

Abigail's Journey

Chapter One: A New Journey Begins

"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children."
~ Isaiah 54:13 ~

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts... and lead me."
~ Psalms 139:23, 24 ~

"The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just."
~ Proverbs 3:33 ~

Chapter Two: Jake

"I [the Lord] was a stranger, and ye took Me in... I was in prison, and ye came unto Me...
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."
~ Matthew 25:35, 36, 40 ~

"He that endureth to the end shall be saved."
~ Matthew 10:22 ~

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."
~ Psalms 27:14 ~

Chapter Three: Old and New Friends

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."
~ Proverbs 18:24 ~

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."
~ Matthew 7:20 ~

"I [Jake] being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my [landlord's] brethren."
~ Genesis 24:27 ~

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He [Jesus] IS faithful that promised ;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."
~ Hebrews 10:22-24 ~

"Christ... whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."
~ Hebrews 3:6 ~

Chapter Four: Just a Little Gentleness

"Ye endured a great fight of afflictions."
~ Hebrews 10:32 ~

God will "make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."
~ 1 Corinthians 10:13 ~

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
~ Galatians 6:2 ~

"The servant of the Lord must... be gentle unto all men."
~ 2 Timothy 2:24 ~

"And of some have compassion, making a difference."
~ Jude 22 ~

Chapter Five: When Someone Cares

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."
~ Romans 15:5 ~

"Casting all your care upon Him [God]; for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."
~ 1 Peter 5:7-9 ~

Chapter Six: The Trouble with Clouds

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
~ Galatians 6:2 ~

"Safety is of the LORD."
~ Proverbs 21:31 ~

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."
~ Psalms 31:24 ~

Chapter Seven: A Relationship of Mutual Dependence

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."
~ Proverbs 16:9 ~

"When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not... thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee."
~ Luke 14:12-14 ~

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee [God], when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy."
~ Psalms 61:2,3 ~

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."
~ Hebrews 12:2, 3 ~

"We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."
~ Romans 5:2-5 ~

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

~ Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 ~

Chapter Eight: Unfamiliar Ground

"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

~ Genesis 2:18 ~

'But the fruit of the Spirit is... longsuffering, [and] gentleness,'" quoted Izumi. [Galatians 5:22]

"Like it says in Genesis, 'And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.' That's you, Sweetheart. Jake's help meet." [Genesis 2:18]

"And [Jake] said, Blessed be the LORD God... Who hath not left [me] destitute... of His mercy and His truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren."

~ Genesis 24:27 ~

Chapter Nine: A Family for Jake

"Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was weary."

~ Psalm 68:9 ~

"Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name... a Father of the fatherless... is God in His holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary [Jake] in families: He bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land."

~ Psalm 68:3-6 ~

Chapter Ten: Good Things Come In Threes

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance... Thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

~ Psalm 16:5, 6 ~

"A [woman] that hath friends must shew [herself] friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

~ Proverbs 18:24 ~

Chapter Eleven: Abby, the No-Heart Starving Artist

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

~ Ecclesiastes 9:10 ~

"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips [Psalm 141:3],"

"He [God] giveth His beloved [Jake] sleep."

~ Psalms 127:2 ~

Chapter Twelve: When Innocence is betrayed

"The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

~ Proverbs 12:10 ~

"The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and Thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power; To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down."

~ Psalms 145:9-14 ~

Chapter Thirteen: The Test of Courage

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

~ 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 ~

"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

~ 2 Timothy 2:5 ~

"Looking unto Jesus... Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame."

~ Hebrews 12:2 ~

"I am the LORD: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images." ~Isaiah 42:8~

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him [Jesus] that loved us."

~ Romans 8:37 ~

For "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

~ James 1:17 ~

Chapter Fourteen: A Black Tie Affair

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

~ Proverbs 4:18 ~

"There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid."

~ Proverbs 30:18, 19 ~

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

~ Genesis 2:24 ~

Chapter Fifteen: The Night that Changed Everything

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

~ Amos 3:3 ~

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband [Jake] doth safely trust in her." ~Proverbs 31:10, 11~

"Children are an heritage of the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." ~Psalm 127:3-5~

"God setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out those which are bound with chains."

~ Psalms 68:6 ~

Chapter Sixteen: A Matter of Conscience

"This is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief... if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

~ 1 Peter 2:19, 20 ~

"Let not the sun go down upon your wrath," quoted Jake, his voice very much disturbed. "I can't let you go to sleep while we're still angry at each other." [Ephesians 4:26]

'Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.' ~Isaiah 49:4~

God is the One Who works in us to will and to do of His good pleasure ~Philippians 2:13~

"Blessed is the... people whom [God] hath chosen for His own inheritance" ~ Psalm 33:12

"I [Jake] looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto Thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for Thou shalt deal bountifully with me."

~ Psalm 142: 4-7 ~

"God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me."

~ Psalm 66:19, 20 ~

"For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear Thy name."

~ Psalm 61:5 ~

Chapter Seventeen: To Be Close to You

"They asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent."

~ Exodus 18:7 ~

"The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth... for the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; His countenance doth behold the upright."

~ Psalm 11:5, 7 ~

"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

~ Hebrews 13:3 ~

Chapter Eighteen: Just Breathe

"For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I [called] unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you."

~ 2 Corinthians 2:4 ~

"but our eyes are upon Thee." ~2 Chronicles 20:12~

"That be far from Thee [the LORD] to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from Thee: ~ Genesis 18:25~

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

~1Corinthians 10:13~

"And we know that ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." ~ Romans 8:28~

"Blessed be God... Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them [Jake] which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."
~ 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 ~

"Comfort him [Jake], lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye [Abby] would confirm your love toward him."
~ 2 Corinthians 2:7, 8 ~

Chapter Nineteen: Wings of a Dove

"My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."
~ Psalm 55:4-6 ~

"He [God] hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem."
~ Psalm 102:19-21 ~

"If the Son [Jesus] therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."
~ John 8:36 ~

Chapter Twenty: Tears and Blessings

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."
~ Psalm 31:24 ~

"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations." ~ Deuteronomy 7:9~

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy...
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
~Matthew 5~

"I [Jesus] will not leave you comfortless."
~ John 14:18 ~

Chapter Twenty-one: The First Snow of the Season

"He [God] giveth snow like wool: He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold? He sendeth out His word, and melteth them: He causeth His wind to blow."
~ Psalm 147:16-18 ~

"I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me."
~ Song of Solomon 7:10 ~

Chapter Twenty-two: A Time to Love

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven... A time to weep, and a time to laugh... a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing... A time to love..."

~ Ecclesiastes 1: 4, 5, 8 ~

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit," ~Matthew 7:18~

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine."
~ Song of Solomon 1:2 ~

"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."
~ Psalms 85:10 ~

Chapter Twenty-three: Something Called Hope

"Thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: Thou art my trust from my youth."
~ Psalms 71:5 ~

"Where there is no vision [hope], the people perish."
~ Proverbs 29:18 ~

"It is good that a man [Jake] should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."
~ Lamentations 3:26, 27 ~

"I [God] will remember My covenant with thee [Jake] in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant."
~ Ezekiel 16:60 ~

Chapter Twenty-four: Jake's Choice

"To prove the sincerity of your love."
~ 2 Corinthians 8:8 ~

"There is difference also between a wife and a virgin... she that is married careth... how she may please her husband."
~ 1 Corinthians 7:34 ~

"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her [Abby] be as the loving hind [female deer] and pleasant roe [female mountain goat]; let her breasts satisfy thee [Jake] at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love."
~ Proverbs 5:18, 19 ~

Chapter Twenty-five: Our First Christmas

"I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone... I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer."
~ Song of Solomon 5:6 ~

"For Thou [God] hast been a strength to the poor [Jake], a strength to the needy in [her] distress [Abby], a refuge from the storm [Terry, John, and Izumi]... when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall."
~ Isaiah 25:4 ~

Chapter Twenty-six: A Husband's Reward

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."
~ Ephesians 5:28, 29 ~

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows

are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man [John] that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

~ Psalm 127:3-5 ~

"Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table."

~ Psalm 128:1-3 ~

Chapter Twenty-seven: What Tomorrow Might Bring

"Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD."

~ Psalm 144:15 ~

"Come unto Me [Christ], all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

~ Matthew 11:28-30 ~

"We love Him [Christ], because He first loved us."

~ 1 John 4:19 ~

Chapter Twenty-eight: Labor of Love

"Unto the woman He [God] said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception [childbirth]; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

~ Genesis 3:16 ~

"A woman [Abby] when she is in travail [labor] hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child [Ricky], she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world."

~ John 16:21 ~

Chapter Twenty-nine: When Heaven Sings

"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing."

~ Zephaniah 3:17 ~

"[Jake's] mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is [Abby's] beloved, and this is [her] friend."

~ Song of Solomon 5:16 ~

"As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow [canopy] with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner [kite] over me was love. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me... stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please."

~ Song of Solomon 2:3, 4, 6, 7 ~

Chapter Thirty: The Secret That Isn't a Secret

"In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge."

~ Proverbs 14:26 ~

"The LORD is their strength [Jake and Abby's], and He is the saving strength of His anointed. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever."

~ Psalm 28:6-9 ~

"And [Jake] said, Blessed be the LORD God... Who hath not left [me] destitute... of His mercy and His truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me... [to the Johanneses]."

~ Genesis 24:27 ~

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