

From the Cross... the View is Beautiful is the perfect night stand companion. Full of encouragement, exhortation, anecdotes, and just plain devotion to Jesus, this series of *From Our Father's Heart* messages will bring a wonderful assurance of the love of Father God your way.

Far more than a devotional, this inspiring book will help direct you to a secure place as a child on the lap of your Father as you read and hide under the shadow of His wings. An insight into the joy that Jesus anticipated because of His life, death, and resurrection,

From the Cross... the View is Beautiful is a refreshing study of His love and compassion.

A broad range of *Father's Heart* messages, including those from the novel, **A White Stone**, and the

Living Christ's Passionate Life Guidebook, along with Bible verses, heartwarming stories, and personal commentary by authors Jim and Merry Corbett,

From the Cross... the View is Beautiful is designed to draw you to intimate moments with your Father God.

About the View from the Cross

All eternity – past, present, and future – points to the cross of Jesus Christ as the single most important event in the history of mankind. The view from our Father's perspective is the restoration of our relationship with Him, and it is good. The view from Jesus' perspective is that His life, death, and resurrection provided all we'll ever need to live an overcoming life and glorify the Father, just as He did while on this earth; and it is finished. The view for each of us, when we submit to the crucified life, rings with wonder as we truly come to know the magnificence of the plan of God and delight in and experience its wisdom and majesty.

Each view from the perspective of the cross is beautiful, wondrous, and eternal. There is no need for anything other than the completed work of the cross. Once the cross is embraced and we continue to submit to its work in us, all that God is and all that He has is available to us to honor and glorify Him both now and forever.

It is with a heart of anticipation that we present these pages to you. Our hope is that you begin to see and experience the wonder of the cross as you hear from your Father's heart and move closer to intimacy with Him. As you do, you will discover more and more beauty in His plan for all creation, including you. Embrace the cross! Submit to its work in your heart through the power of the Holy Spirit. Immerse yourself in the healing power of the blood that was shed for you; and throughout your days, enjoy the journey God has planned for you. From the cross, the view has been, is, and always will be astonishingly beautiful!

How To Use This Book

Merry and I believe that this book is the perfect nightstand companion. It is designed to be available to you at a moment's notice, those times when you need comfort and companionship from the Lord. Our prayer is that you, the reader, sense the love and compassion that our Father God has for you. We also pray that you will see His intense commitment to His Word to do everything possible to draw each of us to true repentance and dedication to Him in these last hours - that we might be a pure and holy bride, believers who have overcome the world.

Please introduce yourself to the contents contained herein as you would to a new friend. Take the time to become familiar with its pages at random, that it might be revealed how the book could serve you. In subsequent visits, travel back to your Father to learn more of Him and His desires as you read. Do not travel to too many places in one visit, but visit often and let the Holy Spirit direct your times together. Allow the Lord over the years, as you open its (hopefully by then) well-worn pages, to reveal Himself to you to the point of true intimacy.

Remember, your Father in heaven is not angry with you, but loves you very much. Even the strongest language with the most intense words comes from a heart of compassion. He is always deep in love with His children, and continually desirous of moving them to a place of safety nearer to Him. It is always for our good that His warnings and exhortations come to us, no matter what form they take. Our obedience to His call determines how well we will be able to hear Him in the future. If the contents of this book confirm what the Lord is saying to your heart, do not delay in responding to the Holy Spirit's call. Do what it takes to draw close to your loving Father.

FROM OUR FATHER'S HEART

From Chapter 1 of A White Stone

*How many people have seen My Son in your life?
How many have chosen to serve Me through My Son
because they have seen Him in you?
How many have turned from their ways to My ways
because of your ways?
Does your neighbor know that you are My tabernacle?
Does your enemy know that you are told
to lay your life down for him and have agreed to do so?
Do you know that I love the abortionist, the pornographer,
the homosexual?
Do you know that I have sent you to them that they might see
My Son through you, that they might accept Him?
Do you have the eternity of your every contact in mind
when you address them? If not, why not?*

Bible Correlations

Matt. 10:16,19 AMP; Matt. 25:35-40;
Luke 14:23 AMP; 2 Cor. 5:17

Do these questions make you say, "ouch?" In addition to "ouch," they make me say "only by your grace, Lord." I know all these things in my head, but are they really in my heart? In spite of all our human failures, I believe that God allows His Son to be seen in us as it suits His purposes. Haven't you found that someone saw Jesus in you even when you were unaware of being observed?

Take courage. Your Lord is taking you through the process of going from glory to glory. He chooses to make you part of His plan of love and salvation to others, knowing that you haven't "arrived," yet. (By the way, be fearful of the time when you think that you just might have it all together!)

FROM OUR FATHER'S HEART

From Chapter 2 of A White Stone

Do not worry, for I have My hand on you.
You shall not lack.
Do not look to the things that are said by man.
My hand directs the stars.
My voice commands the rivers to flow.
They would stop if I desired it.
My desire is for you to serve Me.
Nothing will stop that.
Draw close.
I notice the terrors of Satan that bluff
and talk as if they know what they are saying.
They do not know what I have in store
other than what I have told them.
You shall go forth, for I am your God -
not the God that can be changed by the whims of people,
but the God that is moved by faith in Me
being able to perform what I promise.
Have I not promised you?
When will you realize the magnitude of My power?
When will you begin to truly trust Me?
Seek Me for Me; not for what I can do for you,
but for Who I am as God.
You have no idea what I have in store for you,
but I am excited by what I see.
I am pleased by My people that have said "yes."
When I am pleased,
all creation knows that I am God.

Bible Correlations

*Ps. 34:8-10; Isa. 40:21-31; Isa. 46:10-11;
John 6:37 AMP; Heb. 11:3&6*

When will we finally settle it in our hearts that God is in control, even when we think that we are? Nothing gets past Him. Anything that we experience, He has allowed into our lives. We need to trust His purposes and His reasons, whether or not we know and understand what they are. Our place is to simply know that everything is used by Him to draw us to Him. Everything that happens is His work in us; forming a heart that trusts and willingly serves Him.

The next time you face any adversity, remind yourself that the Lord knows all about it. Wait on Him to find out what part, if any, you play in the solution before you do anything. Sometimes, you need do nothing to remove yourself from the situation because He is making internal changes in you. Remain in the fire and allow Him to refine you into useable gold.

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