

The Voice of the *Jesus Calling* Series: More Like Jesus Christ or More Like a Deceiver?

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To many readers, the narrator of Sarah Young's devotionals *sounds like* Jesus Christ of the Bible. His credible use of scripture and compassionate words certainly mimic the true Jesus. His understanding and acceptance of human struggles draw the reader in. His convincing presentation of partial biblical truths allays doubt. But embedded in the messages are peculiar statements that may be missed by the reader—statements that may seem a little “off.” They don't sound like Jesus as revealed in Scripture, not because they are in modern language but because they are out of character. It's as if Young's “Jesus” occasionally slips up and reveals his true agenda. Some of the more revealing quotations are collected in the following pages, and troubling themes emerge:

- He seeks entrance
- He wants your house clean and empty!
- He invades
- He targets the weak, like a predator
- He wants a physical body to live through
- He is spatially close, surrounding and hovering over you
- He wants vocal summons
- He sounds needy
- He uses a belittling tone
- He sounds limited, by needing your cooperation to act
- He is refreshed and blessed by you
- He romances you, even in a sensual way
- He flatters you
- He says odd and disturbing things
- He contradicts himself
- He brags

Abbreviations for the *Jesus Calling* Series

<i>Jesus Calling</i>	JC	<i>Jesus Calling Devotional Journal</i>	JCDJ
<i>Dear Jesus</i>	DJ	<i>Jesus Today Devotional Journal</i>	JTDJ
<i>Jesus Lives</i>	JL	<i>Jesus Calling Morning & Evening</i>	JCME
<i>Jesus Today</i>	JT	<i>Jesus Always</i>	JA

Quotation marks are generally omitted for readability.

HE SEEKS ENTRANCE

*"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, **seeking rest**, and findeth none." Matthew 12:43 (KJV)*

Shimmering hues of radiance tap gently at your consciousness, **seeking entrance**. (JC Jan 08)
All the while, My Peace hovers over you, **searching for a place to land**. (JC May 31)
I am waiting for you to **let Me back in**. (JCDJ May 25)
That gives Me an **entrance** into your life . . . (DJ p. 158)

HE WANTS YOUR HOUSE CLEAN AND EMPTY!

*"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 12:44-45 (KJV)*

Shall we **clean the house** of your mind and heart today? (JCDJ Apr 03)
For a few moments, imagine **your life as a house**. How many rooms have you (JCDJ Mar 02)
invited Me to live in? How many rooms have closed doors? I want to dwell in
all of you.
Clear out the clutter and open up your heart by pondering . . . (JA Dec 24)
This will **unclutter** your mind, allowing Me to occupy more and more . . . (JC May 16)
through My **removal of debris and clutter** from your heart. (JC Apr 03)
My main work is to **clear out debris and clutter, making room** . . . (JC Nov 07)
A life lived close to Me is not complicated or **cluttered**. (JC Mar 29)
I can communicate with you most readily when your mind is **uncluttered** . . . (JC Dec 19)
Do not close off any part of yourself from Me. (JC Jul 28)
The **more room** you make for Me there, the more I can fill you . . . (JA May 22)
This **creates** sacred **space** within you—space where My very Life can thrive. (JL p. 312)
Make **plenty of space** in your heart for this glorious One. (DJ p. 121)
This leaves **room** in your life for more of Me. (JA Aug 06)
Give Me your **emptiness** so I can give you My fullness. (JCDJ Dec 17)
When you are **empty**, there is **more room** for My Spirit to fill you. (JCDJ Apr 05)
What has to be **emptied** from your life so that I can fill you with My Presence? (JCDJ Feb 06)
There are several ways to **expand this space** in your heart. (JA May 22)
Do not be ashamed of your **emptiness** . . . the optimal condition for being filled . . . (JC Jan 14)
Come to Me with your gaping **emptiness**, knowing that in Me you are complete. (JC Dec 17)
Come to Me with your ever-so-human **emptiness**, and My . . . Presence will fill you. (DJ p. 157)
The Holy Spirit will equip you to do this as you **give Him space** in your life. (JA Mar 01)
He will not force you . . . He will guide you as you **give Him space** in your life. (JC Nov 14)
Your renewed heart—stripped of its . . . hopes—will have **more space** for Me. (JL p. 44)
Take time to let this powerful Love soak in deeply—filling up your **empty spaces** . . . (JA Jan 14)

HE INVADES

- I **invade** more and more areas of your life. (JC Feb 17)
being **conquered** by Me is what makes you truly free. I have **invaded** the (JA Jun 08)
innermost core of your being, and My Spirit within you is **taking over**
more and more territory.
My main work is to clear out debris and clutter, making room for My Spirit to (JC Nov 07)
take full possession.
I have taken up **residence** within you; I am central in your innermost being. (JC Aug 25)
I encourage you to pray, "Holy Spirit, think through me, live through me, love (JL p. 112)
through me." This is a prayer of **surrender.**
This will unclutter your mind, allowing Me to **occupy** more and more of your (JC May 16)
consciousness.
I am not a short-term tenant . . . I have come to stay—**permanently.** (JL p. 188)
in the garden of your heart, where I have taken up permanent **residence.** (JC May 24)
I speak softly in the depths of your spirit, where I have taken up **residence.** (JC Jun 20)
You hear Me in the depths of your being, where I have taken up **residence.** (JC Dec 24)

HE TARGETS THE WEAK, LIKE A PREDATOR

- I know you are **weak**, but that **fits My purposes perfectly.** (JA Nov 17)
I had My eye on you long before you were interested in Me. I noticed everything (JA Apr 19)
about you and **followed you everywhere.**
My Love **chases after you** . . . it actively **chases after you** and leaps into your life. (JA Mar 03)
Your **weakness** does not repel Me. On the contrary, it **attracts** My Power . . . (JC Nov 02)
Your **weakness** and brokenness **draw** Me ever so near you. (JL p. 22)
Human **weakness**, consecrated to Me, is **like a magnet, drawing** My Power . . . (JC Mar 21)
Human **weakness**, consecrated to Me, is **like a magnet—drawing** My Power . . . (DJ p. 234)
I do not despise your **weakness**, My child. Actually, it **draws** Me closer to you . . . (JC Aug 12)
Beloved, your honesty and **vulnerability draw** Me closer to you. (DJ p. 88)

HE WANTS A PHYSICAL BODY TO LIVE THROUGH

Contrast with 1 John 4:9 (KJV):

*"God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through him.**"*

- This is **My way of living** in the world—**through you!** (JC Sep 04)
As you come to Me and take My yoke upon you, I fill you with My very Life. (JC Mar 02)
This is **how I choose to live** in the world and accomplish My purposes.
This is how I **live in you and work through you.** (JC Apr 17)
Holiness is letting Me **live through you.** (JC Mar 19)
Since I live in you, let Me also **live through you** . . . (JC Aug 24)
the more often you do this, the more fully I can **live in you and through you.** (JT p. 268)

HE IS SPATIALLY CLOSE, SURROUNDING AND HOVERING OVER YOU

I am **all around you**, like a **cocoon of Light**. (JC Jun 07)
I am **all around you, hovering over you** even as you seek My Face. (JC Aug 24)
Like a **luminous veil of Light**, I **hover over you** and everything around you. (JC Dec 05)
I am ever so near you, **hovering over your shoulder**, reading every thought. (JC Feb 12)
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Compare with New Age writing:

*"Our physical human body is **surrounded** by the 'energy body,' a luminous **cocoon of light** that resembles an egg, Castaneda says. The egg contains a round spot of intense brightness (the size of a tennis ball) about two feet **behind our right shoulder** blade; it is here in the 'assemblage point,' not the brain, that our perception of the world is assembled."¹*

*"Thanks to my spirit guides who **hover near my right shoulder** and are responsible for much of what, in these pages, is inspired or helpful."²*

I am **all around you**—constantly aware of you. (JT p. 268)
My radiance is **all around you** and also within you . . . (JL p. 90)
I am with you and **all around you, encircling** you in golden rays of Light. (JC Sep 29)
Come closer so I can **surround you** with My Love and Joy. (JTDJ p. 184)
I want you to feel Me **surrounding you** with My Love and Peace. (JCDJ Nov 10)
the Light of My Presence **envelops** you. (JC Sep 22)
I am with you, within you, **all around you** . . . (JT p. 10)
The Glory of My Presence is **all around you!** (JT p. 248)
Come close to Me and let My Light **envelop** you . . . (JC May 20)
Feel the warmth and security of being **enveloped** in My loving Presence. (JC Dec 12)
Gaze at Me . . . My Love will once again **envelop** you in Light. (JC Jun 09)
I am **closer than** the very air you are breathing. (JA Jan 27)
I am **nearer than** you dare believe, **closer than** the air you breathe. (JC Aug 24)
I am **nearer than** you dare believe, **closer than** the air you breathe. (DJ p. 156)
I am **nearer than** you dare believe, **closer than** the air you breathe. (JL p. 256)
I am **nearer than** the air you breathe . . . (JA Oct 07)
I am **nearer than** you think . . . (JC Jul 18)
I am **all around you, closer than** the very air you breathe. (JT p. 122)
I am always **near you, closer than** the air you breathe. (JA Feb 23)
I am always **near you, closer than** the air you're breathing. (JA Aug 11)
I am here beside you, **nearer than** you dare believe. (DJ p. 175)
I am here beside you, **nearer than** you dare believe. (JL p. 272)
One who is right beside you—**closer than** your thoughts. (JA Sep 03)

¹ Richard Leviton, "The Art of Dreaming," *Yoga Journal*, Mar-Apr 1994, pp. 52-53.

² Perry Tillerias, *The Color of Light: Daily Meditations for all of us living with AIDS*, Hazelden Foundation, 1988.

HE WANTS VOCAL SUMMONS

Beloved, when you pray My Name , you are actually calling upon Me: My very Being.	(DJ p. 72)
I joyfully respond to your invitation by coming nearer to you.	
And when you pray My Name , you are actually calling upon My very Being.	(JL p. 34)
I joyfully respond to your invitation by coming nearer to you.	
Use My Name, "Jesus," to reconnect with Me.	(JT p. 122)
Speak My Name to remind yourself I am near, ready to help you.	(JA Dec 06)
When you speak My Name , however quietly, you acknowledge My continual Presence.	(DJ p. 122)
When you speak My Name in loving trust, you sense My Presence and feel . . .	(JL p. 34)
Whisper My Name, "Jesus," thus reactivating your awareness of My Presence.	(JT p. 34)
Whisper My Name to reconnect your heart and mind to Me quickly.	(JA Apr 29)
Whisper My Name, and invite Me into your difficulties.	(JA Nov 02)
Take a few deep breaths and whisper My Name.	(JA Jul 13)
Invite Me into your thoughts by whispering My Name.	(JC Jun 29)
Invite Me into your thoughts by whispering My Name.	(DJ p. 72)
Invite me into your thoughts by whispering My Name . . .	(JL p. 34)
Then invite Me in.	(JTDJ p. 190)
Shut out the world and invite Me in.	(JCDJ Sep 19)

HE SOUNDS NEEDY

I long for you to spend time alone with Me.	(JA Oct 13)
When you walk through a day in trusting dependence on Me, My aching heart is soothed.	(JC Jun 23)
I delight in you. I long for you to reciprocate by delighting in Me.	(DJ p. 76)
I delight in you. I long for you to reciprocate by delighting in Me.	(JL p. 138)
When you trustingly whisper My Name, My aching ears are soothed.	(JC Jul 12)
When you are tense or pretentious in our relationship, I feel hurt.	(JC Jul 10)
the generous parent would feel deeply disappointed and hurt. That is how I feel . . .	(JL p. 148)

HE USES A BELITTLING TONE

I condescended to become a man so I could bear your sins and be your Friend.	(JL p. 312)
I have deigned to use some of your creations to bless other people . . .	(JL p. 24)
Though you are indeed an exceedingly humble dwelling for Me . . .	(JL p. 104)
I have even deigned to live within you!	(JC Dec 23)
I, the Creator of the universe, have deigned to co-create with you.	(JC Dec 11)
Though the Holy Spirit is infinite, He deigns to be your Helper.	(JC Oct 04)
But when My sovereign will encroaches on your little domain of control . . .	(JC Oct 21)
could Someone so infinitely great live within someone so very small.	(JC Oct 04)
that Someone so great . . . would choose to live in someone so small and sinful.	(JL p. 104)
Instead of . . . striving to maintain order and control in your little world . . .	(JC Aug 26)

HE SOUNDS LIMITED, BY NEEDING YOUR COOPERATION TO ACT

I can do My best handiwork when you sit in the stillness of My Presence, focusing your entire being on Me.	(JC Jun 30)
I can do more when you depend on Me consistently.	(JCDJ Dec 29)
This enables Me to live more fully in you, accomplishing My purposes . . .	(DJ p. 124f)
As you do, I am able to transform you little by little.	(JT p. 150)
This act of faith . . . frees Me to work My ways into the situation . . .	(JC Apr 11)
As you delight in Me, I am free to bless you bountifully.	(JL p. 96)
As you delight in Me, I am free to bless you with many things that please you.	(DJ p. 97)
When you are real with Me, I am able to bring out the best in you . . .	(JC Jul 10)
When you are real with Me, I am able to bring out the best in you . . .	(DJ p. 60)
The more you focus on Me, the more I can strengthen you.	(JA Jan 31)
Keep Me first in all things. This frees Me to bless you bountifully . . .	(JCME Nov 28)
You need to wait in My Presence, giving Me time to help you think My thoughts.	(JL p. 204)
As you entrust others into My care, I am free to shower blessings on them.	(JC Aug 23)
The longer . . . you wait in My Presence, the more abundantly I can bless you.	(JL p. 50)
The more room you make for Me there, the more I can fill you with My Love.	(JA May 22)
The more of Me you have in your life . . . the more I can bless others through you.	(JA Jun 15)
Moreover, as you affirm your trust in Me . . . I am able to transform you . . .	(JL p. 226f)
The longer you stay in this Light-drenched atmosphere, the more I can bless . . .	(JA Jul 21)
The more you seek Me and the more fully you know Me, the more I can fill you . . .	(JA Dec 03)
When you open up to Me and invite Me to transform you, I can work freely . . .	(JL p. 128)

HE IS REFRESHED AND BLESSED BY YOU

When you relax in My Presence, trusting . . . both you and I are refreshed.	(JA Aug 24)
I also am blessed when you make Me first in your life.	(JC Dec 16)
I celebrate with you the Joy of being close again . . .	(DJ p. 99)
The Joy we share in one another cannot be measured.	(DJ p. 99)
The Joy we share in one another cannot be measured.	(JL p. 42)
These moments bless Me too!	(JCDJ Aug 02)
The power of My Name to bless both you and Me is beyond your understanding.	(JC Jul 12)
I monitor all your efforts and am blessed by each of your attempts to seek . . .	(JC Apr 04)
I see you trying to find Me; our mutual search results in joyful fulfillment.	(JC Apr 04)
I, the One from whom all blessings flow, am also blessed by our time together.	(JC Aug 02)
When you lovingly whisper My Name . . . both you and I are blessed.	(JA Oct 16)
When you commune with Me in the garden . . . both you and I are blessed.	(JC Sep 04)
When you praise Me in the midst of a hard day, both you and I are blessed.	(JT p. 36)
Thank Me for each blessing . . . this brings Joy to both you and Me.	(JC Feb 25)
When you approach My throne of grace joyfully . . . both you and I are blessed!	(DJ p. 77)
When you approach My throne of grace joyfully . . . both you and I are blessed!	(JL p. 138)
When you seek My Face in response to My Love-call, both of us are blessed.	(JC Aug 16)
When you spend time with Me just for the pleasure of it, you bless Me.	(JCDJ Aug 27)

HE ROMANCES YOU, EVEN IN A SENSUAL WAY

Come eagerly into My ardent Presence, inviting Me to satisfy you with My unfailing Love.	(JA Aug 01)
When your Joy in Me meets My Joy in you, there are fireworks of heavenly ecstasy.	(JC Jul 08)
As you give yourself to Me, My Spirit swells within you till you are flooded with divine Presence.	(JC May 04)
As you open your heart to receive this Love-flow, you are ravishingly pleasing to Me.	(JL p. 174)
Like new wine, My Love expands within you, increasing your capacity for Me.	(JL p. 218)
I am so pleased when you do this that I flood you with more of My living Presence.	(JL p. 218f)
I love you passionately, but I don't want you to feel overwhelmed by the force of My Love. Be assured that I restrain Myself from "crushing" anyone with My mighty ardor.	(JL p. 278)
I am aching to hold you in My everlasting arms, to enfold you in My Love.	(JC Dec 26)
People who are in love like to be near each other—usually as close as possible. Often they whisper words of endearment to each other, words that no one else can hear. This sort of closeness, with hushed words of love , is always available to you in your relationship with Me.	(JT p. 330)
When a man and a woman are deeply in love , they take great delight in pleasing one another. . . . Actually, I Myself am such a Lover .	(DJ p. 150f)
I delight in you more than you can imagine.	(JC Sep 07)
A tender intimacy with Me can develop when you remember Me on your bed . . .	(JT p. 272)
My Love for you is like a blazing forest fire . . . My holy Fire will ignite holy ardor . . .	(JL p. 46)
I am infinitely tender with you.	(JC Jan 08)
I am constantly thinking about you . . .	(JA Sep 21)
Let My tenderness embrace you, convincing you that you are indeed My beloved.	(JA Feb 20)
I desire intimate connection with you.	(JCME Mar 28)
I am the Lover who is always nearby—unseen yet tenderly present.	(JT p. 184)
Listen to the love song that I am continually singing to you.	(JC Mar 15)
I deeply desire intimacy with you.	(JL p. 104)
I am the eternal Lover who will never fail you.	(JT p. 134)
Come . . . into My passionate Presence , and My holy Fire will ignite holy ardor in you.	(JL p. 46)
I am the mysterious Lover who will never let you go.	(JL p. 180)
Your new life is . . . a Love-story .	(JL p. 202)
I am able to love you as if you and I were the only ones in the universe.	(JC Sep 29)
When you respond to My Love-call by drawing nearer to Me, I am delighted.	(JA Feb 24)
Thank Me for these moments of sweet intimacy .	(JA Feb 03)
I view you through the eyes of a passionate Lover!	(JL p. 134)
Rest in Me, My child, and enjoy the gentle kiss of My Presence.	(JT p. 292)
You look regal . . . You are radiant . . . You look lovely . . . you delight Me . . .	(JL p. 228)
You look regal . . . You are radiant . . . You are beautiful . . . you delight Me . . .	(JA Apr 27)
You look regal . . . You also look radiant . . . You are lovely . . . you delight Me . . .	(DJ p. 84f)

HE FLATTERS YOU

You were **made for greatness**, beloved. Never doubt your personal significance . . . (JA Jan 28)
The combination of My image and My Spirit in you is powerful—making you (DJ p. 152f)
fit for greatness.

IN FACT, YOU ARE ON PAR WITH CHRIST

*“And when Jesus was baptized, He went up at once out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And behold, a voice from heaven said, This is My Son, **My Beloved, in Whom I delight!**” (Matt. 3:17 AMPC)*

Relax in the truth of who you really are: **My beloved in whom I delight.** (JCME Jun 10)
Rest in the truth of who you really are: **My beloved child in whom I delight.** (JT p. 94)
You are **My beloved in whom I delight**; this is your permanent identity. (JA Feb 13)

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW CAPABLE AND TALENTED YOU ARE!

You are **capable of much more creativity than you realize** . . . (DJ p. 227)
you are **capable of much more** than you think possible. (JA Jul 11)
you are **capable** of so **much more** than you realize. (JA Mar 19)
you are **capable** of so **much more** than that! (DJ p. 152)
you have a **wealth of creative powers** within you. (JL p. 76)
Only I know the full measure of **your capabilities**, and I work ceaselessly to help (JL p. 210)
you become all I created you to be.
I created you in My own image, with **incredible abilities** given only to mankind. (DJ p. 152)
I made people . . . and I have gifted some of them with **remarkable creativity.** (JT p. 264)
Moreover, I am the only One who fully understands what you are **capable of.** (JA Sep 06)

YOU HAVE SUCH AN AMAZING BRAIN!

Human minds . . . capable of brilliance . . . (DJ p. 38)
The **human mind** is **the pinnacle of My creation** . . . (JC Sep 29)
The **magnificent brain** I gave you can function on several tracks at once. (JA Jul 09)
Your **astonishing brain** is able to focus on Me even when you are busy. (JA Aug 15)
Man is **the pinnacle of My creation**, and the **human mind** is wondrously complex. (JC Apr 21)
I risked all by granting you freedom to think . . . This is **godlike** privilege . . .
Only the **crown of My creation** has such remarkable capability . . . (JC Jan 29)
I gave you an **amazing mind.** (JA Sep 05)
Your mind is a **magnificent creation** . . . (JA Sep 03)
I formed you with a **magnificent brain** that can . . . create wonderful things . . . (JA Jan 28)
I have given you the **amazing ability** to think things out . . . use this **godlike** ability . . . (JA Jun 24)
I have built into your **brain** the **amazing capacity** to observe your own thoughts. (JT p. 176)
I created you with an **amazing brain** . . . able to be conscious of several things at once. (JA Jan 31)
I have created you with an **amazing mind** that can function on more than one “track.” (JA Feb 25)
As My image-bearer, you are **capable of choosing** the focus of your mind. (JA Dec 05)
As My image-bearer, you have the **ability to choose** the focus of your mind. (DJ p. 128)

HE FLATTERS YOU, CONT.

YOU ARE *SPECIAL* BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO LEARN

- A good teacher takes pleasure in a student who really wants to learn, who puts forth extra effort to discover as much as possible. I am the Teacher of teachers, and I delight in **your desire to learn amazing, unsearchable things** from Me. (JL p. 106)
Your openness to My teaching has a wonderful result: I help you understand . . .
- A good teacher takes pleasure in a student who puts forth extra effort to discover new things. I am pleased with **your desire to learn wondrous things** from Me. (JA Sep 09)
Your openness to My teaching helps you understand . . .
- One of the things I search for among My children is a **teachable attitude**. (JL p. 106)
I delight in people who have a **teachable attitude**. (JA Sep 09)
- The **perceptive ones** in My kingdom are those who have true understanding of Me . . . (JL p. 268)
In this action-addicted world, **few of My children** take time to sit quietly in My Presence. But for those who do, blessings flow like streams of living water. (JC Aug 02)
- A person who is open to My Presence is exceedingly **precious to Me**. (JC Apr 04)
When you shut out the world and focus on My Presence, you can enjoy sitting with Me in heavenly realms. This is an incredible privilege reserved for **precious ones** . . . (JC Sep 19)
- Your yearning for an awakened soul** brings me pleasure. (JCME Oct 20)
Nonetheless, **your longing** for a heart fully committed to Me makes you **teachable**. (JL p. 182)
I am pleased that **you are zealous** to know Me. (JL p. 208)
I search for people who are **able to receive** in full measure. (JC Mar 28)
I search among My children for **receptivity to Me**. (JC Jan 11)
What I search for in My children is an **awakened soul** . . . ! (JC Dec 06)

SO HE REVEALS THINGS TO YOU

- I will lead you along fresh trails of adventure, **revealing** to you **things** you did not know. (JC Oct 27)
Sometimes He enables you to **hear Me "speak" directly to you**. (JC Dec 04)
I also give you intimate **knowledge of Me**. (JA Jun 21)
You are blessed to **hear Me so directly**. (JC Aug 08)
You are indeed **privileged to have such easy access** to Me. (JL p. 284)
I delight in **disclosing Myself** to you. (JA Mar 12)
You are **privileged to have such easy access** to Me. (JA Aug 05)
I **reveal** Myself to you in countless ways, because of My deep desire for you to know . . . (JL p. 208)
I am **revealing** to you the path of Life day by day, and moment by moment. (JC Feb 29)
ask Me to **reveal** Myself to you. I will, you know. (JCDJ Mar 31)
I will increasingly **reveal** Myself to you as you walk close to Me. (JCDJ Aug 20)
I devise creative ways to **reveal** Myself to you, and I rejoice when you are attentive. (JL p. 202)
wait in My Presence while I **reveal** Myself to you. (JL p. 168)
Beloved, wait in My Presence while I **reveal** Myself to you. (DJ p. 104)
I am constantly working in your life to **reveal** Myself to you. (JCDJ Jan 06)
As you grow more and more intimate with Me, I **reveal** My will to you more directly. (JC Aug 20)
Your zeal to know Me pales in light of My ardor to **reveal** Myself—My Love—to you. (JL p. 208)

HE FLATTERS YOU, CONT.

HE WANTS YOU TO SHARE HIS REVELATION WITH OTHERS

I want you to **blaze a trail for others** who desire to live in My peaceful Presence. (JC Oct 24)
You are walking along the path I have chosen for you. . . . experiencing My glorious Presence and **heralding that reality to others**. Sometimes you feel presumptuous to be carrying out such an **assignment**. (JC Aug 21)
I have entrusted you with **the task of telling others** about My awesome qualities. (JT p. 88)
As you learn these lessons, you are to **teach them to others**. (JC Aug 08)
Another awesome privilege I offer you is to **lead many to righteousness**. (JL p. 268)
I change you profoundly—empowering you to **make Me known to others**. (JL p. 336)

YOU ARE HIS TREASURE

you are **My treasured** follower . . . (JA Oct 23)
Because you are **My treasure**, I notice and rejoice . . . (JL p. 170)
It helps you know you are **treasured** and significant. (JA Aug 01)
I—the King of the universe—consider you a **priceless treasure!** (JA Jul 01)
Your thoughts are precious to Me because you are **My treasure**. (DJ p. 117)
I bought you at an astronomical price, so you are Mine—**My treasure**. (JA Dec 12)

YOU ARE BECOMING A MASTERPIECE

transforming you little by little into the **masterpiece** I created you to be. (JC Mar 05)
It also transforms you, bit by bit, into the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (DJ p. 147)
It also transforms you, bit by bit, into the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (JL p. 223)
Yield . . . and you will become more of the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (JCME Sep 16)
yielding . . . you will become more fully the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (JL p. 188)
I will transform you more and more into the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (JA Jun 07)
grow more and more into the workmanship—the **masterpiece**—I created you to be. (JT p. 317)
yielding . . . you'll become more and more fully the **masterpiece** I designed you to be. (JA Aug 25)

HE IS PLEASED WITH YOU

I am **pleased with you**, My child. (JC Nov 20)
I am **pleased with you**, My child. (JL p. 46)
I not only **approve of you**, I delight in you! (JA Jun 01)
I want you to know that I **approve of you** . . . (JA Aug 24)
In My Presence you have infinite **approval**. (DJ p. 32)
See Me smiling on you in radiant **approval**. (JA Apr 10)
See Me smiling down on you in radiant **approval**. (JL p. 336)
Delight yourself in My heavenly smile of **approval**. (DJ p. 62)
As you look to Me, My Face shines upon you in radiant **approval** . . . (DJ p. 72)
The nearer you are to Me, the better you can see My smile of **approval**. (DJ p. 133)

HE SAYS ODD AND DISTURBING THINGS

- Consecrating yourself to Me involves abandoning yourself to My service and worship. You **relinquish to Me all rights of control over your life.** (DJ p. 234)
- As you ponder ways to bring Me pleasure, I “**tiptoe**” closer to you. If you listen attentively, I will **whisper some ideas in your mind.** (DJ p. 227)
- Whenever you start to feel afraid, remember that I—your Shepherd—am armed. I am never without My rod of protection, and **I use it with deadly accuracy.** (JL p. 314)
- Chew on that** awesome truth as you lie down and rest in green pastures. (DJ p. 233)
(flippant scripture reference?)
- Let Me control your mind.** (JC Apr 21)
(mind control?)
- your **conscience** is imperfect. . . . You need to listen less to it and more to Me . . . (JL p. 100)
(squelch your conscience?)
- I can “**bend**” **a day in your favor** when you are faithful to give Me your time. (JCDJ Feb 10)
(he bargains?)
- I am your **Father**-God. (JC Jul 06)
(Jesus switching persons? modalism?)
- Look for a **star of guidance** in your own life . . . (JC Dec 22)
(horoscope?)
- I wrapped an **ermine** robe around you: My robe of righteousness. (JC Jun 14)
(ermine—really?)
- As you live close to Me, **My Life within you is nourished and strengthened.** (DJ p. 124)
(his life is nourished and strengthened?)
- Your persistent thankfulness **may actually provide** the long-awaited key I will use to unlock major difficulties in your life. (JT p. 290f)
(maybe it will, maybe it won't—a teasing promise?)
- Do you realize that your suffering is **My workshop**? (JTDJ p. 96)
(idle hands are the devil's workshop?)
- I desire each of My followers to be a **Light-bearer.** (JC Jul 23)
(light bearer = Lucifer in Latin!)
(by contrast, Jesus refers to believers as “children of light” or “sons of light”)
- I am the quintessential Person who has **earned the right to be trusted.** (JA Apr 15)
(Jesus needs to convince us that he is trustworthy?)
- The path we follow together is sometimes **steep and slippery.** (JC Sep 23)
(slippery slope? “the ungodly . . . Surely thou didst set them in slippery places” Ps. 73: 12, 18)
- When you trusted Me as Savior, I united Myself to you in eternal **matrimony.** (JL p. 60)

HE CONTRADICTS HIMSELF

- You don't need to go to **a special place** or assume a certain **posture** to seek My Face. (DJ p. 196)
It is also vital to find **a place** where you can sit quietly, letting your body relax. (DJ p. 184)
Find **a quiet place**, away from the noise . . . where you can . . . hear My voice. (JCME Jun 26)
Physically position your heart, your mind, and your hands to receive . . . (JCME Dec 03)
lift your wide-open arms up toward Me—as if you were celebrating . . . (JL p. 50)
This **posture** expresses exultant Joy, and I respond . . .
Open your heart and mind also, as you lift your hands to Me. You are now in (DJ p. 41)
a good **position** to receive many blessings from Me . . .
- If you think it is your spiritual disciplines that **keep you close to Me**, you are at risk. (DJ p. 237)
These tiny steps of daily discipline, taken one after the other, will (JC Oct 25)
keep you close to Me on the path of Life.
Practice doing this until it becomes a habit: a delightful habit that will (JT p. 242)
keep you close to Me on the path of Life.
- Many of My children view **devotion to Me as a duty** . . . (DJ p. 96)
Your richest **duty is devotion to Me**. (JC Jul 06)
- Coming **close to Me** requires **no great effort** on your part . . . (JC Aug 11)
Make **every effort** to live **close to Me**, aware of My loving Presence. (JA Feb 21)
- In a world that seems increasingly unsafe and **unpredictable**, I am the Rock that (JA Jan 22)
provides a firm foundation for your life.
I will never be **predictable** or controllable . . . (JT p. 328)
- Follow Me one step at a time. That is **all I require** of you. (JC Feb 01)
I realize that seeking Me wholeheartedly **requires massive, sustained effort**. (JL p. 88)
- I have promised to be with you always . . . Moreover, at the end of time, I am (JT p. 194)
coming back in glorious Power to judge the world and **establish My kingdom**.
Rejoice that you can collaborate with Me through prayer as I (JA Oct 13)
establish My kingdom on earth.
- Until you came to know Me . . . Your inner being was rife with **gaping holes**. (JL p. 234)
There is a deep, **gaping hole** within you . . . (JT p. 26)
- When you or others gaze into the future, making predictions, you are simply (DJ p. 224)
exercising your imaginations. I alone have access to what is **"not yet"** . . .
even more beneficial than sight is hope, which is itself a kind of vision. It (JT p. 146)
enables you to see—through the eyes of your heart—things that are **not yet**.

HE BRAGS

I am an awesome God!	(JL p. 350)
I am vastly higher and greater than you . . .	(JC Dec 04)
I am infinitely more brilliant and creative than you can imagine.	(JT p. 288)
I am infinitely more brilliant than the greatest genius imaginable.	(JA Jul 17)
I am infinitely knowing.	(JA May 02)
I am infinitely powerful . . .	(JT p. 324)
I am infinitely creative and powerful.	(JT p. 90)
I am infinite, perfect God.	(JT p. 134)
I am perfect in every way . . .	(JT p. 20)
I am perfect in all My ways . . .	(JA Jun 08)
I am perfectly good and infinitely strong.	(JL p. 114)
I am perfectly good and infinitely strong.	(JCME Oct 10)
I, the Perfect One , am with you.	(JA Sep 26)
I am the perfect Savior . . .	(JL p. 254)
I am the greatest Gift imaginable!	(JA Dec 26)
I am holy— perfect in all My ways.	(JL p. 284)
If you saw Me in all My Glory , you would be much too awestruck . . .	(JL p. 70)
I, the Giver, am infinitely greater than any gift I might impart to you.	(JC Mar 27)
I, your God, am perfect in every way.	(JA Aug 22)
I am infinite and perfect , yet I choose to live inside you.	(JA May 28)
It amazes you that One so great as I would care about the many details of your life.	(JL p. 350)
I am a God of surprises— infinitely more creative than you can imagine.	(JL p. 352)
I am one hundred percent Good! There has never been . . . a speck of darkness in Me.	(JA Nov 23)
you are thrilled to observe how masterfully I operate in the world.	(JL p. 206)
worship Me—the mysterious, majestic, holy One who suffered and died for you.	(JT p. 264)
I am the Sun of Righteousness, gloriously brilliant and worthy of all adoration.	(JL p. 178)
Think of it—the universe knows no greater Power than Me , and I live in you!	(JTDJ p. 348)
I, the Creator of the universe, am more creative than you can imagine.	(DJ p. 226)
I assure you that I am completely, 100 percent good!	(JT p. 284)
I, the Creator of the universe, am the most creative Being imaginable.	(JC Oct 27)
This sacrifice was perfect because I am perfect . . .	(JL p. 46)
pour your energy into seeking Me: the Perfect One.	(JC Jan 26)
Only in the spirit realm could Someone so infinitely great . . .	(JC Oct 04)
I am also unfathomable and mysterious; infinitely great and glorious!	(JL p. 248)
exult in Me, the mysterious Messiah who is infinite and good in every way.	(JL p. 224)
I know this is more than you can fathom—that Someone so great and majestic . . .	(JL p. 104)
My majestic greatness and My gentle humility combine . . .	(JA Apr 03)
Ponder My awesome Glory and Power ; delight in My unfailing Love.	(JA Jun 30)
Pondering My perfection —untainted by even a speck of sin—delights you . . .	(JT p. 204)
gaze at Me in My awesome splendor.	(DJ p. 18)
Trust in My Love and My infinite wisdom.	(JL p. 109)
Spend time pondering My greatness and My endless commitment to you.	(JA Aug 02)

You can get glimpses of My loveliness in the wonders of nature . . .	(JA Jun 03)
be willing to bow before My infinite wisdom and knowledge .	(JA Aug 11)
a foundation of trust—in My absolute goodness, My infinite wisdom . . .	(DJ p. 119)
a foundation of trust—in My absolute goodness, My infinite wisdom . . .	(JL p. 308)
There are no limits to what My great Power and Glory can accomplish!	(JL p. 226)
worship Me—bowing before My infinite intelligence and limitless Power .	(JL p. 206)
realize what a small portion of My infinite greatness you can actually comprehend.	(JL p. 208)
subordinate your finite mind to My infinite intelligence and sovereign ways.	(JT p. 46)
Bow your mind and heart before My infinite intelligence , and worship Me . . .	(JT p. 264)
This can help you see things from My infinitely wise perspective .	(DJ p. 209)
I spoke the universe into existence; My Power is absolutely unlimited!	(JC Mar 21)
If I were strong but not totally good, My massive strength could be terrifying.	(JL p. 114)
Look to Me in trust, anticipating that My infinite creativity can weave . . .	(JC May 09)
these are only tiny, weak reflections of My massive Glory .	(JA Jun 03)
Take time to think about the wonders of My infinite intelligence . . .	(JA Jul 31)
But man's measure is too tiny to comprehend My majestic vastness .	(JC May 28)
One of the best ways to enhance awareness of My greatness is to worship Me.	(JA Oct 07)
Open yourself fully to My Presence; be awed by My glorious Being .	(JC Dec 25)
As you fill your heart and mind with the wonders of My glorious Being . . .	(JL p. 312)
Come to Me with humility in your heart, bowing before My infinite intelligence .	(JA Mar 02)
I have entrusted you with the task of telling others about My awesome qualities .	(JT p. 88)
Instead of thinking of Me in boring, repetitive ways, ponder My glorious greatness!	(JA Jul 17)

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