

Is the *Jesus Calling* Series “Consistent with Biblical Truth”?

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“Because I revere the Bible, I always endeavor to make my writing consistent with biblical truth.”¹ —Sarah Young

Many have pointed out *general* ways in which Sarah Young’s writing departs from biblical truth. Below are twenty-five *specific* examples from her devotionals that seem to either misuse or disregard Scripture. The following books are used as sources:

<i>Jesus Calling</i>	(2004)	<i>Jesus Calling Devotional Journal</i>	(2013)
<i>Dear Jesus</i>	(2007)	<i>Jesus Today Devotional Journal</i>	(2014)
<i>Jesus Lives</i>	(2009)	<i>Jesus Calling Morning & Evening</i>	(2015)
<i>Jesus Today</i>	(2012)	<i>Jesus Always</i>	(2016)

In cases where Young uses Bible verses to back up her writing, those verses are shown from the same Bible version that she cites. Boldface and underlining are added.

1. A New Command: Search for Joy!

*Young teaches you to search for joy, citing Proverbs 2:4 out of context—a verse about **wisdom**, not joy. The context shown below makes this clear.*

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The Bible

On some days Joy is generously strewn along your life-path, glistening in the sunlight. . . . Other days are overcast and gloomy . . . Dull gray rocks greet your gaze and cause your feet to ache. Yet Joy is still attainable. **Search for it as for hidden treasure.**²

My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying
your heart to understanding—
3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry
aloud for understanding,
4 and if you look for it as for silver and
search for it as for hidden treasure,
5 then you will understand the fear of the
Lord and find the knowledge of God.
(Proverbs 2:1-5 NIV)

¹ *Jesus Always*, introduction, p. xii, 2016.

² *Jesus Calling*, Oct 22, citing Proverbs 2:4 (NIV).

2. New Ways to Build Your House on a Rock

Young offers two new ways to build your house on a rock: "accept My Presence with you as reality" and "cultivate a thankful mind-set," co-opting Matthew 7:24-25 to support these ideas. But the actual passage teaches something different: hearing Jesus's words and putting them into practice.

The *Jesus Calling* Series

The Bible

Simply accept My Presence with you as reality: the deepest Reality. Build your life on this absolute truth, which is like **building your house on a rock**.³

I am training you to cultivate a thankful mind-set. This is like **building your house on a firm rock**, where life's storms cannot shake you.⁴

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man **who built his house on the rock**. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
(Matthew 7:24-25 NIV)

3. New Pearls of Great Price

Young appeals to Matthew 13:46 to introduce two new pearls of great price: Peace and Love. But the context of this verse shows that Jesus is referring to the kingdom of heaven as the pearl of great price, worth sacrificing everything you have.

The *Jesus Calling* Series

The Bible

My Peace is the treasure of treasures: the **pearl of great price**.⁵

Consider the parable of the merchant looking for fine **pearls**. When he found **one of great value**, he sold everything he had and bought it. My Love is like that pearl: so valuable that it is worth losing everything else to secure it forever.⁶

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

46 who, when he had found one **pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:46 NKJV)

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine **pearls**.
46 When he found **one of great value**, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46 NIV)

³ *Dear Jesus*, p. 16-17, *Jesus Lives*, p. 20-21, citing Matthew 7:24 (NIV).

⁴ *Jesus Calling*, Aug 08, citing Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV).

⁵ *Jesus Calling*, Jan 24, citing Matthew 13:46 (NKJV).

⁶ *Jesus Always*, Jul 15, citing Matthew 13:45-46 (NIV).

4. "Listen Less" to Your Conscience?

Young tells you to appeal to "Jesus" when your heart condemns you because he is "greater than your heart," implying that God is more lenient than your conscience, which is "warped" and "imperfect," and should therefore be ignored. But the verse she quotes (1 John 3:20) actually teaches the opposite! The context shows that you should be very concerned if your heart (conscience) condemns you because God sees even deeper than it does; He knows everything. Rather than "heeding your conscience less," you should aim for a clear conscience—a heart that "does not condemn," so you will "have confidence toward God."

The Jesus Calling Series

Whenever your heart condemns you, call out to Me, "Jesus, help me!" . . . It is crucial to understand that your conscience is imperfect. Many of its accusations are based on lies. You need to listen less to it and more to Me through My Spirit and My Word. . . .

When your heart condemns you, remember that I am greater than your heart and I know all things. Come confidently and gratefully into My loving Presence.⁷

When your heart condemns you, remember that I am greater than your heart and I know all things. . . .

Try heeding your conscience less and My Spirit and My Word more.⁸

The ways of the world have also warped your conscience, which punishes you for doing the very thing that pleases Me most: seeking My Face.⁹

The Bible

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. (1 John 3:18-21 NKJV)

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck . . . (1 Tim 1:19 KJV)

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (1 Tim 3:9 KJV)

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. (Acts 24:16 KJV)

⁷ *Jesus Lives*, p. 100-101, citing 1 John 3:20 (NKJV).

⁸ *Jesus Calling Morning & Evening*, Nov 03, citing 1 John 3:20 (NKJV).

⁹ *Jesus Calling*, Jul 06.

5. A New Way to Store Up Treasure in Heaven

Young teaches you to store up treasure in heaven by making trust affirmations, citing Matthew 6:20-21, verses that do not mention trust at all. In these and other verses, Jesus explains how to store up treasure in heaven: instead of accumulating wealth, sell it, give it away, and follow Him.

The *Jesus Calling* Series

Every time you affirm your trust in Me, you put a coin into My treasury. Thus you build up equity in preparation for days of trouble. I keep safely in My heart all trust invested in Me, with interest compounded continuously. . . . when storms come, your trust balance will be sufficient to see you through. **Store up for yourself treasure in heaven, through placing your trust in Me.**¹⁰

The Bible

19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6: 19-21 NIV)

Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a **treasure in the heavens** that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Luke 12:33-34 KJV)

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have **treasure in heaven**: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. (Mark 10:21 KJV)

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have **treasure in heaven**: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. (Matthew 19:20-22 KJV)

¹⁰ *Jesus Calling*, Jan 10, citing Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV).

6. He Wants You Empty?

Young's "Jesus" wants your house clean and empty so that his spirit can fill you. Jesus warns that if your house is clean and empty, evil spirits will want to fill you.

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The Bible

Shall we **clean the house** of your mind and heart today?¹¹

When you are **empty**, there is more room for My Spirit to fill you.¹²

My main work is to **clear out debris and clutter, making room** for My Spirit to take full possession.¹³

What has to be **emptied** from your life so that I can fill you with My Presence?¹⁴

Do not be ashamed of your **emptiness**. Instead, view it as the optimal condition for being filled with My Peace.¹⁵

In what areas do you need Me to fill your **emptiness**?¹⁶

The more **room** you make for Me there, the more I can fill you with My Love. . . . expand this **space** in your heart.¹⁷

Make plenty of **space** in your heart for this glorious One.¹⁸

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my **house** from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it **empty, swept, and garnished**. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (Matthew 12:43-45 KJV)

¹¹ *Jesus Calling Devotional Journal*, Apr 03.

¹² *Jesus Calling Devotional Journal*, Apr 05.

¹³ *Jesus Calling*, Nov 07.

¹⁴ *Jesus Calling Devotional Journal*, Feb 06.

¹⁵ *Jesus Calling*, Jan 14.

¹⁶ *Jesus Calling Devotional Journal*, Jan 14.

¹⁷ *Jesus Always*, May 22.

¹⁸ *Dear Jesus*, p. 121.

7. Pray “As the Heathen Do”

Young teaches you to pray with short, repetitive prayers and affirmations, but Jesus commands you not to use meaningless repetitions.

The Jesus Calling Series

Matthew 6:7 in different versions

Short prayers such as these—voiced almost continuously—will help you live transcendently . . . ¹⁹

For example, praying “I love You, Lord” can quickly direct your focus to Me. If you have to **repeat this process many times**, don’t be discouraged.²⁰

When you look in the mirror, say to yourself, “I am my Beloved’s.” **Repeat** these four words throughout the day and just before you fall asleep.²¹

One way to do this is to pray, “Jesus, I choose to seek You in the midst of my problems.” Refuse to get discouraged, even if you have to say this **hundreds of times daily**.²²

When you feel yourself sinking in the sea of circumstances, say “Help me, Jesus!” . . . If you have to say that **thousands of times daily**, don’t be discouraged.²³

repeat this unconditional promise: “Nothing can separate me from Your Love, Jesus.”²⁴

take time to affirm your trust in Me—**repeatedly**, if need be.²⁵

But when ye pray, **use not vain repetitions**, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. (KJV)

Don’t recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by **repeating them again and again**. (TLB)

And when you are praying, **do not use meaningless repetition** as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. (NASB)

And when you pray, **do not keep on babbling** like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. (NIV)

And when you pray, **do not heap up empty phrases** as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. (ESV)

And when you pray, **do not use vain repetitions** as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. (NKJV)

¹⁹ *Jesus Today*, p. 72.

²⁰ *Jesus Always*, Jan 21.

²¹ *Jesus Always*, Aug 17.

²² *Jesus Today*, p. 232.

²³ *Jesus Calling*, Feb 08.

²⁴ *Jesus Calling*, Aug 01.

²⁵ *Dear Jesus*, p. 183.

8. More Power . . . for Asher?

Young misquotes Deuteronomy 33:25 and takes it out of context to teach that you can access more of God's power on more difficult days. But this scripture is actually a specific promise to Jacob's son Asher that he would stay strong as long as he lived.

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The more challenging your day, the more of My Power I place at your disposal. . . . Try to view challenging days as opportunities to receive more of My Power than usual. . . . As your **day**, so shall your strength be.²⁶ →

The Bible

24 And of Asher he said: "Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil.

25 Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your **days**, so shall your strength be."

(Deuteronomy 33:24-25 NKJV)

9. Face to Face Now?

Young teaches that you can meet with "Jesus" face to face in the present, but Scripture teaches that we will not be face to face with God until the future, "when that which is perfect is come."

The *Jesus Calling* Series

You are surrounded by a sea of problems, but you are **face to Face**²⁷ with Me, your Peace.²⁸

As you commune with Me **face to Face**, you are free to express all your concerns.²⁹

I designed you to commune with Me **face to Face**,³⁰ and this interaction strengthens your soul.³¹

The Bible

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. . . . For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then **face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (1 Corinthians 13:9-12 KJV)

²⁶ *Jesus Calling*, Nov 11, citing Deuteronomy 33:25 (NKJV).

²⁷ rendered "face-to-Face" in newer versions of *Jesus Calling*

²⁸ *Jesus Calling*, Jan 15.

²⁹ *Dear Jesus*, p. 238.

³⁰ rendered "face-to-Face" in newer versions of *Jesus Calling*

³¹ *Jesus Calling*, Aug 28.

10. Laugh the Plank Away?

Young uses creative license to depict “mirth” washing away the plank in your eye. Jesus says only to remove it. (mirth: “gladness or gaiety as shown by or accompanied with laughter”—Merriam-Webster³²).

The *Jesus Calling* Series

The Bible

As you ponder the blood-bought miracle of eternal Life—My free gift to believers—you receive My Joy in full measure. **Let this overflowing mirth stream through you, washing away the plank in your eye.** This will enable you to see others clearly—from My perspective. Then you can help them remove their “specks” as you love them with My Love.³³

And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First **remove the plank from your own eye**, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye. (Luke 6:41-42 NKJV)

11. How to Love Jesus

Young says that the way to love “Jesus” is to “comprehend,” “delight in,” and “learn to receive” more of his love. Jesus says that we love Him by keeping his commandments.

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The Bible

I want you to become increasingly preoccupied with Me. . . . So the way to become preoccupied with Me is to **love Me** more fully . . . the more you comprehend and delight in the wondrous, unfailing Love I have for you, the more ardently you can respond to Me. . . . There are two parts to this adventure: learning to receive My Love in greater depth, breadth, and constancy; and responding by **loving Me** more and more.³⁴

If ye **love me**, keep my commandments. . . . He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that **loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . If a man **love me**, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (John 14:15, 21, 23 KJV)

³² “Mirth.” *Merriam-Webster*, Merriam-Webster, 13 August 2020, www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mirth.

³³ *Jesus Lives*, p. 334, citing Luke 6:41-42 (NKJV).

³⁴ *Jesus Always*, Oct 08.

12. How to Drive the Devil Away # 1

Young uses the biblical description of the prowling devil (1 Peter 5:8) to introduce a mental focus technique that she calls "worship warfare." The Bible teaches you to resist the devil by standing firm in the faith.

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The Bible

Remember that your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. This is why it's so important to be self-controlled and alert! When you let your mind drift out of focus, you are much more vulnerable to the evil one. However, the remedy is simple. As soon as you realize what has happened, you can **drive away the enemy by thanking and praising**. This is worship warfare—and it works!³⁵

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

9 **Resist him, standing firm in the faith**, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV)

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4: 7 KJV)

13. How to Drive the Devil Away # 2

Young teaches you to come up with your own short prayers to make the devil retreat. Jesus, by example, demonstrates memorizing and speaking Scripture to make the devil retreat.

The *Jesus Calling* Series

The Bible

Create a collection of brief prayers, such as: "Help me, Jesus. Fill me with your Peace. Show me Your way." . . . It is crucial to have your arsenal of prayers ready to use. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your preparations: helping you form prayers that will flow readily out of your heart. Then practice saying them to Me, until you're intimately familiar with them. When you encounter trouble of any kind, reach into your arsenal of prayers and speak one or more of them boldly. **The enemy will retreat**, and I will draw near.³⁶

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. . . . he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. . . . Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. . . . Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. . . . Then **the devil leaveth** him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:1-11 KJV)

³⁵ *Jesus Always*, Nov 26, citing 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV).

³⁶ *Jesus Today*, p. 24.

14. *Your Words are Health and Life?*

Young elevates your own words to the level of Scripture.

Sarah Young's Books

The Bible

It is crucial to have your arsenal of prayers ready to use. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you . . . helping you form prayers . . . Which prayers should go into your prayer arsenal? Let them be **health and life to you**. The Spirit will show you how.³⁷

My son, attend to **my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are **life unto those that find them, and health** to all their flesh. (Proverbs 4:20-22 KJV)

15. *Man or Angels?*

Young flatters us by ranking us at the top of creation, but Scripture puts us lower.

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The Bible

Man is the pinnacle of My creation . . . precariously close to deity.³⁸

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him **a little lower than the angels** . . . (Psalm 8:4-5 KJV)

16. *The Last Enemy is Already Destroyed?*

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The Bible

The last enemy you will face **is death**, but My crucifixion and resurrection **have decimated** that foe!³⁹

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.** (1 Corinthians 15:22-26 KJV)

³⁷ *Jesus Today Devotional Journal*, p. 24.

³⁸ *Jesus Calling*, Apr 21.

³⁹ *Jesus Always*, Feb 28

17. Asking the Fox to Guard the Henhouse?

In Jesus Calling, Young acknowledges a BIG PROBLEM—if you sit in silence listening to voices, you might end up hearing from evil spirits. Her solution #1: ask the spirit who’s talking to you for discernment! Her solution #2: pray for protection before you start listening.

The Bible, on the other hand, never asks you to sit in silence with a blank mind, open to voices that want to influence you, so it doesn’t warn you to ask for protection before praying to God. (Psychics commonly do this before contacting spirit guides.) But if you ever do find yourself confronted with an unknown voice or spirit, even if it calls itself “Jesus,” you are commanded to test it (1 John 4:1-3). Young never quotes this passage in her devotionals.

The *Jesus Calling* Series

The Bible

Many voices vie for control of your mind, especially when you sit in silence. You must learn to discern what is My voice and what is not. **Ask My Spirit to give you this discernment.**⁴⁰

When you spend time listening to Me, you need to begin with **prayer for protection**. The evil one is the father of lies; his deceptions can worm their way into your mind if you let down your guard.⁴¹

Begin your time with Me this evening with a **prayer for protection.**⁴²

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits whether they are of God:** because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
(1 John 4:1-3 KJV)

18. Indestructible Soul?

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The Bible

Moreover, the essence of who you are—your **soul—is indestructible.**⁴³

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to **destroy both soul and body** in hell. (Matthew 10:28 KJV)

⁴⁰ *Jesus Calling*, Mar 03.

⁴¹ *Dear Jesus*, p. 220.

⁴² *Jesus Calling Morning & Evening*, Aug 25.

⁴³ *Dear Jesus*, p. 247.

19. – 25. Fiddling with Scripture (adding, subtracting, or replacing words)

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*⁴⁴

My Word is a lamp to your feet; **My Presence** is a Light for your path.⁴⁵

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*⁴⁶

My grace is sufficient for you, **but its sufficiency is for one day at a time.**⁴⁷

My grace is sufficient for you, **but its sufficiency is for only one day at a time.**⁴⁸

*God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God . . .*⁴⁹

I can fit everything into a pattern for good, but **only to the extent that you trust Me.**⁵⁰

I can use everything in believers' lives for good, **to the extent that they trust Me.**⁵¹

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*⁵²

Delight yourself in Me; **let Me become** the Desire of your heart.⁵³

Delight yourself in Me, **beloved; make Me** the Desire of your heart.⁵⁴

Delight yourself in Me, **for I am the deepest** Desire of your heart.⁵⁵

*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*⁵⁶

Resist the devil **in My Name**, and he will **slink away** from you.⁵⁷

*But the eyes of the Lord are **on those who fear him**, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love*⁵⁸

My eyes are on those whose hope is in My unfailing Love.⁵⁹

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him . . .*⁶⁰

I will fill you with Joy and Peace **as you wait in My Presence.**⁶¹

⁴⁴ Psalm 119:105 (NIV 1984 version).

⁴⁵ *Jesus Calling*, Aug 10, citing Psalm 119:105 (NIV 1984 version).

⁴⁶ 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV).

⁴⁷ *Dear Jesus*, pp. 48-49 & *Jesus Lives*, pp. 30-31, citing 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV 1984 version).

⁴⁸ *Jesus Calling*, Jul 15, citing 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV 1984 version).

⁴⁹ Romans 8:28 (AMP).

⁵⁰ *Jesus Calling*, Mar 05, citing Romans 8:28 (AMP).

⁵¹ *Dear Jesus*, p. 144.

⁵² Psalm 37:4 (NIV 1984 version).

⁵³ *Jesus Calling*, Feb 12, citing Psalm 37:4 (NIV 1984 version).

⁵⁴ *Jesus Always*, Oct 10, citing Psalm 37:4 (NASB).

⁵⁵ *Jesus Calling*, Jul 01, citing Psalm 37:4 (NIV 1984 version).

⁵⁶ James 4:7 (NKJV).

⁵⁷ *Jesus Calling*, Sep 28, citing James 4:7 (NKJV) & Aug 22, citing James 4:7 (NIV 1984 version).

⁵⁸ Psalm 33:18 (NIV).

⁵⁹ *Jesus Today*, p. 256-257, citing Psalm 33:18 (NIV).

⁶⁰ Romans 15:13 (NIV).

⁶¹ *Jesus Today*, pp. 178-179, citing Romans 15:13 (NIV).

Bonus: Ambassadors of What for Whom?

The Jesus Calling website invites you to be an ambassador of Jesus Calling for HarperCollins. If you help “promote the Jesus Calling brand,” you will receive “early access” and “exclusive perks.”

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And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an **ambassador** in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:19-20 KJV)

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. . . . But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; (2 Corinthians 5:19-20, 6:4-5 KJV)

⁶² “Love Jesus Calling? Share It with Others! Be an Ambassador.” *Jesus Calling*, 8 May 2020, <https://www.jesuscalling.com/share/ambassadors/>. accessed 13 Aug 2020.

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