

"Listen, my radiant one--if you ever lose sight of me, just follow in my footsteps where I lead my lovers. Come with your burdens and cares. Come, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but if you hope in me you will renew your strength. You will soar on wings like eagles; you will run and not grow weary, you will walk and not be faint.

Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you! You're my chosen treasure--a priest who is a king, part of a spiritual "nation" set apart as my devoted ones. I called you out of darkness to experience my marvelous light, and now you're my very own. For at one time you were not mine, but now you are. At one time you knew nothing of my mercy, because you hadn't received it yet, but now you are drenched with it!

Just ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. This is what I want you to do: Ask the Father for whatever is in keeping with the things I've revealed to you. Ask in my name, according to my will, and he'll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be a river overflowing its banks! Receive the kingdom of God like a little child, and then you can go and announce that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

*Give as freely as you have received!*

(Adapted from Song of Songs 1:8 TPT, Matthew 11:28-30 NIV, Isaiah 30:15 NIV, Isaiah 40:30-31 NIV, Isaiah 43:1b,4 MSG, 1 Peter 2:9a-10 TPT, Matthew 7:7 NIV, John 16:23-24 MSG, Mark 10:15 NIV, Matthew 10:7,8b NLT)

