. For future storms I know I'll have shelter; choose to rejoice. God chose to put Habakkuk's words into His Bible (chap 3): "Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor... and... and... Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will JOY in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength..."

In Hospital December 8 to December 13 in 2017.

God continued & continues to be my salvation, my strength... my Joy!

December 9, 2013 at 12:00am

Overheard a disturbing conversation in the city church I entered an hour early yesterday. The usher sat a moment by his friend near me.... Told him this was his first time volunteering, & his job after the concert was to

"be a bouncer to ensure that no homeless people were hanging around during the hour + afterwards while the church was open. "

My first thought was of the cold temperatures, then of wondering what it would hurt to let someone just sit awhile in God's house. But then I was encouraged to see:

The men agreed this was a sad assignment: and both HOPED perhaps they'd misunderstood the job this man was told that he was supposed to do?

December 12, 2013 at 11:13am

Easy birdbath for freezing weather: Fill medium saucepan halfway with water & boil. Put its lid or larger pan's lid on top *upside down*. Carry it & a container of TAP water out to bird feeding station. Fill lid with tap water. Steam from pan keeps water in lid from freezing for long time. Birds can sit on rim to drink. I was excited to think of this idea this AM as poor birds pecked at yesterday's ice! Thanking God for all types of James 1:5 wisdom including this fun kind....

We do NOT have to "categorize" our desires into "Good Prayer" and "Dumb thing so don't bother asking God.".... Like any Loving father, like any friend, God invites us to be HONEST with Him. Including asking for Wisdom to do things that will have absolutely nothing to do with "church topics" type things.

December 14, 2013 at 9:46pm

Ever notice how we see something so often that we start assuming we know all about it now? Today, saw "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" yet again after countless times. For first time, noticed the Northern Lights wavering in sky.

Today, read Genesis 2 once again after countless times. For first time, saw that Adam was NOT made (Gen 2:7) INSIDE the Garden of Eden- God hadn't even planted it yet (Gen 2:8), but LATER "put" (NKJV) / "placed" (NASB) Adam there (2:8 & 15). Ever notice how we read something so often that we start assuming....?

If we pray for wisdom and are REALLY open to it: God will help OPEN our eyes to see more and **more depth and meaning in His scriptures**... a TREASURE (Psalm 119:162: **"I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure."**)

December 18, 2013 at 8:11am

Today as 1000s of people focus on the MegaMillion Lottery Jackpot, it seems as if God planned the timing of **a TV *rerun*** of a sermon parable this AM: If you checked your bank balance to see if you were covered for a \$100 check, how would you feel to see you had over \$10-MILLION in your acct? After your shouts/dance of joy, you'd call the bank expecting it to be a mistake. How would you feel to learn it was TRUE?!

The Parable's concluding Question: **Why are most of us so less excited to know Jesus paid off our debt of sin so we can live** in Joy and Abundance (John 10:10, Romans 8, especially at the end re 'what we get' --after sincerely praying Romans 10:9, in humble thankfulness to our LORD God for His Love..)??

December 20, 2013 at 2:05am

Watching a Christmas movie, the question yet again came to mind: These actors get paid 100s of \$1000s... Can't they sit down for 15 minutes with a pianist or guitarist to learn how to at least look a bit more real as they fake playing their instrument in the movie? Do producers think it's unimportant because 99.9% of people won't notice?

Hmmm. Perhaps that's a Q to consider when I fake a smile, or pretend I knew facts I really didn't... Even a bitty little lie is a lie, Grandmom (and God) said...

Do we sometimes "exaggerate" to try to make God "look better" when we cannot explain any answer to some of the questions people ask us? Are we willing to say, "I don't know the Answer, but I know the Kind & Loving Heart of our Creator God who does-- and I will trust Him anyway, knowing that He does ONLY what's Right?"

No Lies needed to "defend" God.

December 21, 2013 at 6:59pm ·

On this longest night of the year, as I look forward to more sunlight each day coming, I'm still amazed by the Christmas story of Light that came in Love: John 1:3-5 "All things were made through Him, & without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, & the darkness did not comprehend it." With thanks.

Some people argue that "Christmas was not in December."

Simple answer: If God wanted us to know, He'd've inspired someone to write it.

Simple Parable: On this longest night of the year, it's a Joy to know God sent His Son to be our Light.... The fact is essential. The detail of "when" is not.

December 22, 2013 at 10:26pm ·

Noticed today that the new Guns and Ammo shop parking lot was packed. Mostly likely shoppers seeking Christmas gifts. What a way to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Thought to self, 'They could at least wait 'til Valentine's Day.' Then laughed to remember a now-closed store on the back road I take on way to Ohio music festival, think it's on Rt 9 in Hedgesville, West Virginia. Store name is something like **"Mama's Gun Shop and Wedding Chapel."** No kidding! Guess Mama would approve the gift idea. But with gifts like that... maybe it's not so bad to keep Christ's name out of celebrations like that. Not that "Holiday" meaning "holy day" is great either.

December 24, 2013 at 9:24am ·

Seems like a lot of people declare Romans 1's end (people rejecting God despite many evidences) and then declare "they'll get what they deserve". THIS IS A CHRISTMAS PARABLE... Yes: Jonathan Edwards is mocked for his sermon entitled *"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."* YET >> People flocked to him. People heard him, listened, said Yes to God.... Why? Because unlike a lot of "Bible Thumper" Christians, Edwards **WEPT** for them & **PLEADED** with them, as a father for a child, begging them to choose Life by accepting the Truth of God..... Deuteronomy 30:19, God-Named-YHWH urged people to CHOOSE LIFE even while allowing them the freedom to reject Him and choose death == John 10:10. End of Matthew 23, Jesus seems to WEEP over a city full of people who had rejected Him and chosen death after 3 years of repeatedly showing them God's Love Yet demand for Holiness that honored Him... CHRISTMAS celebrates *"Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God"* ... Sending His Son as a *"last ditch effort"* to show us that He REALLY wants us to be saved, to choose Life with Him as LORD.

December 26, 2013 at 2:01pm ·

This AM I'd dozed off in front of TV; awoke as photo of a manger in Bethlehem was shown. Mangers in that region aren't like our American barns' old fashioned boxes we see in Nativity scenes. Mangers are stones hewn (dug into) to make a trough to hold hay --or, that first Christmas, The newborn Savior named Jesus.

Jesus left empty that STONE manger & went into the world to teach God's Truth. He left empty a STONE tomb to prove God's Truth brings life (John 10:10) -- to those who are willing to leave their STONE hearts and let Jesus change them to be His (Ezekiel 36:26). Our God Who so creatively gifts us with symbolisms is Amazing!

December 28, 2013 at 9:36am · When I was a young girl, we moved in June & learned in December that the new church had a tradition of giving presents to every child. I excitedly waited as gifts were handed out to all... except me. I was overlooked. The next year I figured the mistake wouldn't happen again. It did. And the next. I wasn't a bit surprised the 4th year that no one cared.

SO WHAT? Well, It REALLY angers me when people slander God's love.. even in churches "using Christ's name" (Matt 7:22) claiming that God pre-destines some people to GET His gift of Eternal Life thru Jesus but pre-determines that some will be left out no matter if their heart would choose God. This is misunderstanding of the word. Because the LOGICAL CONCLUSION would be: God pre-destines some to get HELL.

What a SLANDER on God's Truth reputation of LOVE that died on a Cross for ALL. It's no excuse that people don't understand the true definition of "predestined" in Bible: Simple common sense, simple LOGIC looks at that verse that Christians like to quote and sees the word "ALL" -- **God has NOT chosen to refuse to give His Christmas gift** (John 3:16 AND 17) to **some** people >> Some just choose to **not open** it. UNLIKE THAT CHURCH TO ME: **God never overlooks anyone in offering His Christmas gift.** Predestination: Defined as God "wanting from the beginning (PRE-) the Destiny for you to be saved to heaven" ... your DESTINATION. But lets us say No.

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