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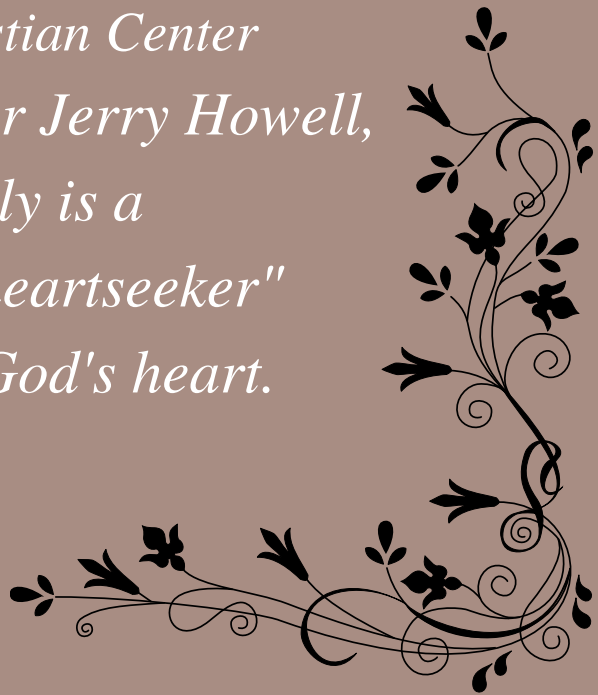
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# *Dedicated*

*to my church family at  
Destiny Christian Center  
and my pastor, Dr Jerry Howell,  
who truly is a  
"passionate heartseeker"  
a man after God's heart.*



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# Come Away

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*My beloved spoke, and said to me;*

*"Rise up, my love, my fair one,*

*And come away.*

*For lo, the winter is past,*

*The rain is over and gone.*

*The flowers appear on the earth;*

*The time of singing has come,*

*And the voice of the turtledove*

*Is heard in our land.*

*The fig tree puts forth her green figs,*

*And the vines with the tender grapes*

*Give a good smell.*

*Rise up, my love, my fair one,*

*And come away!*

*O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,*

*In the secret places of the cliff,*

*Let me see your face,*

*Let me hear your voice;*

*For your voice is sweet,*

*And your face is lovely.*

*Song of Solomon 2:10-14*

# Introduction

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The Song of Solomon, this little book right in the middle of the Bible, God has tucked away to unfold and reveal in this last hour. It's an expression of His love for you, His Bride and bridal partner. This book is about our journey as Christians, our journey of an awakening of love and passion with King Jesus, the One that is our heart's desire. This awakening is an unveiling of that passion to those that are hungry, willing and committed to pursuing it.

God created us for this passion. He created us with a void that only He could fill, a void that only the union and position of the bridal partnership with His Son could satisfy. It's one of God's ultimate desires for us here on earth that we be that expression of intimate love that is pure and holy, and that expression that comes directly out of the heart of His Son's passionate love for His Bride, the Church, His promised inheritance from His Father.

We ARE His Bride and He wants to speak to us through His Word and through His Holy Spirit to stir,





with them. I'll prepare their hearts to receive it, and My Word will fall on good ground and bring freedom and a catapulting of their hearts and lives into a new passionate pursuit of Me, and will bring a new zeal and freedom to their spirit to be who I've called and destined them to be."

As I took my place by the Lord's side and looked out with Him through His eyes at this little hidden church, a secret place of His grace and love, I began to feel His heart for the people there. He was not calling me to go out to the world or pray for the nations, He was not even giving me a burden for the lost souls out there in the world. He was giving me a focus of His love right here and now for this little Bethlehem church, hidden and tucked away in this old renovated drug store of this old shopping center. His heart and His eye was upon them, and He had purpose and destiny that needed to be birthed from them for His work and plan to be done on this earth. And so Jesus and I began down this road together through this little book of the Song of Solomon. And as the Lord spoke--I wrote.

The pages ahead contain the heart of the Lord for you, my family of Destiny, as well as every person, church and





# That Unforgettable Day

*"May he kiss me with the  
kisses of his mouth!  
For your love is better than wine.*

*Draw me after you and let us  
run together!  
The king has brought me into  
his chambers.*

*"I am dark but lovely."  
Song of Solomon 1: 2,4,5*

"I remember that day so clearly. It was the happiest day of My life. It was the day that My Bride invited Me into her heart, the very day and moment she gave her heart and life to me. She knew she needed Me, that she was dark of heart. But she knew that when she was in





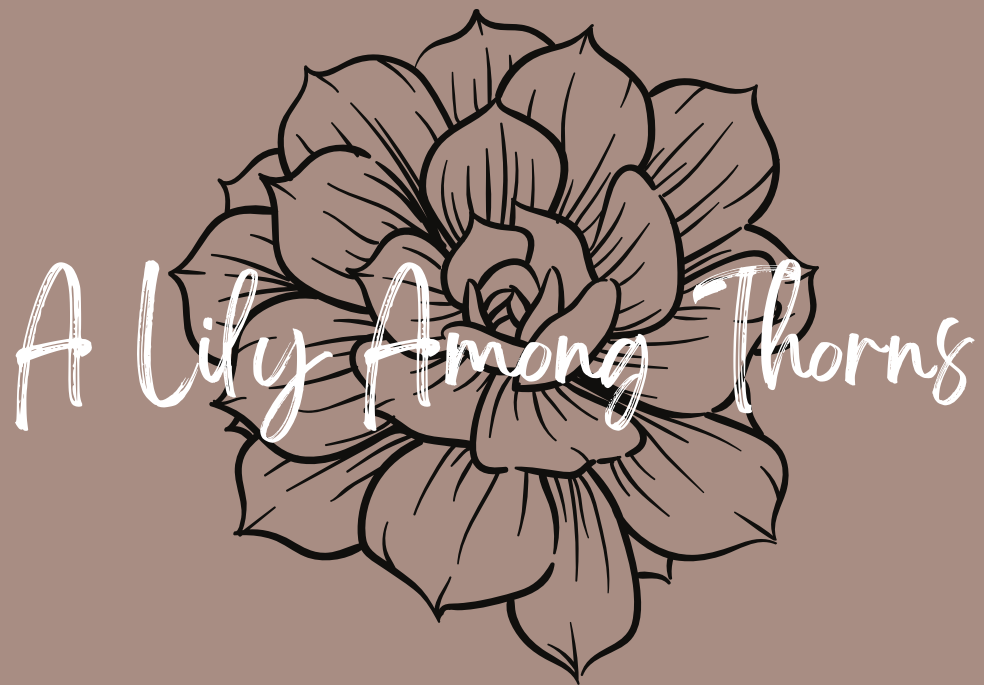


# Dove's Eyes

*"How beautiful you are, my darling,  
How beautiful you are!  
Your eyes are like doves."  
Song of Solomon 1:15*

"My Bride of Destiny has the most beautiful eyes I've ever seen, eyes full of love and devotion for Me. Her eyes to Me are like dove's eyes, eyes that see only one thing. Did you know that a dove has the capacity to focus its eyes on only one thing at a time? It sees only one thing. Tell them that I see the devotion of their heart, and I know that it's only for Me and to Me. In My view of them, they have already reached that single-minded fervency of love that their heart desires. I see them already as they will be when My love has completed its work. I know the power of their true identity, and I know the dynamic of My love that will transform them as certainly as the dawn will come in the morning. And this is how I desire to relate to them. This is how I see them, and





# A Lilly Among Thorns

*"Like a lily among thorns,  
So is my darling among the daughters."*

Song of Solomon 2:1

"My Bride of Destiny is unique and precious to Me. She's different from all the others. She hasn't tried to be like all the other churches that have busied and cluttered themselves with all kinds of programs and projects. She's always kept herself pure and focused on just knowing and pleasing Me by just spending time with Me, worshiping Me, keeping our time together intimate and restful. Oh, we've had our fun and exhilarating times. She loves to dance before Me, and just praise Me, and express her joy to Me, and I love that. She loves to worship Me. That's what I love most about her, that she makes Me feel like the King that I am. She praises Me in the good times and in the hard times. Her faith in Me is steadfast and immovable, and she isn't





# In The Secret Place

*"O, my dove, in the clefts of the rock,  
In the secret places of the steep pathway,  
Let me see your form,  
Let me hear your voice;  
For your voice is sweet,  
And your form is lovely."*

Song of Solomon 2:14

"It's in this secret place, this hidden place in the cleft of My side that I love to meet with My Bride of Destiny. I love it when they steal away from the busyness of their day just to be with Me. I love it when they come to our secret place, curl up in My arms and open their hearts to Me. Sometimes I just throw a blanket of peace over them, and we just snuggle up together. They've found a safe place there in the secret place, a place they can just be honest with their fears and needs. And I love that. Their dependence on Me stirs My







# Unblemished

*"You are altogether beautiful,  
my darling.  
And there is no blemish in you.*

*You have made my heart beat faster,  
my sister my bride;  
You have made my heart beat faster  
With a single glance of your eyes."  
Song of Solomon 4:7,9*

"This little church of Destiny that carries My heart and listens to My heartbeat is a tiny remnant and representation of My Bride. I love watching them and have often walked among them at times. With their love and worship, they've created an atmosphere for Me to rest in, a place that I can truly find rest and find hungry hearts at the same time. They are beautiful to Me. They don't have a spot on them. Oh, I







# A Locked Garden

*"A garden locked  
is my sister, my bride."*

Song of Solomon 4:12

"I love to walk in the garden with My Bride in the cool of the day. I like to compare My Bride of Destiny, this little church, to a locked or an enclosed garden, a garden that's been set apart and closed off from the world just for Me, a place that I can call My own, that is only Mine to enjoy. I've heard their heart, and they've said "no" to the world and "yes" to Me. They've separated themselves from those things of the world that use to defile them. They've chosen to come out from among those things and those people of the world, and they've chosen to be separate, to embrace Me and My Word, to love mercy and walk humbly before Me.

"Did you know that back in the ancient world, a king would have a garden that was his alone to enjoy, a place of





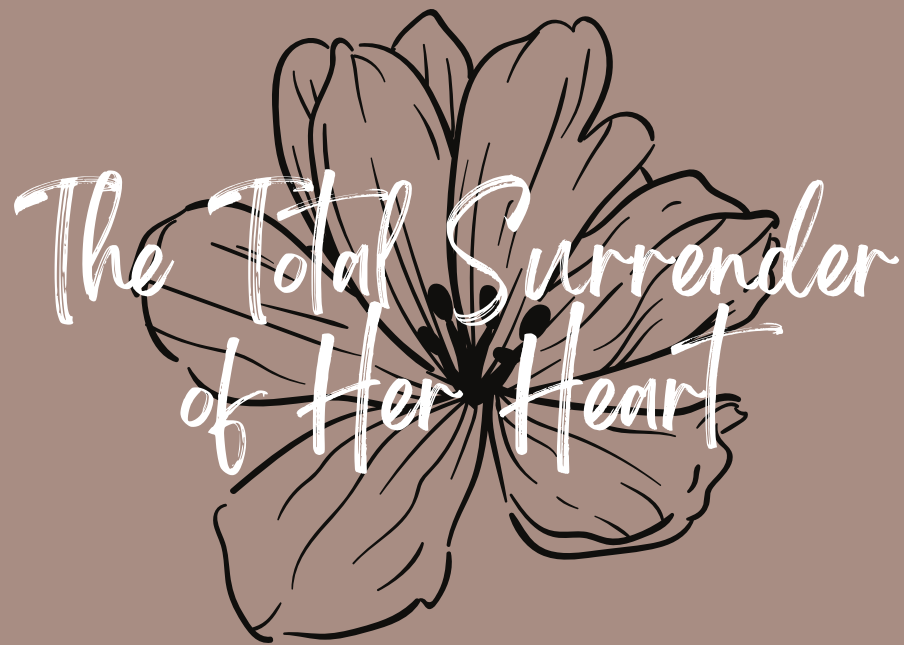
# A Lesson Learned

*"I sleep, but my heart is awake,  
It's the voice of my beloved!  
He knocks, saying,  
'Open for me, my sister, my love,  
My dove, my perfect one;  
For my head is covered with dew,  
My locks with the drops of the night.'*

*"I've taken off my robe;  
How can I put it on again?  
I have washed my feet;  
How can I defile them?  
My beloved put his hand  
By the latch of the door,  
And my heart yearned for my beloved,  
And my hands dripped with myrrh,  
On the handles of the lock.  
I opened for my beloved,  
But my beloved had turned away and was gone.*







# A Total Surrender of Her Heart

*"Come, my beloved,  
Let us go forth to the field;  
Let us lodge in the villages.  
Let us get up early to the vineyards;  
Let us see if the vine has budded,  
Whether the grape blossoms are open,  
And the pomegranates are in bloom.  
There I will give you my love."*

Song of Solomon 7:11,12

"Here I heard My precious Bride of Destiny express her eagerness to totally surrender and commit her life and her love to Me again. Her heart was so full of passion yet so humbled and submitted. She was ready and willing to go anywhere I asked her. She had met the dark night of her soul when she discovered how weak and immature her love was, how incapable she was without Me and how desperately she







# Coming Out of the Wilderness

*"Who is this coming up from  
the wilderness,  
Leaning on her beloved?"*

Song of Solomon 8:5

"Here she comes! She's transformed! She's renewed! She's radiant! And she glows with My glory, because she's learned to lean and depend on Me, and she's learned how to love Me with her whole heart. I am so proud of her. She's My victorious Bride. She's My Bride of Destiny, the people in this little hidden church that have learned to trust, lean on, and depend upon Me through their trials, tests and challenges. I know it hasn't been easy, but they've found that I was always there for them. They've found that it wasn't in their own strength or power that they were going to make it through, but it was through Me, through a life hidden in Me, totally trusting and dependant on Me that would bring them





# A Seal Over Your Heart

*"Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm;  
For love is as strong as death."*

Song of Solomon 8:6

"This is My seal of promise and love, My wedding band on their finger, My Holy Spirit that lives inside them and locks our hearts together. We are permanently and eternally fixed as one, and nothing, no nothing can separate Me and My love for My Bride of Destiny. They are branded on My heart and sealed for eternity. Nothing can separate us.

"It's My desire that they each personally place Me as a seal upon of their hearts, as a seal upon their lives, upon everything they do, so that even in their stumbling, even in their immature love and times of unfaithfulness that their confidence would be established, not in their own love for







# Let Me Hear Your Voice

*"You who dwell in the gardens,  
The companions listen for your voice--*

*Let me hear it!*

Song of Solomon 8:13

"I want to tell you, My precious Bride of Destiny, that I have cherished our intimate time together in the garden over these years. And now it's from this anointed and purposeful time that we've shared together that I am charging you to go out into the world. Go out and proclaim My love for the people, the people that are longing for this pure and holy love that we share. Go out and shout it upon the mountaintops! Let Me hear it! Let Me hear your voice. Let Me hear you tell the world how much you love Me, how passionately I love you, and how deeply I love them as well, and how I rejoice over you with gladness. Let Me hear you tell them how you are the joy of My delight, the passion of My heart, the apple of My eye, and how you stir My heart





# An Exhortation

To my dear family of Destiny and to the Body and Bride of Christ: As you've read and heard this expression of the heart of the Lord for you, I pray that your spirit has been lifted to new levels of understanding of Jesus' deep and unconditional love towards you, for you individually, and to us corporately.

God said in His Word, "Make My joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, and intent on one purpose". (Phil 2:2) I exhort you, that we be united in purpose, making it our quest to know, understand, and be that expression of this same forgiving, unconditional and passionate love that our Lord, Master and Bridegroom Jesus has expressed to each one of us. Every trial, test, challenge and difficult circumstance we encounter centers around His goal of removing any hinderance, obstacle or weakness that would stand in the way of us ultimately knowing, *really* knowing, and experiencing His love. Jesus so deeply wants us to experience and know the





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Connie Harper lives in the Dallas, Texas, area and has two children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Connie grew up in McAllen, Texas, before moving north to Dallas in 1976. She began practicing there as a dental hygienist and soon met her husband and started a family. She has practiced as a dental hygienist for over forty-six years and has served the Lord for over thirty-three years. Connie has enjoyed a rich and full life in God and is passionately pursuing the future adventures He has in store.

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